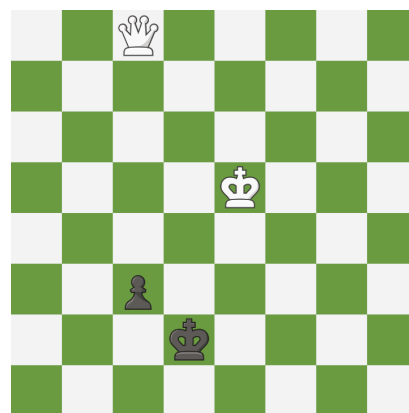


40. Queen vs Pawn

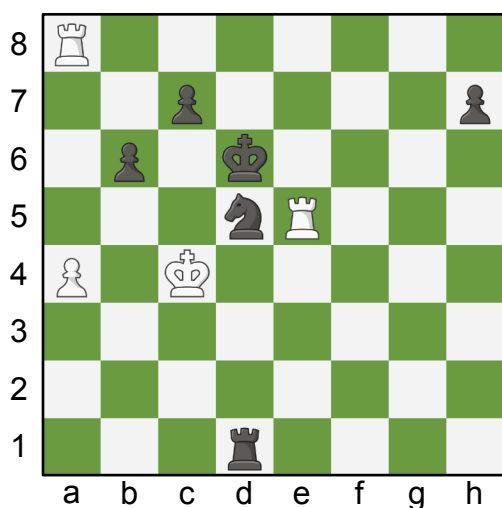
Usually, a queen is much stronger than a pawn. However, there are some positions where the pawn is threatening to promote.

In the position to the right, is white in a position to defeat black, or is the black pawn too far advanced and too well supported to stop from promoting to a queen and earning a draw?

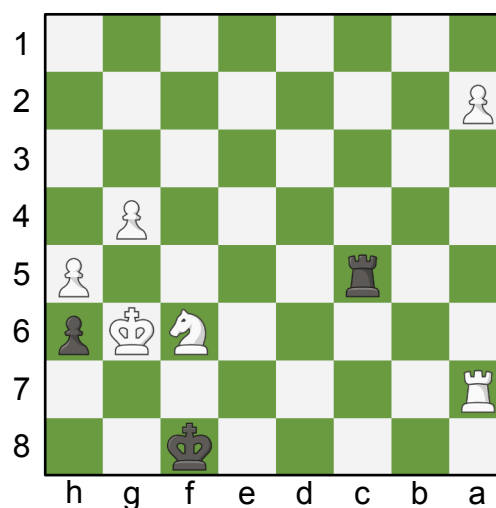


Challenge Puzzles

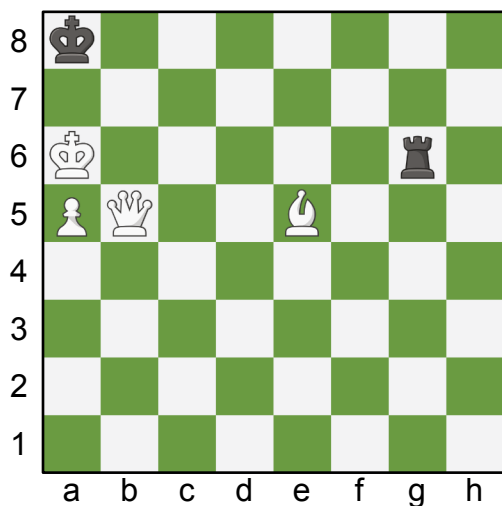
① White to play - Find best move.



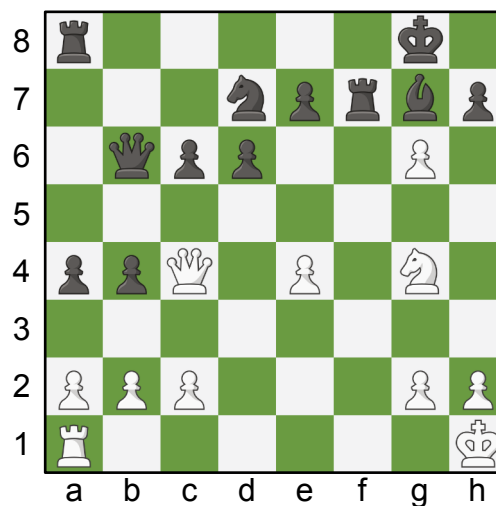
② Black to play - Find best move.



③ White to play - Find best move.



④ White to play - Mate in 5.



Hints.

- ① Start with a rook.
- ② Start with the rook.
- ③ Start with the bishop.
- ④ Start with the knight

Answers.

- ① 1. ♖xd5+ ♗xd5 2. ♖d8+ ♔e6 3. ♖xd5
- ② 1... ♜g5+ 2. ♔xh6 ♜g6+ 3. ♔h7 ♜h6+ 4. ♔xh6
- ③ 1. ♙d6 ♜xd6+ 2. ♚b6 ♜xb6+ 3. ♙axb6
- ④ 1. ♞h6+ ♔h8 2. ♞xf7+ ♔g8 3. ♞h6+ ♔h8 4. ♚g8+ ♔xg8
5. ♞f7#

