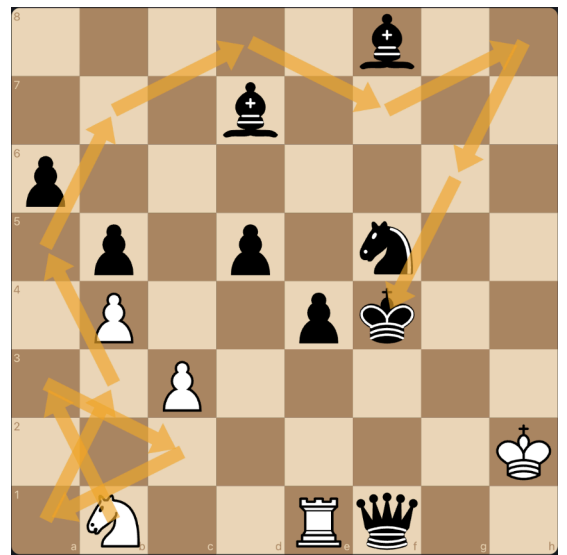


78. Chess Mazes

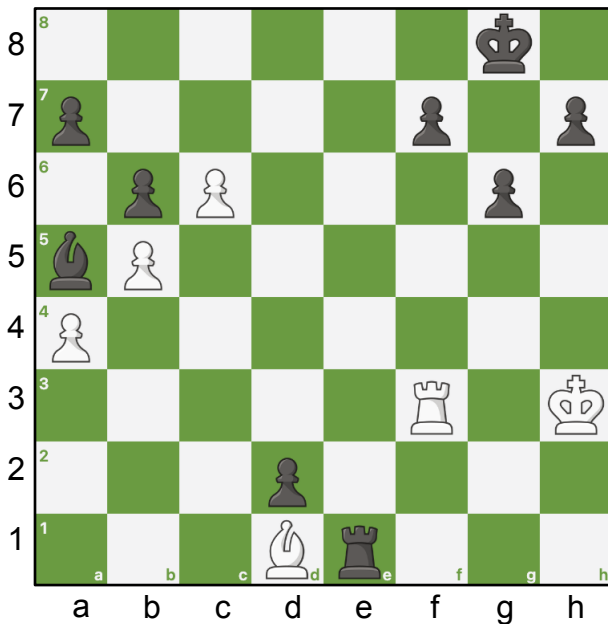
It's time to stretch your brain—these puzzles are all about guiding just one piece through a tricky “maze” of rules to check the black king. You'll need to dodge forbidden squares, avoid captures, and find the shortest path to victory—all while the black king keeps slipping back and forth. Can you solve the maze and deliver check in the fewest moves?

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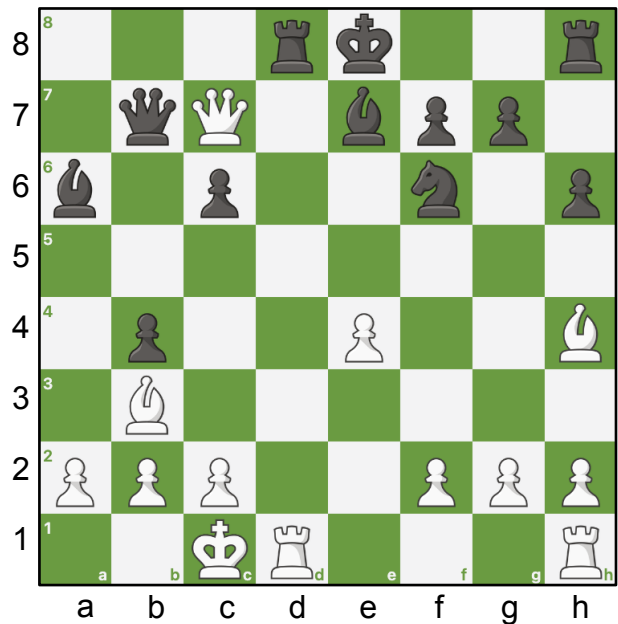


Challenge Puzzles

① White to play - Find best move.















② White to play - Find best move.



Hints.

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

Answers.

- ① 1.  c7  e8 2.  d3  g7 3.  d8 and the pawn will promote.
- ② 1.  xd8+  xd8 2.  xf7+  f8 3.  xd8+  xf7 4.  xh8 and white is up on material.

