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A+ Chess Puzzle Contest • Answer Sheet

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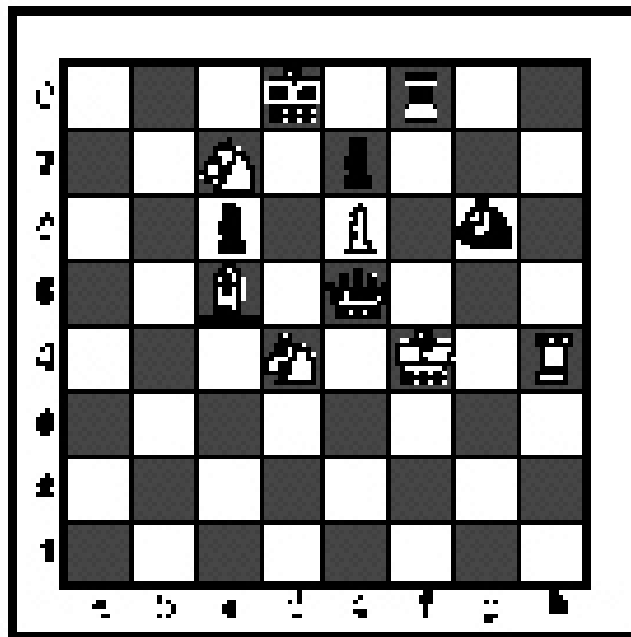
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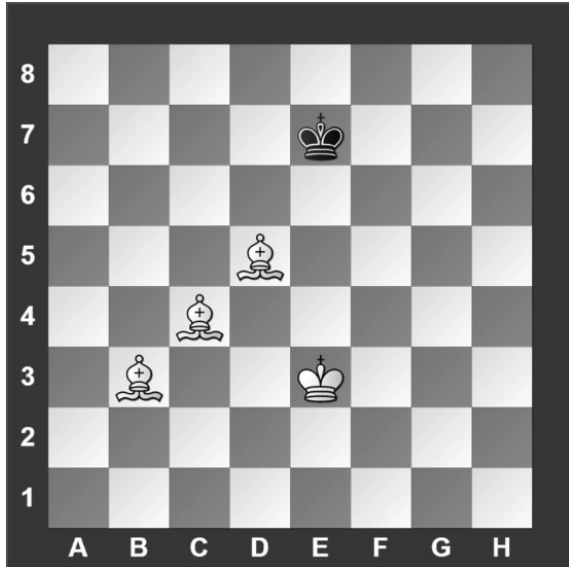


Chess Puzzle Solving

TIEBREAKER - ALL GRADES

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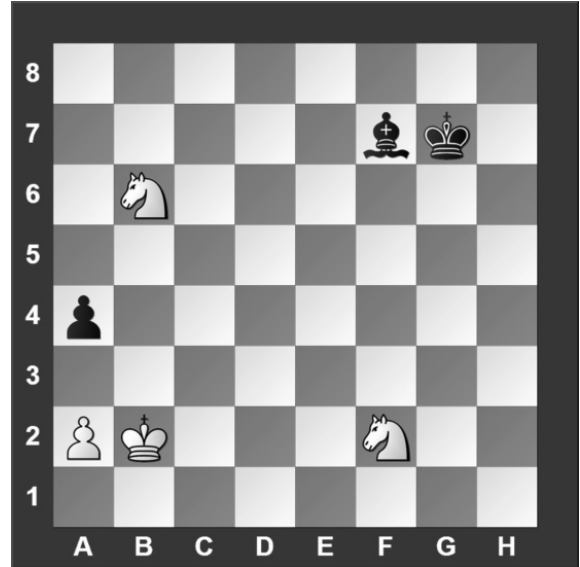
