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CHESS CHALLENGE

# Activity Booklet

Saturday 10/10/2020



# Introduction

The UKCC weekly activity booklet will be sent out every Saturday morning and contains chess puzzles and activities for a range of ability levels.

Players are encouraged to at least try and complete the page most relevant to their ability level (see table below). However you are welcome to tackle the entire booklet! At the end of the booklet there are some more general puzzles / activities for everyone to enjoy

## Solutions

Solutions will be posted alongside the following weeks activity booklet and there will also be a video solution guide.

Please email us any feedback or ideas for future puzzles!

## Ability Levels

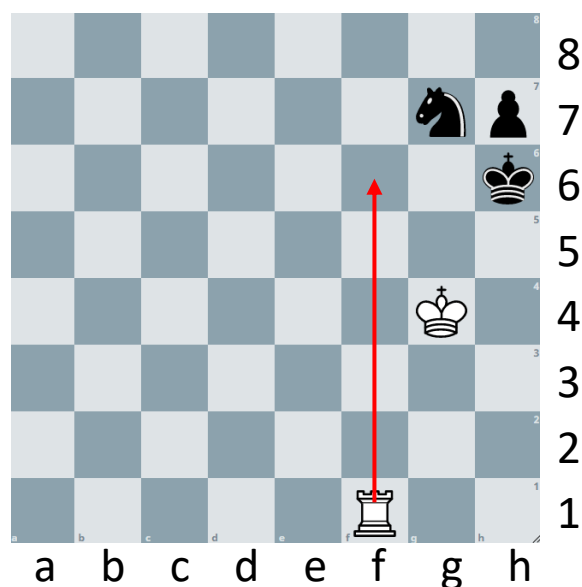
Club	Description	Approximate ECF Grade *
DECA – Club	Complete beginners and those with an incomplete grasp of the rules	Ungraded
MEGA – Club	Know the rules but little grasp of planning what to do beyond capturing and quick checkmates. Little to no tournament experience	0 – 59
GIGA – Club	Players with some tournament experience looking to “level up”	60 – 99
TERA – Club	More experienced players who have won or placed highly in local competitions	100 – 129
EXA - Club	Very experienced players with success at National Level events	130 – 159

# Example

Below are examples of how you might write your solution to a puzzle presented in the booklet. Or you might prefer to just solve them in your head – completely up to you!

**Q: Can you find checkmate in one for white?**

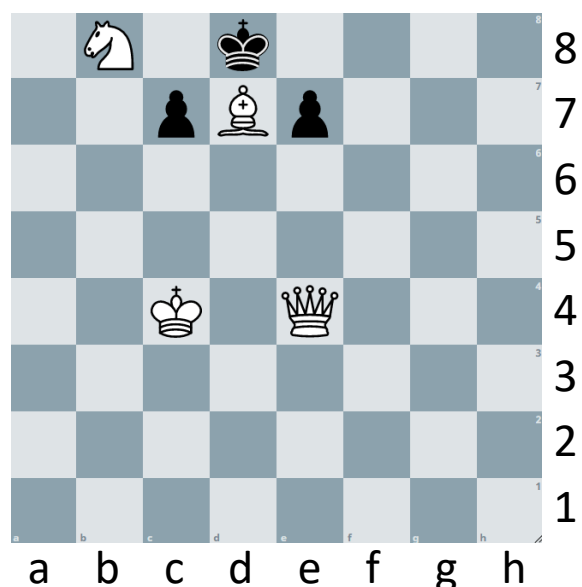
Here, because the solution is only one move, you might draw arrows on the board or you can use the lines below to answer – or both!



Rf6#  
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**Q: Can you find checkmate in two for white?**

Here, the solution is a bit (OK a lot!) trickier and requires consideration of multiple variations. If you are familiar with coordinates, it is probably best that you write your answer out as shown.

