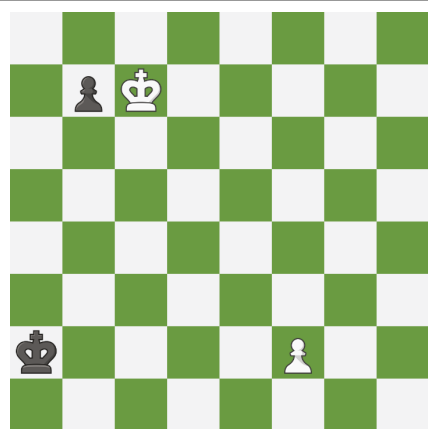


34. Mandler's Study

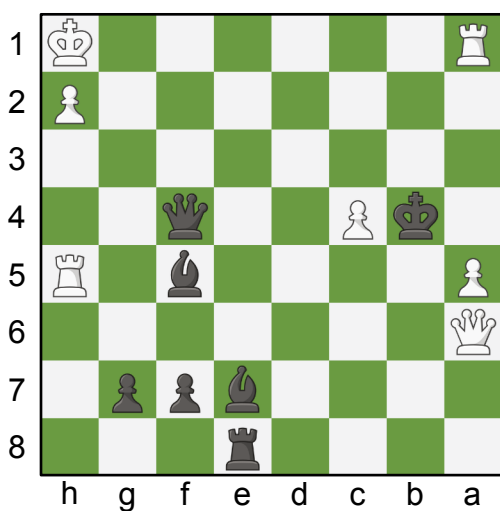
In this puzzle by chess puzzle composer Artur Mandler, two pawns threaten to zip across the board and promote. Can white stop the black pawn and promote its own pawn or will the game end in a draw?

Pawn races like this occur regularly in chess games, so it pays to study your options.

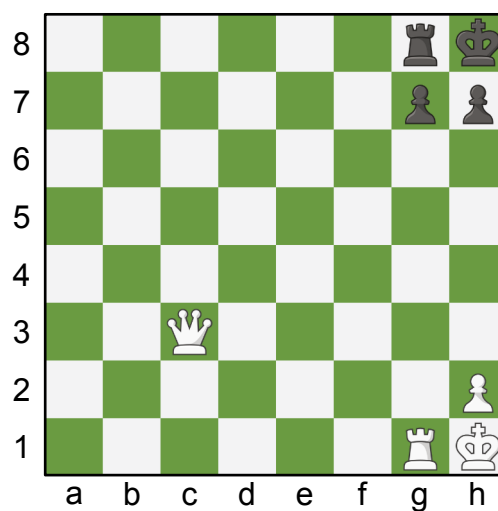


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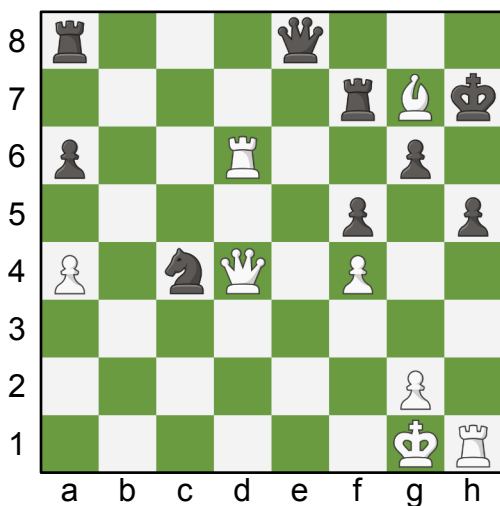
① Black to play - mate in 2.



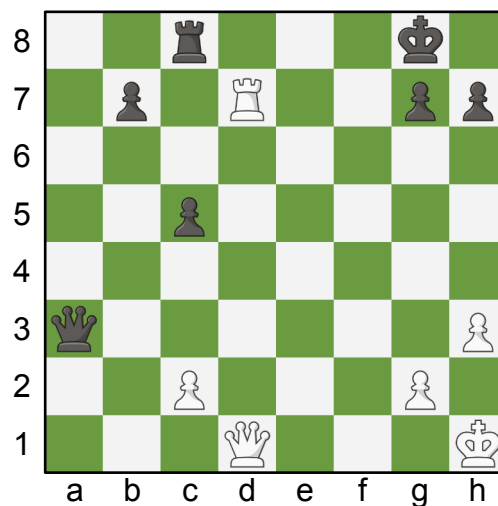
② White to play - mate in 2.



③ White to play - mate in 3.



④ White to play - mate in 3.



Hints.

- ① Start with the queen.
- ② Start with the rook.
- ③ Start with a rook.
- ④ Start with the queen.

Answers.

- ① 1... ♔Qf3+ 2. ♚g1 ♜c5#
- ② 1. ♖g6 ♟xg6 2. ♔h3# (or if the rook moves, ♔xg7#, or if the h pawn advances, ♖h7#)
- ③ 1. ♖xh5+ ♟xh5 2. ♖h6+ ♔g8 3. ♖h8#
- ④ 1. ♔d5+ ♔h8 2. ♖d8+ ♜xd8 3. ♔xd8#