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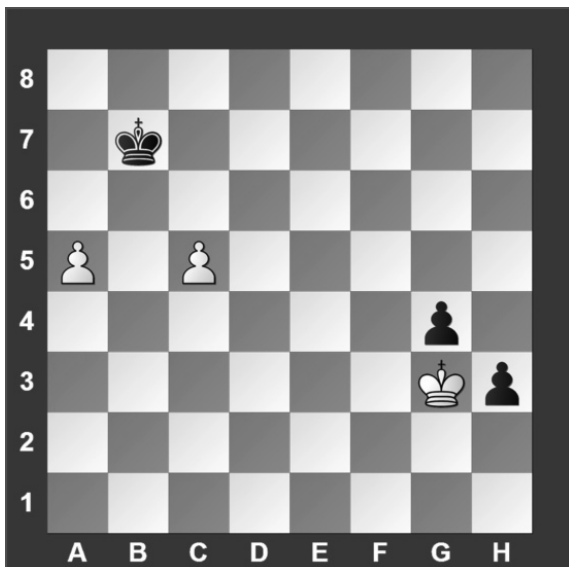
#2. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) a3
- b) $\text{N} \times \text{a4}$
- c) $\text{B} \text{a3}$
- d) $\text{N} \text{e4}$

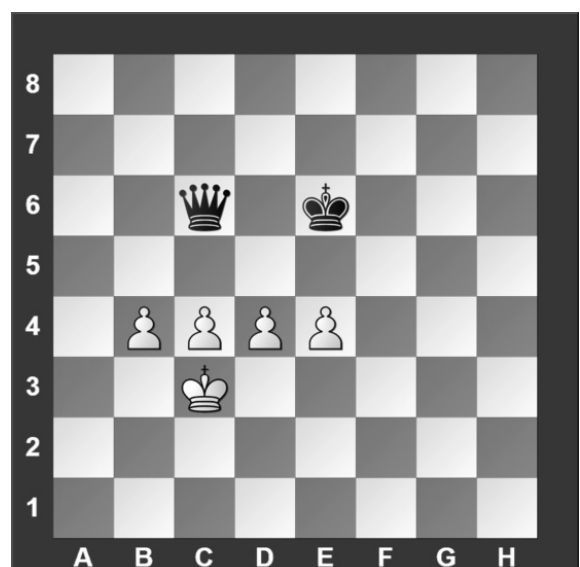
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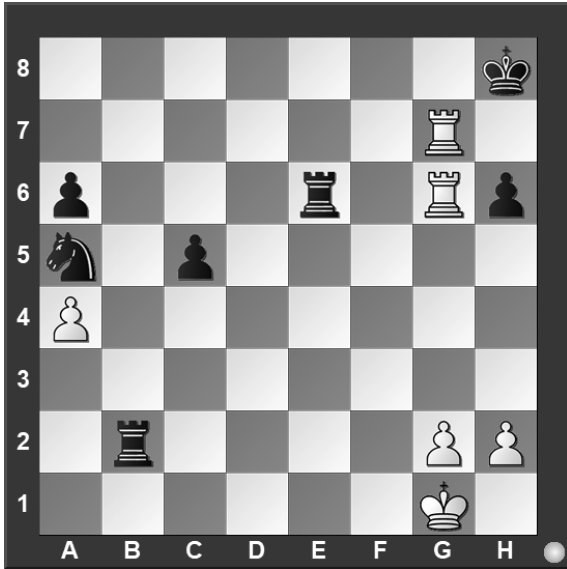
#4. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) b5