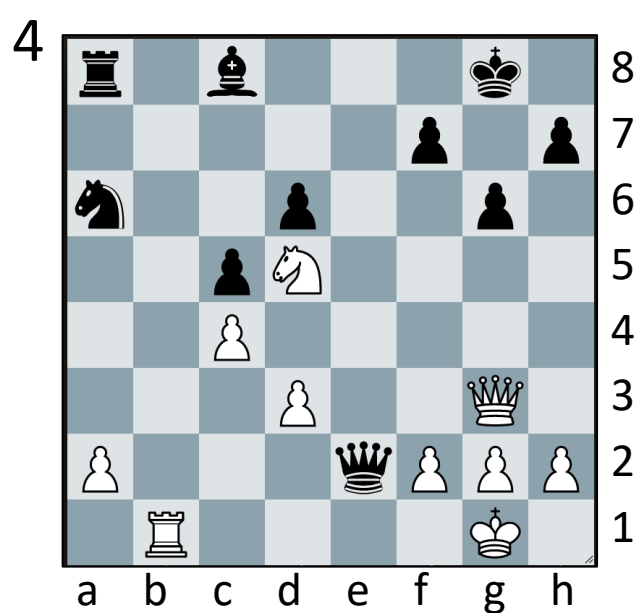
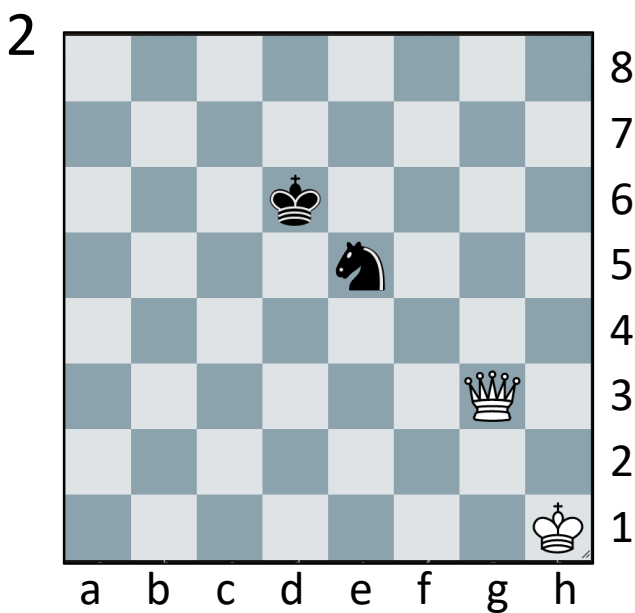
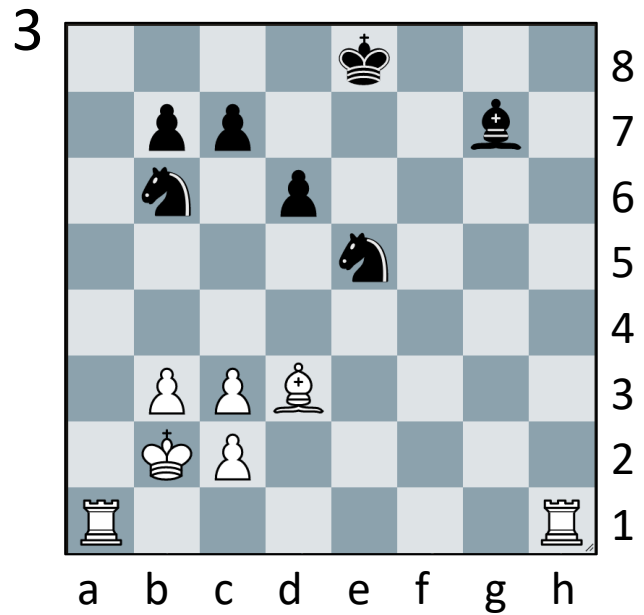
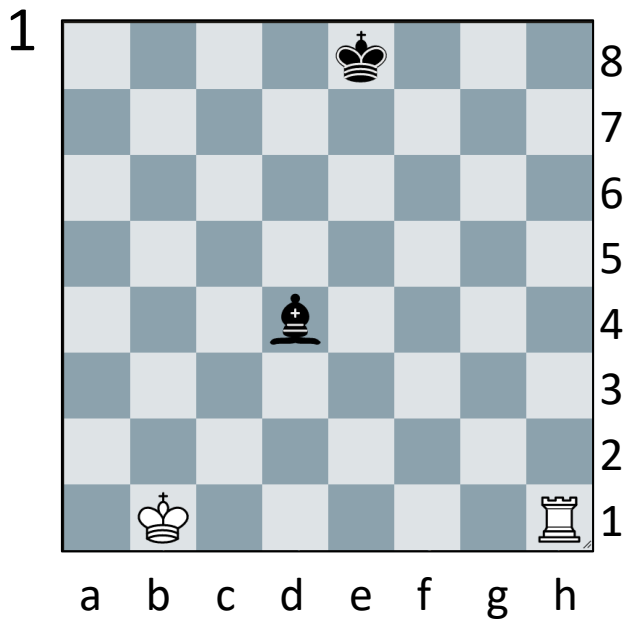
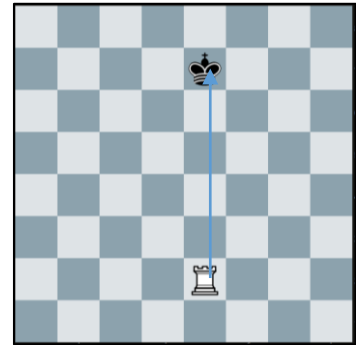


1.Qe1 e6 (1..c6 2.Qa5#) 2. Qh4#  
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# Deca

In these puzzles you have to give check – which means attacking the black king (see example to the right)!

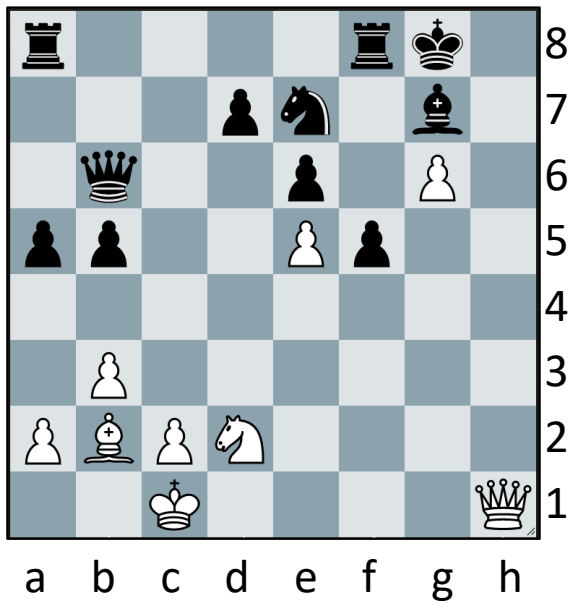
Remember to give a safe check – ie where the attacking piece cannot be captured



