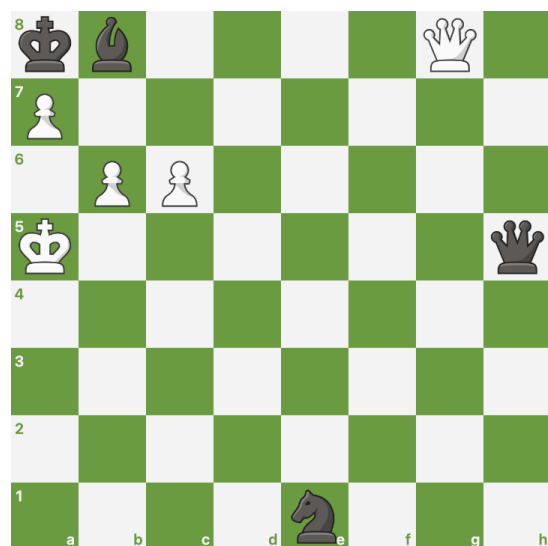


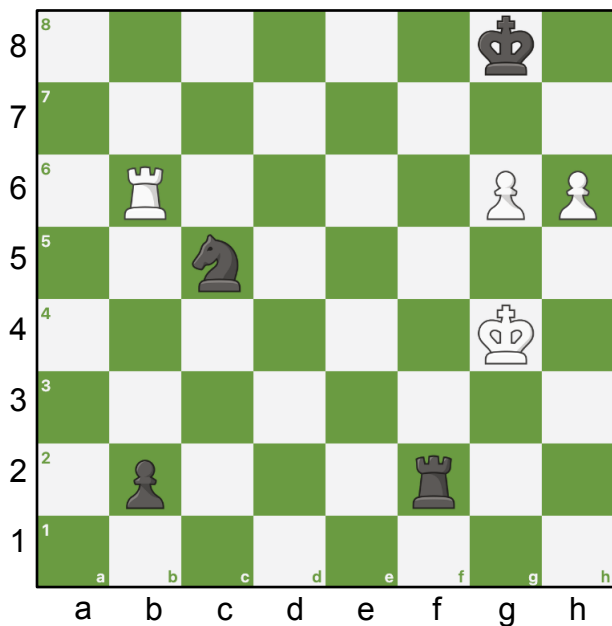
79. Mitrofanov's Deflection

Leopold Adamovich Mitrofanov was a Russian chess composer. In 1967, he published his most famous composition. White is threatening to smother black's king with his pawns, but the white king is in check. Is it possible for white to force a win?

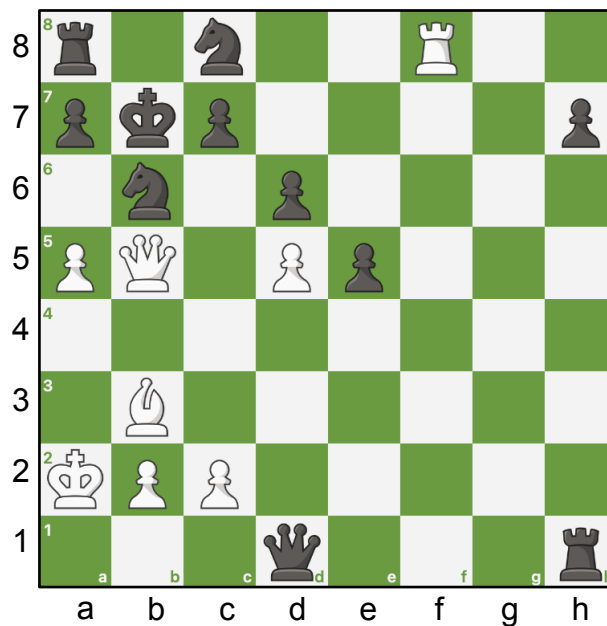


Challenge Puzzles

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Hints.

- ① Start with the rook.
- ② Start with a pawn.

Answers.

- ① 1. ♖b8+ ♜f8 2. ♗h7+ ♔g7 3. ♖xf8 ♚xf8 4. ♗h8=Q+
- ② 1. ♖a6+ ♔b8 2. ♖xc8+ ♔xc8 3. ♚e8#