- b) c5
- c) d5
- d) e5

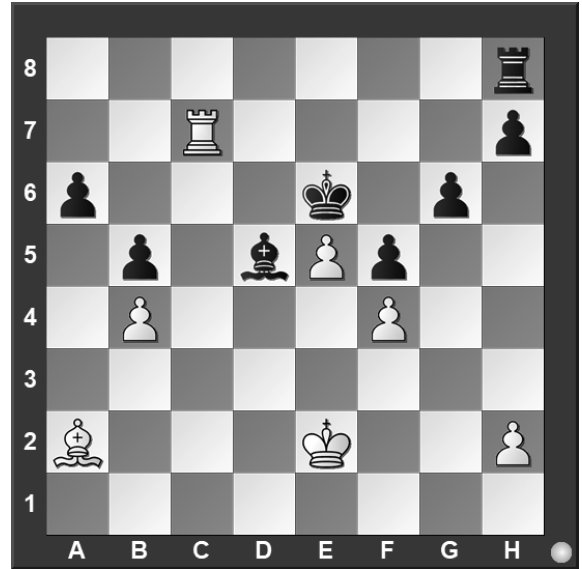
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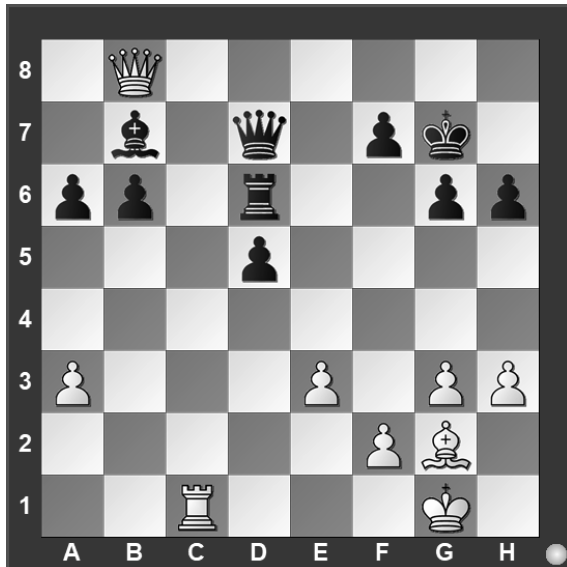
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- a) ♖c6
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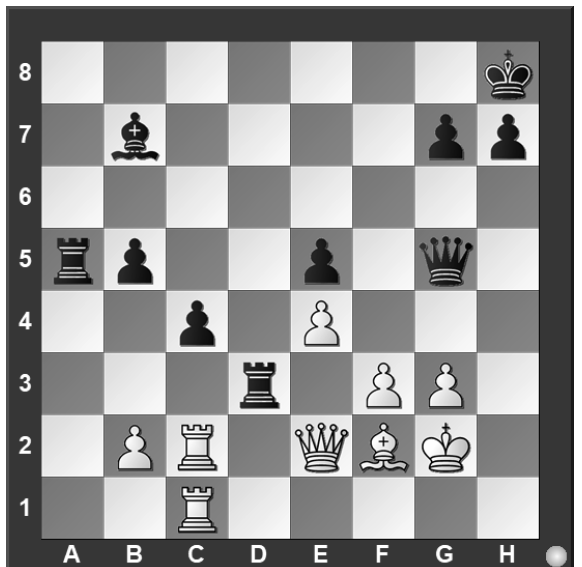
#7. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ♖c7