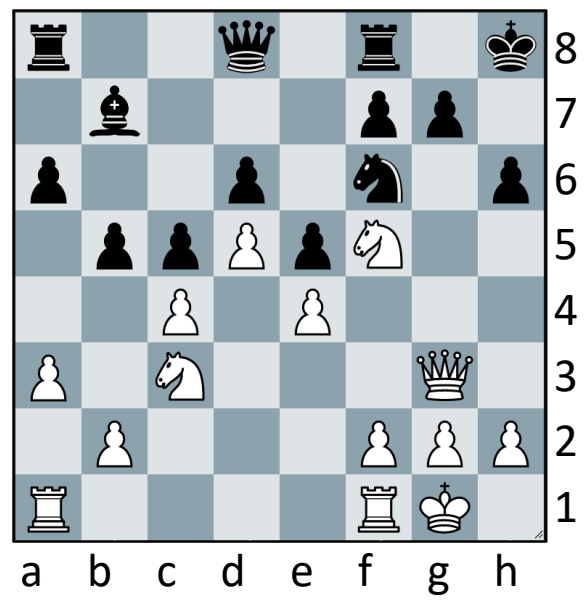
# Mega

In the diagrams below it is white to play and checkmate in one move. The theme is attacking on the kingside.

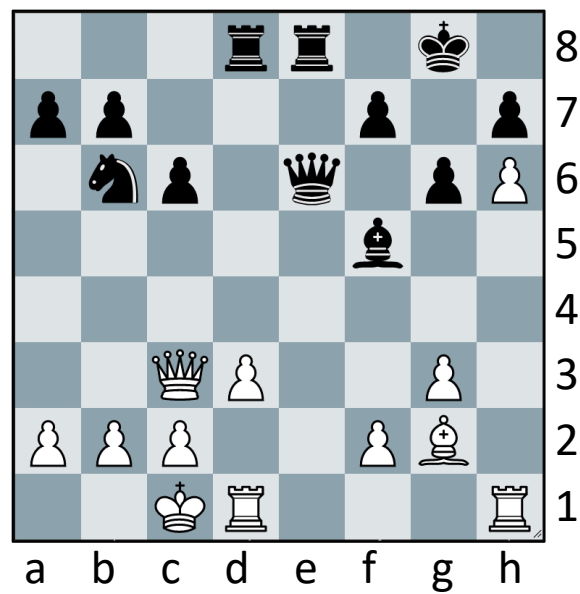
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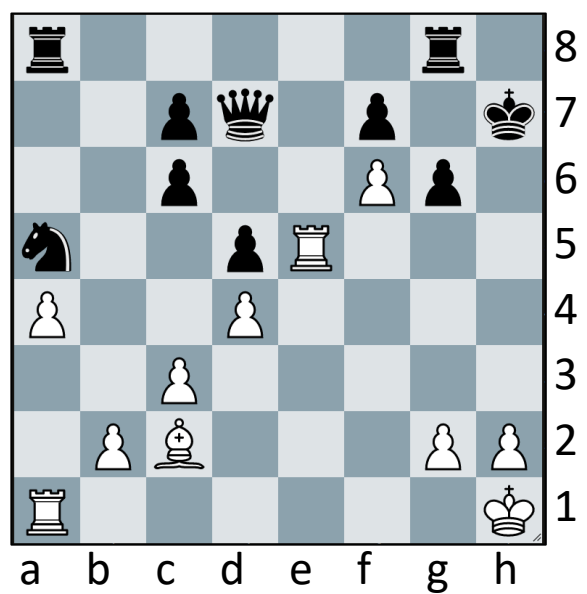
