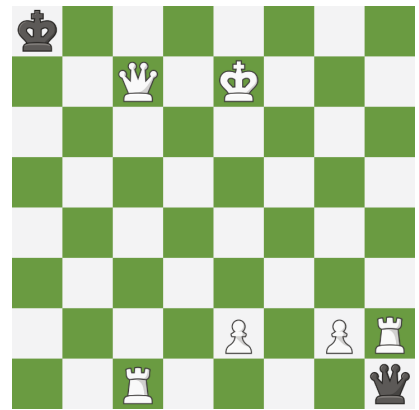


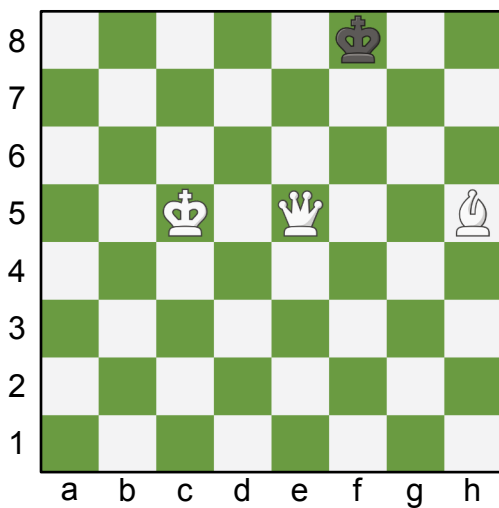
57. Tricky Mate in 2

White is unlikely to lose in this position. However, the goal is to mate the black king in only two moves. The white queen can't do it alone. If either white rook puts the king in check, the black queen can capture the rook while blocking the other rook from a mating attack. If a white rook captures the black queen, we have a stalemate. Can you find the mate in 2?

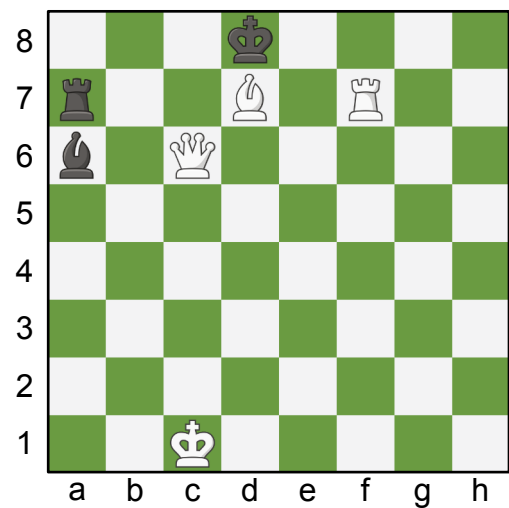


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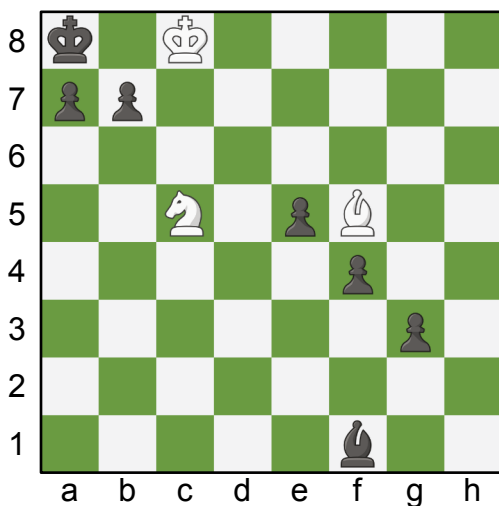
① White to play - mate in 2.



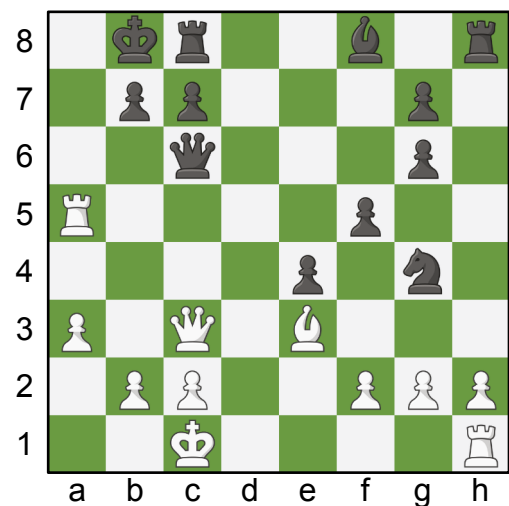
② White to play - mate in 2.



③ White to play - Find best move.



④ White to play - Find best move.



Hints.

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

Answers.

① 1. ♔g3 ♚e7 2. ♔d6#

② 1. ♚d2 ♖c7 2. ♔f6#

③ 1. ♞a6 ♟xa6 2. ♙e4 ♜g2 3. ♙xg2 ♜f3 4. ♙xf3 ♜e4 5. ♙xe4 ♟c4 6. ♙xb7#

④ 1. ♗a7+ ♚a8 2. ♗b6+ ♚b8 3. ♖a8+ ♚xa8 4. ♔a5+ ♚b8 5. ♔a7#