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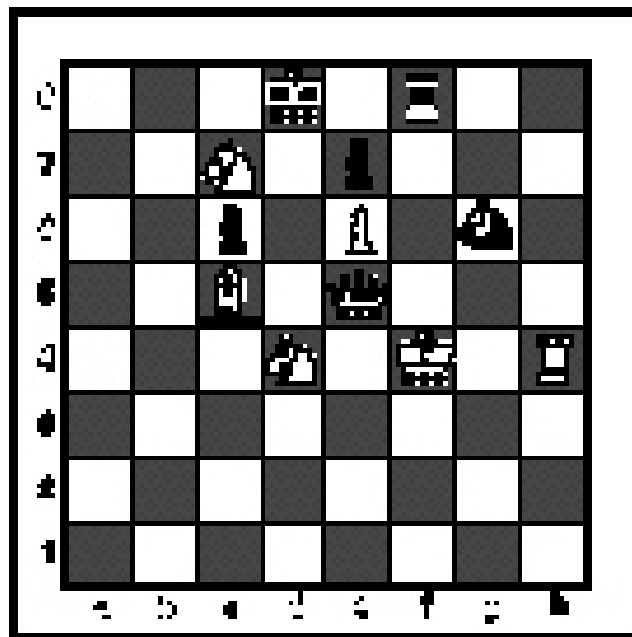
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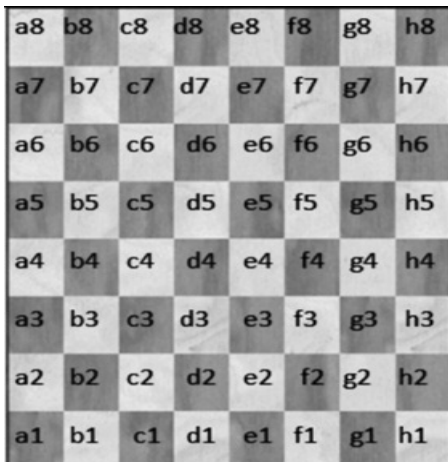
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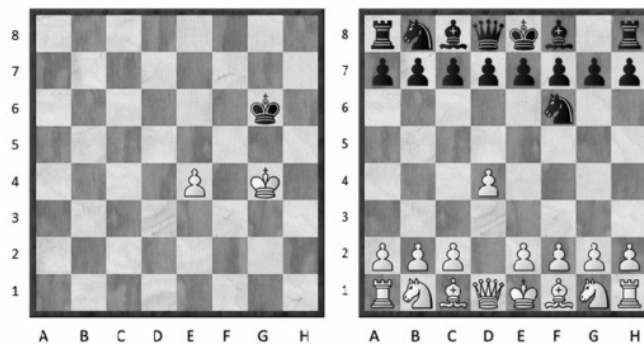
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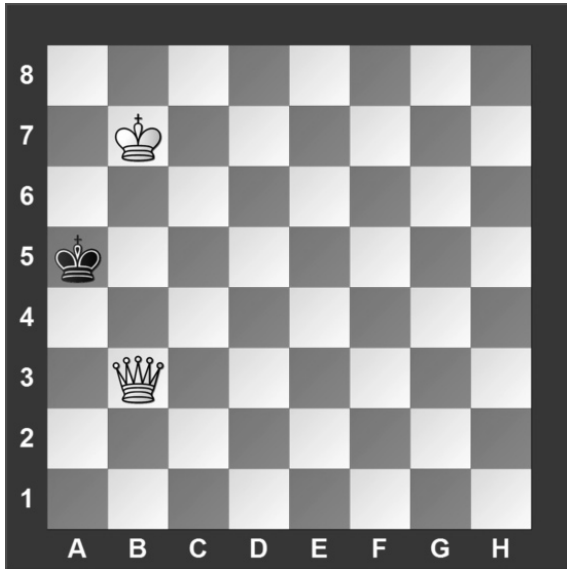
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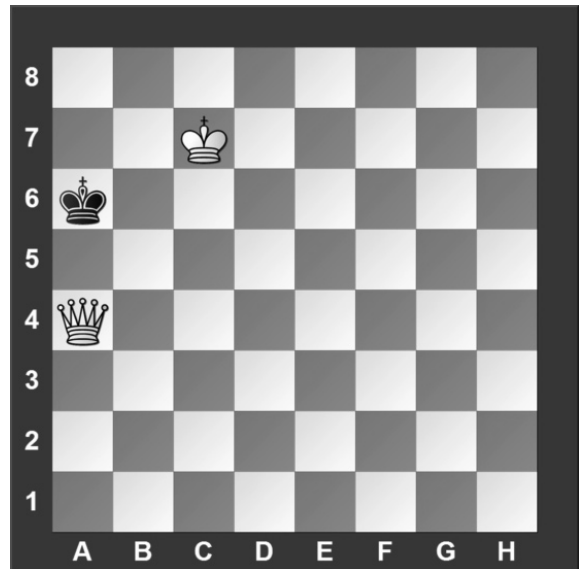