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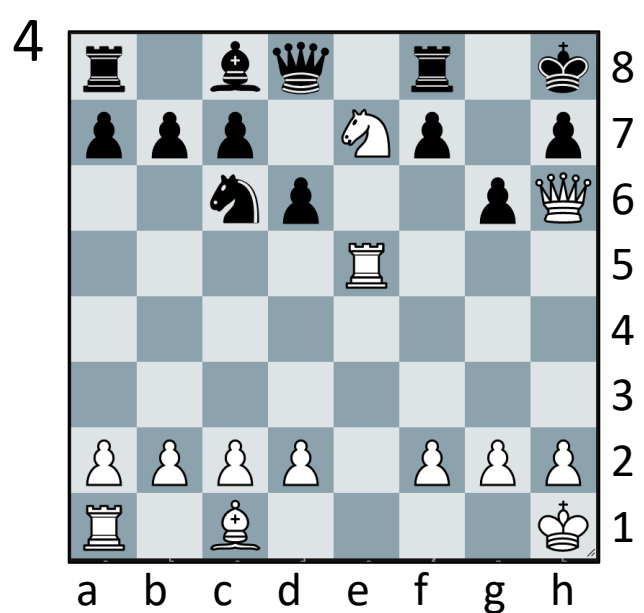
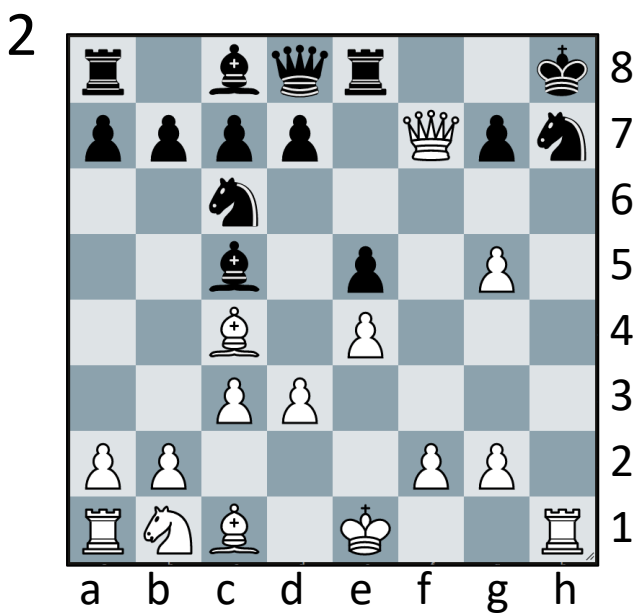
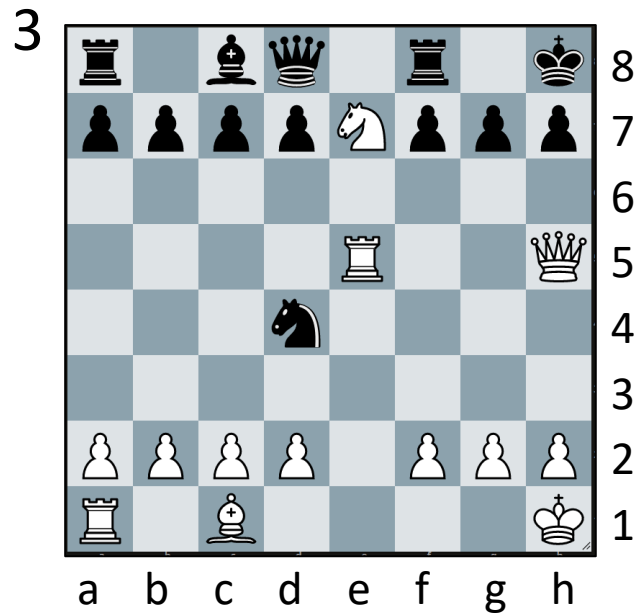
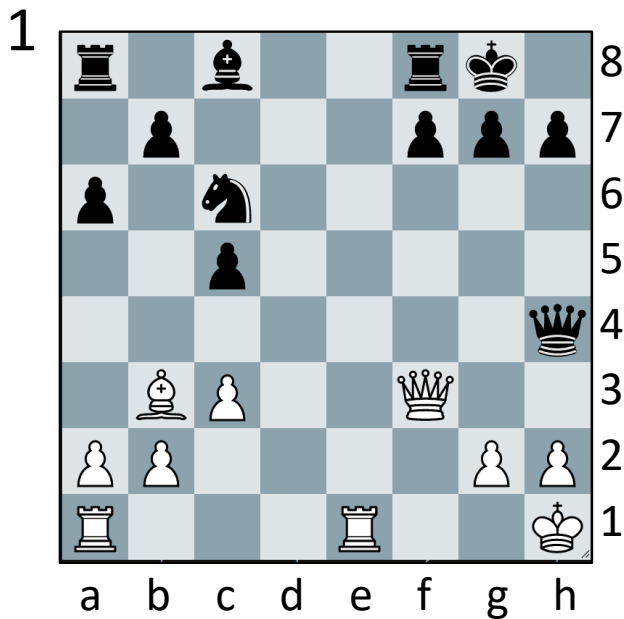
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# Giga

