

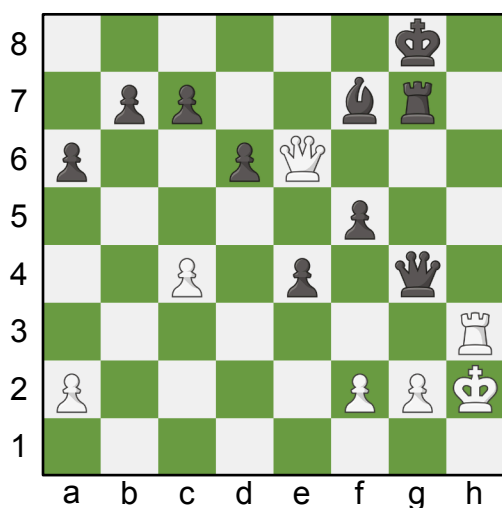
17. 3-Check

3-Check chess is a variant of chess where you win if you checkmate your opponent or if you place them in check three different times.

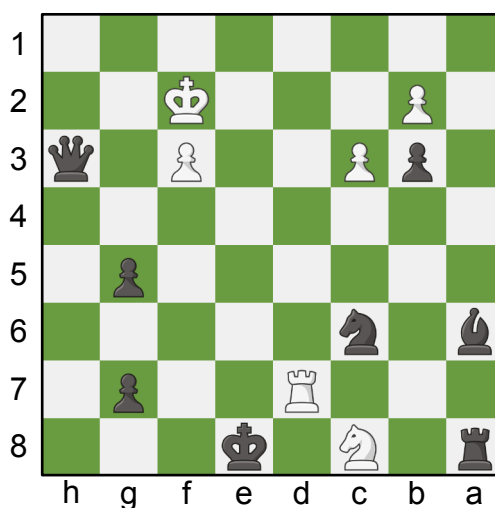
- Games are usually short and aggressive.
- If you check the king with two different pieces on the same move, it still only counts as one check.
- It is usually worth sacrificing a piece to get a check. The normal strategies for chess often fail in 3-Check.

Challenge Puzzles

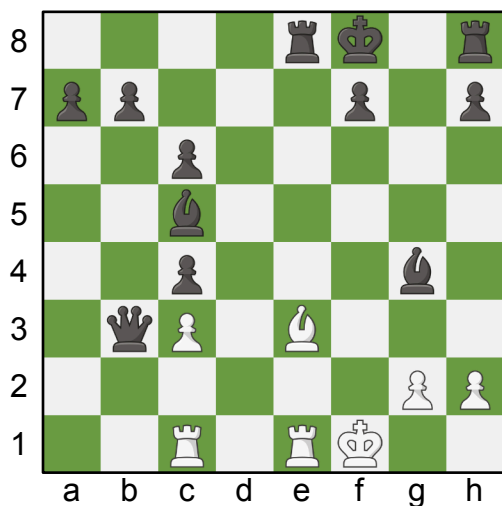
① White to play - mate in 2.



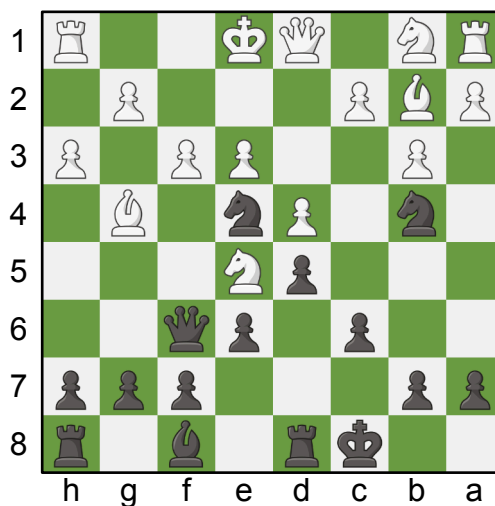
② Black to play - mate in 2.



③ White to play - mate in 3.



④ Black to play - mate in 3.



Hints.

- ① Start with the queen.
- ② Start with the queen.
- ③ Start with the bishop.
- ④ Start with the queen.

Answers.

- ① 1. ♔c8+ ♕e8 2. ♔xe8#
- ② 1.... ♔h2+ 2. ♖e3 ♔e2# (or 2. ♖e1 ♔e2#)
- ③ 1. ♗h6+ ♔g8 2. ♖xe8+ ♕f8 3. ♖xf8#
- ④ 1.... ♔h4+ 2. ♖g3 ♔xg3+ 3. ♖f1 ♔f2#