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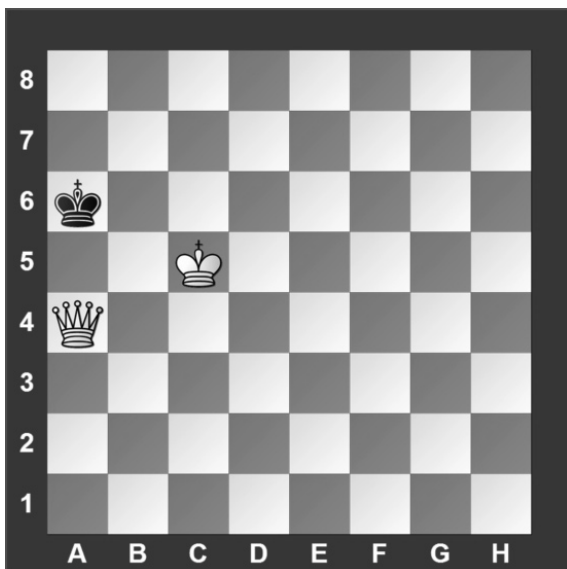
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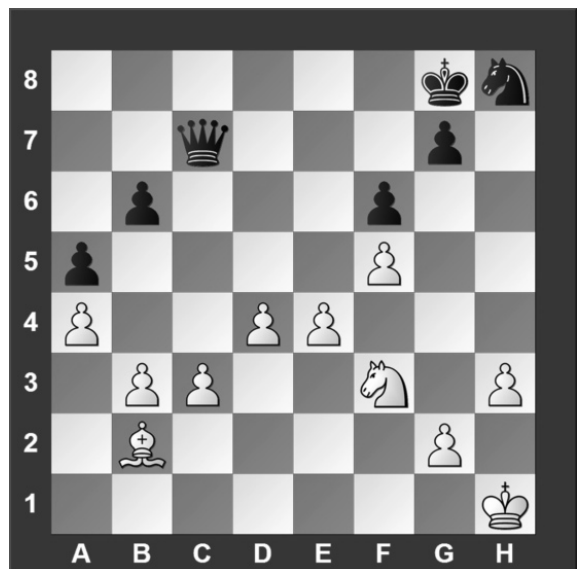
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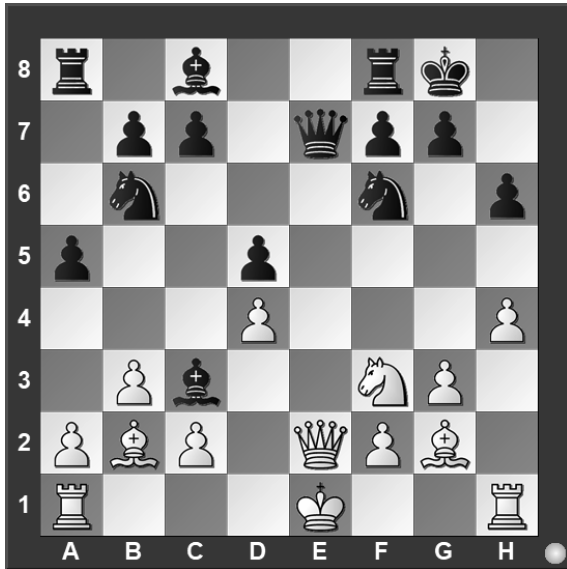
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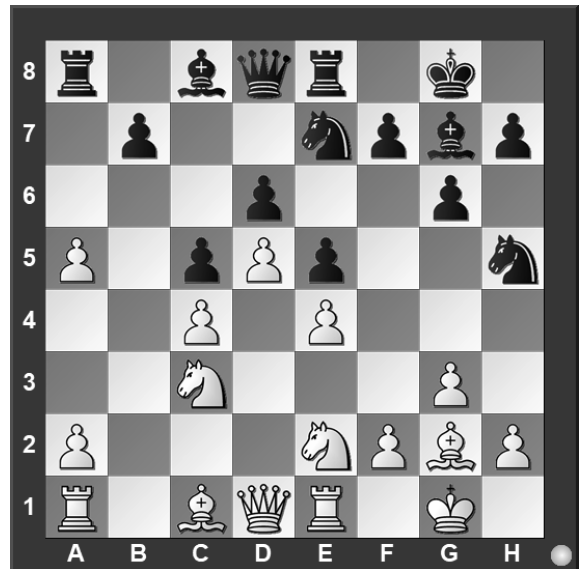