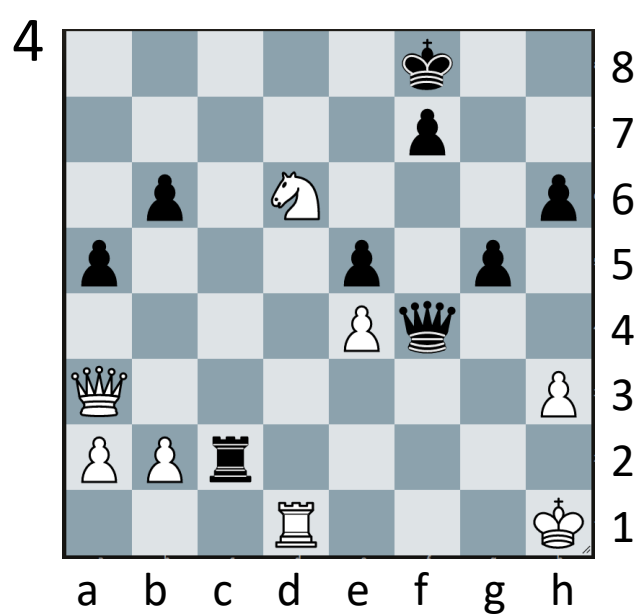
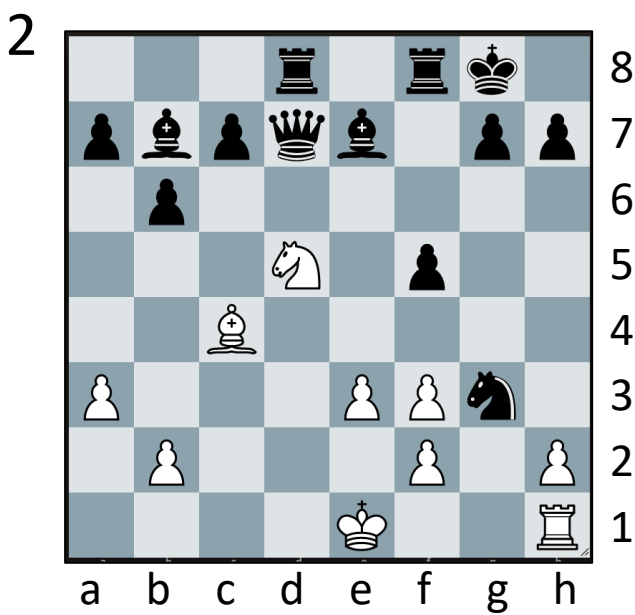
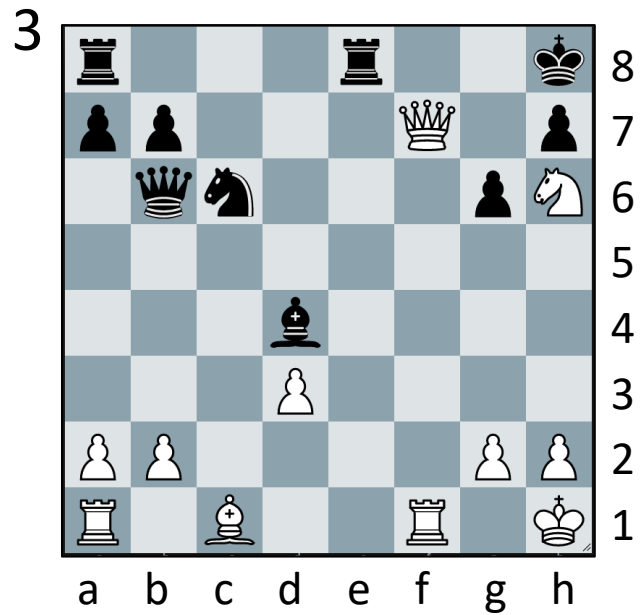
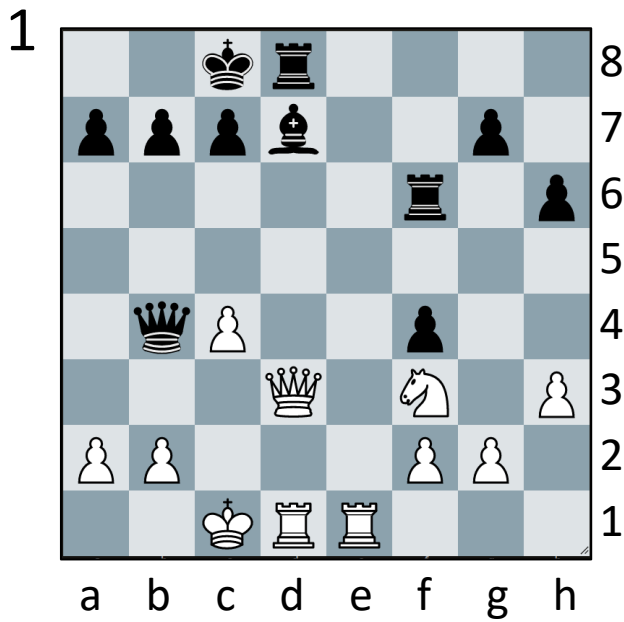
In the diagrams below it is white play and checkmate in 2 moves (ie white moves, black plays the best defensive move and white checkmates with their second move).

