

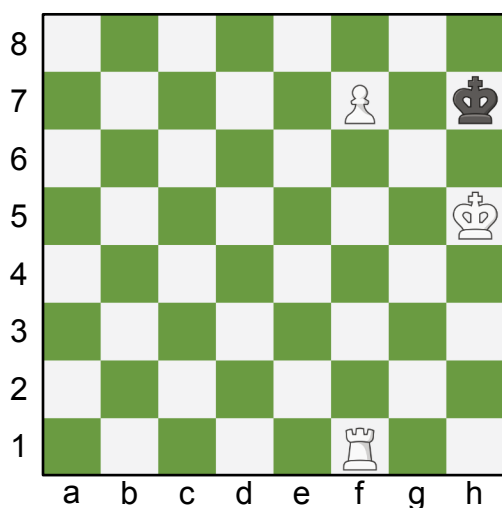
51. Mate in 1, But Whose Turn?

This puzzle was composed by Vladimir Korolkov in 1957. It's mate in 1, but we aren't told whose turn it is. There are enough clues to figure it out. (The moves to reach this point of the game have been somewhat random but legal.) Who wins?

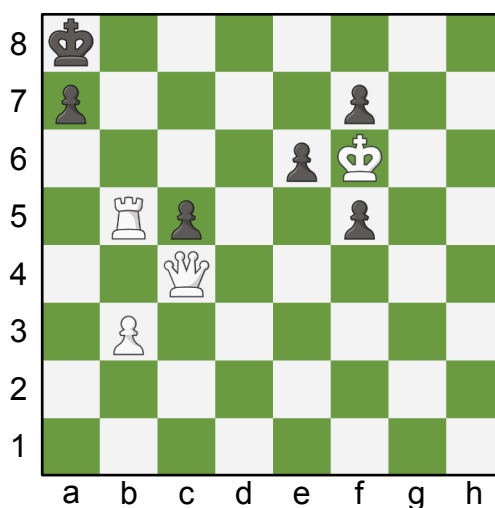


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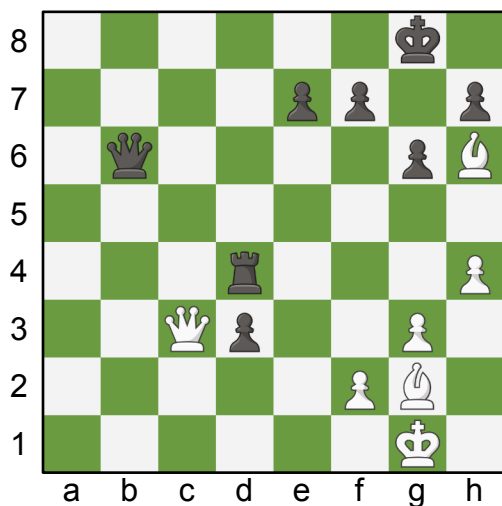
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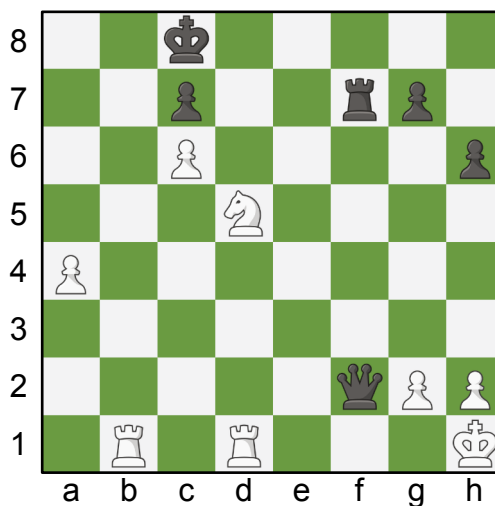
② White to play - mate in 2.



③ White to play - Find best move.



④ White to play - Mate in 3.



Hints.

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

Answers.

- ① 1. f8=♖ ♔g7 2. ♖1f7#
- ② 1. ♖b4 ♟cxb4 2. ♚c8#
- ③ 1. ♗d5 ♚b8 2. ♚xd4
- ④ 1. ♞e7+ ♜xe7 2. ♖d8+ ♔xd8 3. ♖b8#

