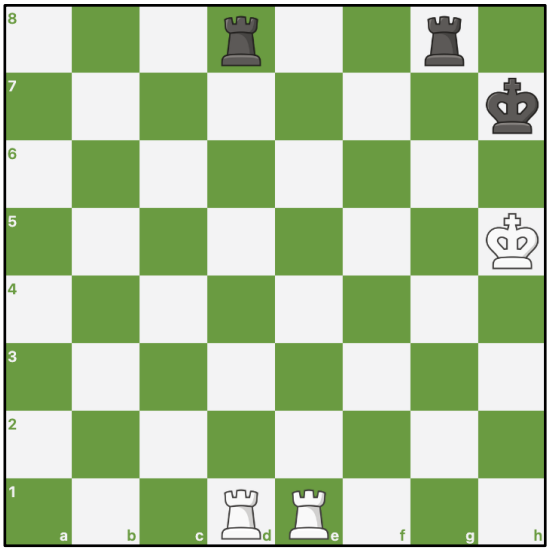
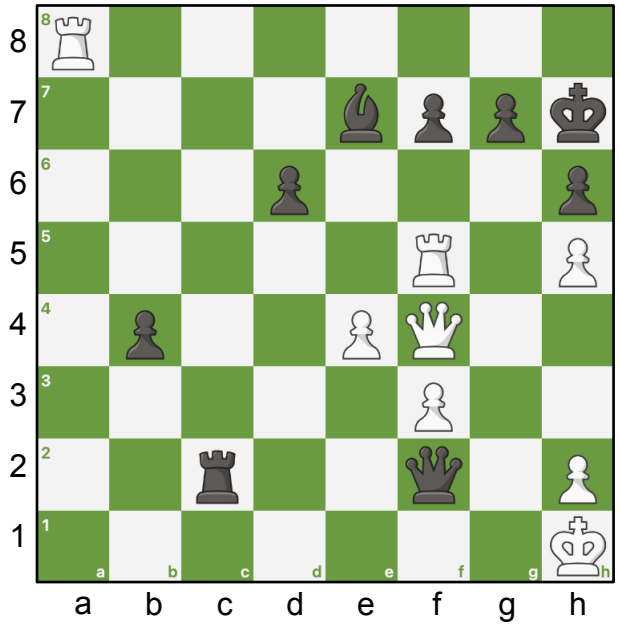
113. Rook Standoff

It's unclear whether the balanced material in this position will be enough to guarantee a draw. Does white have a victory here, or will the inevitable standoff lead to a draw?

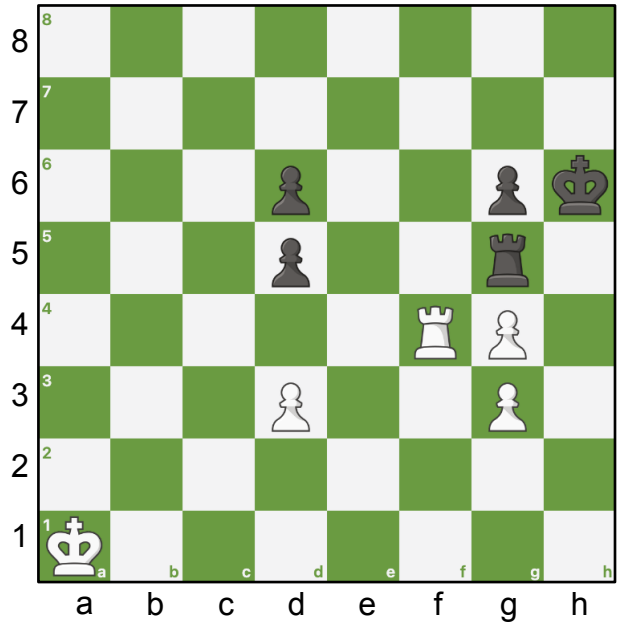


Challenge Puzzles

① White to play - Find best move.



② Can white trap black's rook?



Hints.

① Start with queen.

② Consider whether to advance the d-pawn to keep the black rook trapped.

Answers.

① 1. ♕xh6+ ♚xh6 2. ♖h8#

② 1. ♙d4 ♜xg4 2. ♖xg4 ♟g5 3. ♔b2 ♚h5 and white is losing. So no, white cannot trap black's rook by advancing the pawn.

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