In question 4 the first move is not a check – it is a “quiet move”.



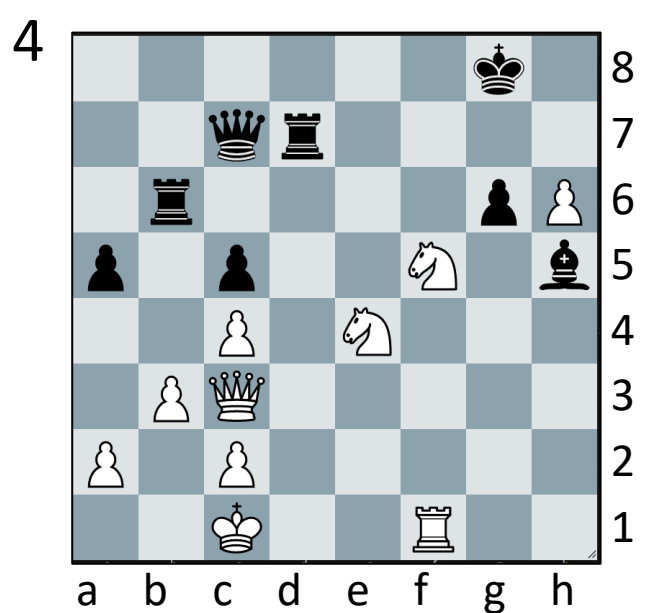
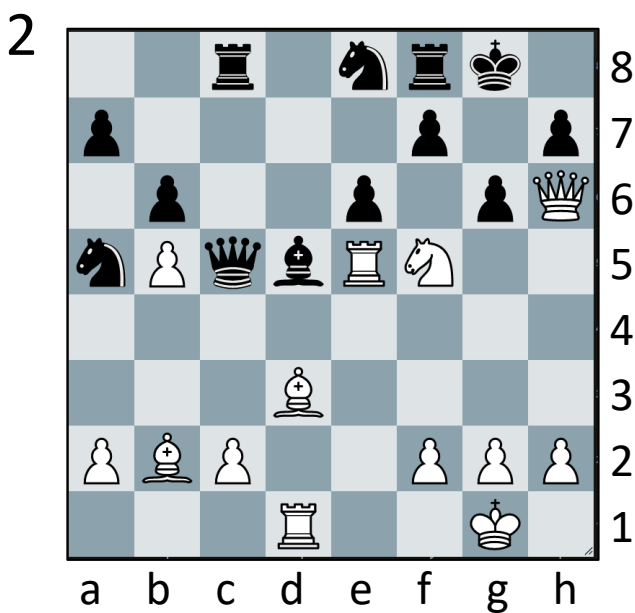
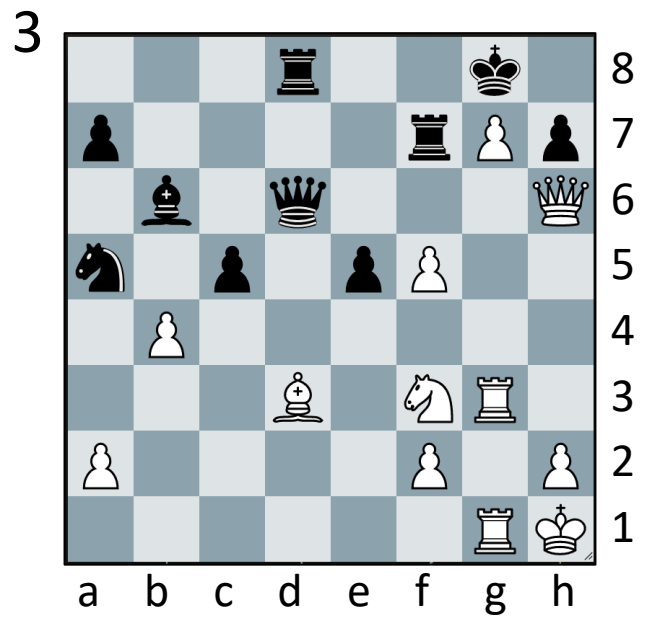
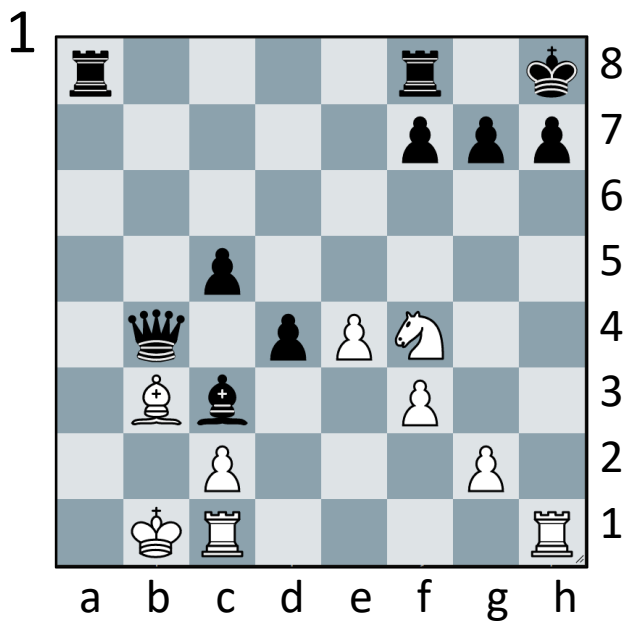
# Tera

In the diagrams below it is white play and deliver checkmate on their third move. All the moves are forcing – ie with check.



# Exa

In the diagrams below it is white play and checkmate on their fourth move (apart from question 3 which is 5 moves)! All the moves are forcing checks.



