

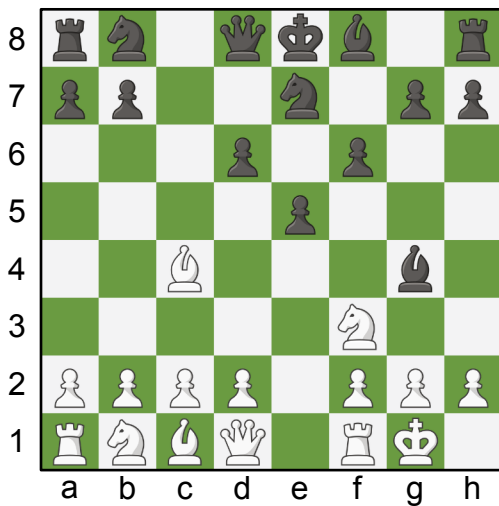
33. Triangulation

Triangulation in chess is a strategic maneuver where a player moves their king (or sometimes another piece) in a triangular path to gain a tempo or create a favorable position.

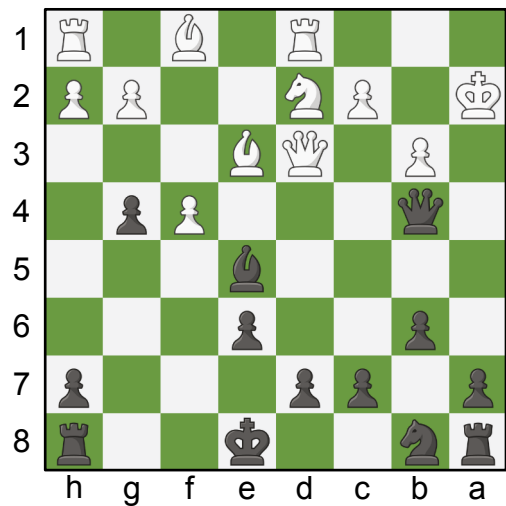
- Triangulation is used to gain a move advantage, often in positions where both players have limited options.
- The player moves their king in a triangular pattern, returning to the original square but forcing the opponent to make a disadvantageous move.

Challenge Puzzles

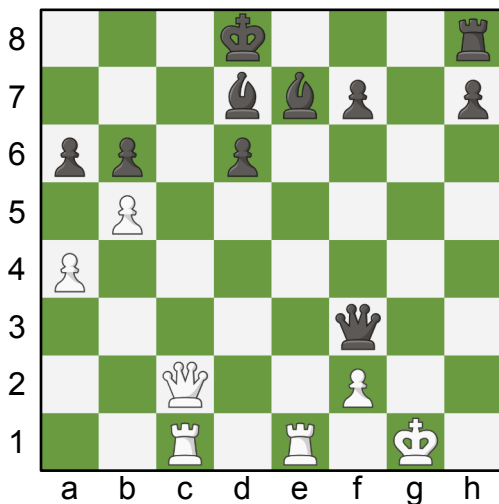
① White to play - find best move.



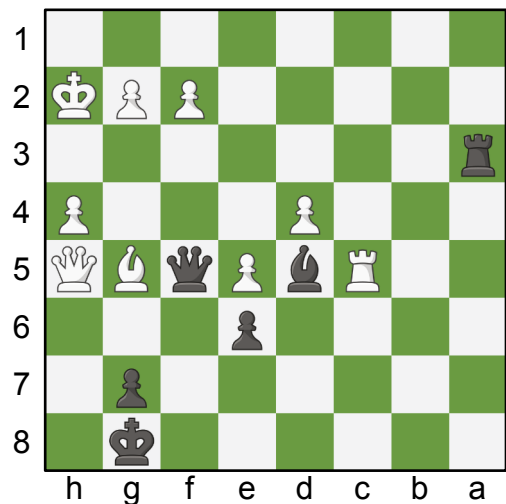
② Black to play - mate in 2.



③ White to play - mate in 3.





















④ Black to play - mate in 4.



Hints.

- ① Use the knight.
- ② Start with the queen.
- ③ Start with the queen.
- ④ Start with the rook.

Answers.

- ① 1. xe5 threatens a checkmate with f7 but also exposes the bishop to capture with xg4. Black will lose material.
- ② 1... a5+ 2. b1 a1#
- ③ 1. c7+ e8 2. b8+ c8 3. xc8#
- ④ 1... h3+ 2. g1 h1+ 3. xh1 h3+ 4. g1 xg2#