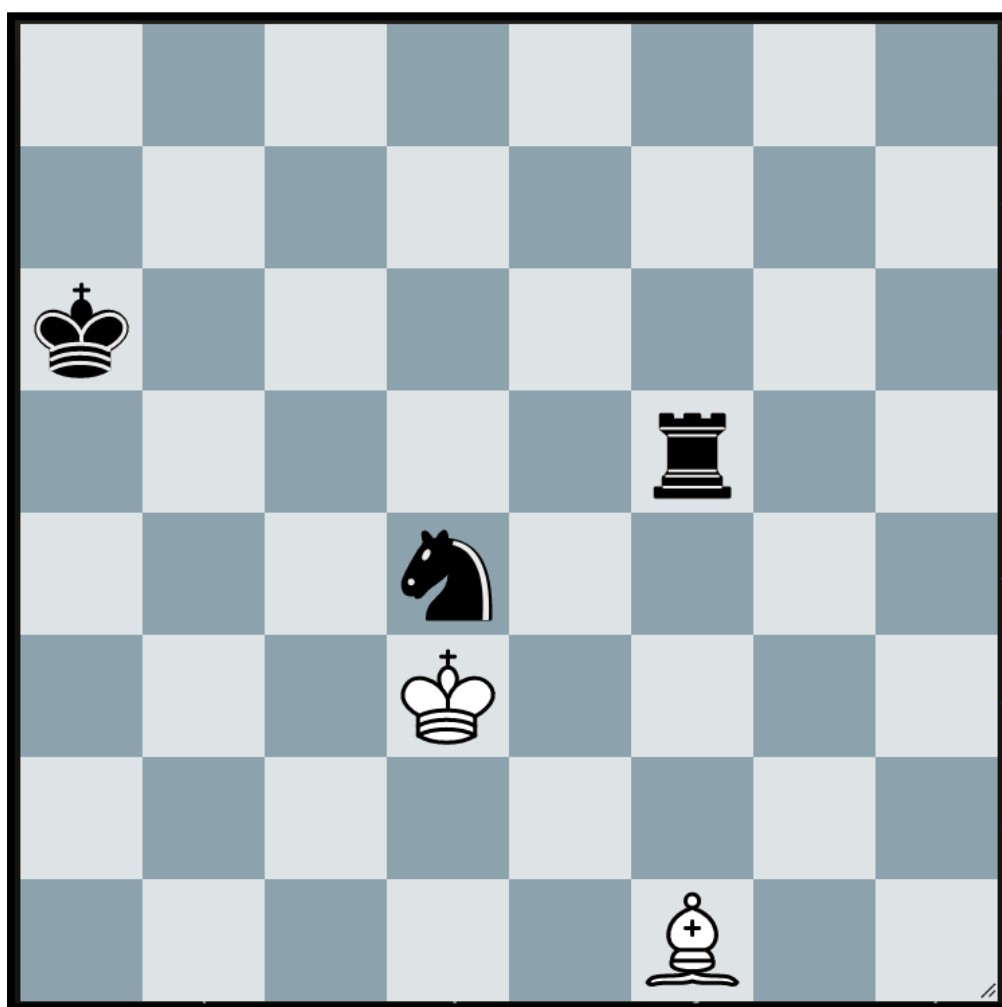


# Fun Puzzles

Over the next couple of pages you will find some more casual puzzles starting out easy and getting much harder!



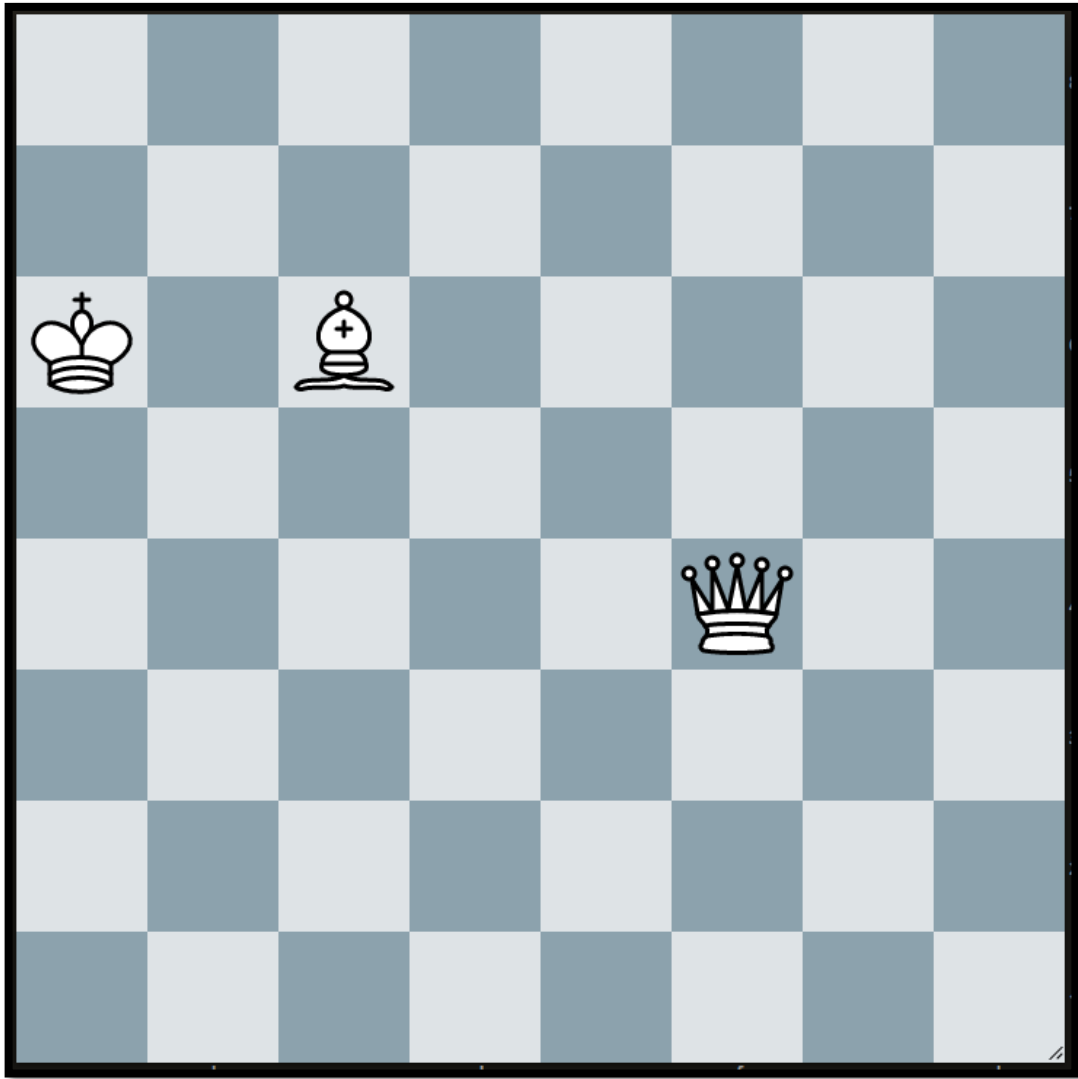
## Bishop Maze - Easier



In this bishop maze white has to move the bishop consecutively until it captures the black king. It is not allowed to capture any black pieces and cannot move to squares that are attacked by black pieces. The bishop can capture the king in 7 moves – can you find your way through the maze?

# Triple Loyd

**Difficulty: Medium**

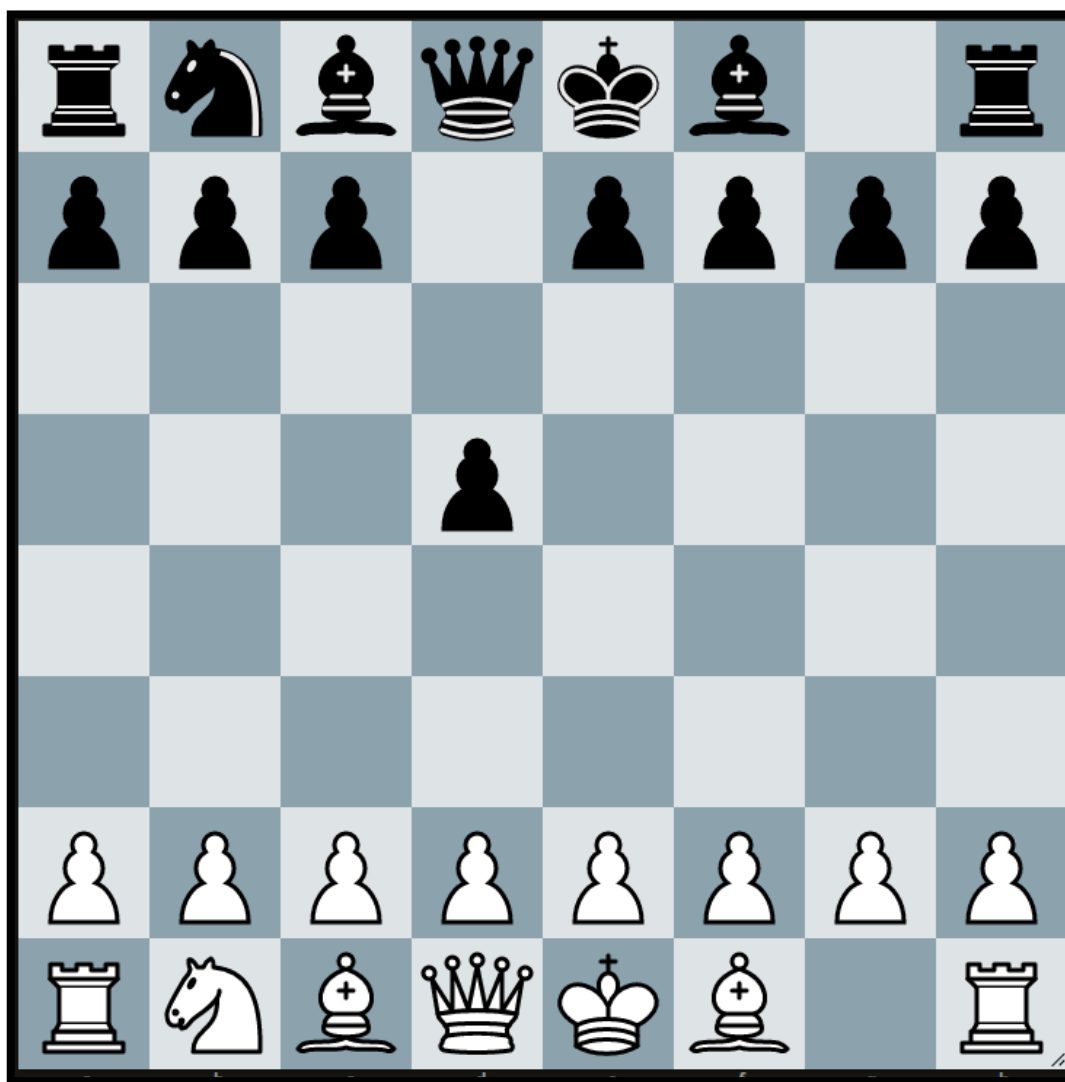


In a “Triple Loyd” puzzle you will notice the black king is missing from the board. You have to place the black king in 3 different positions.

- 1) In the first position the black king is in checkmate
- 2) In the second position the black king is in stalemate
- 3) In the third position white can deliver checkmate in one move (and write down this move)!

# Retrograde Puzzle

Difficulty: Hard



In retrograde puzzles we have to try and reconstruct the moves that led to the position in the diagram – they don't have to be good moves, just legal ones!

The task here is to reach this position precisely after **black's 4<sup>th</sup> move**.

# Take a look at...

If you enjoyed solving the tactics puzzles today you might enjoy WFM Sarah, and GM Danny King's Chessable course on checkmate!

In the course you can find lots of puzzles as well as engaging videos and most importantly leaderboards!

You can find out more online or using the link below.

<https://www.chessable.com/tournament-ready-tactics/course/33344/>



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