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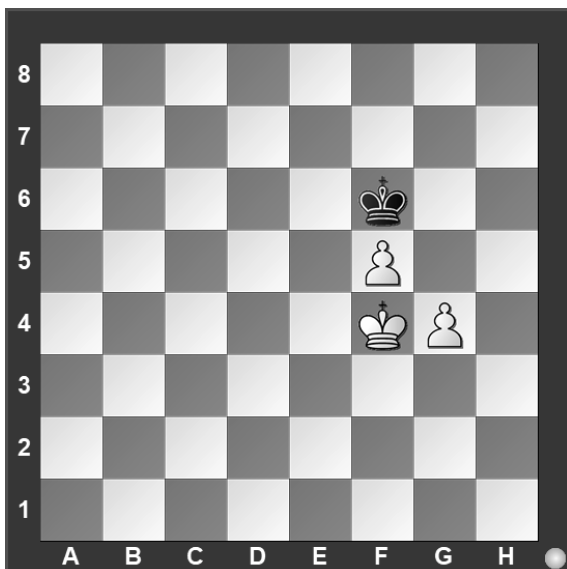
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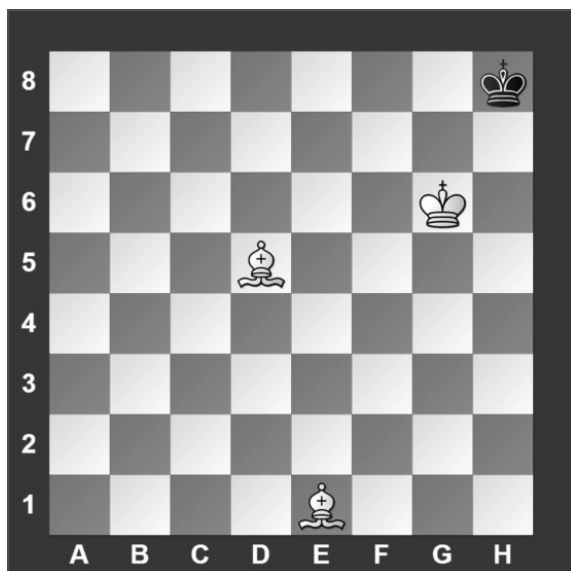
#8. White to move



What piece should White capture?

- a) Queen
- b) Bishop
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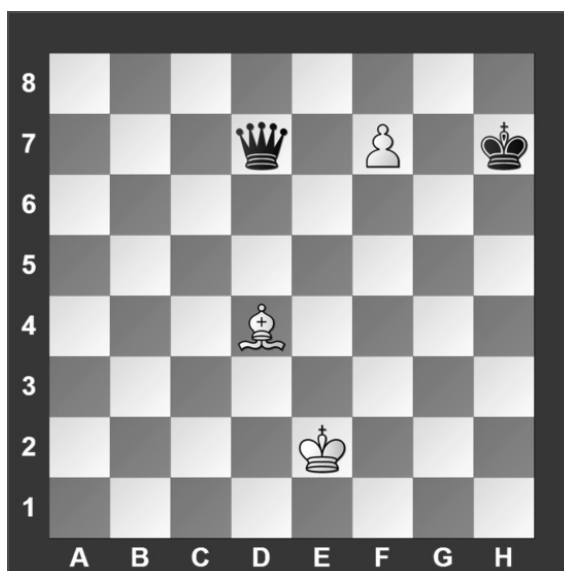
#9. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ♔f7
- b) ♔b3
- c) ♔c3
- d) ♚h6

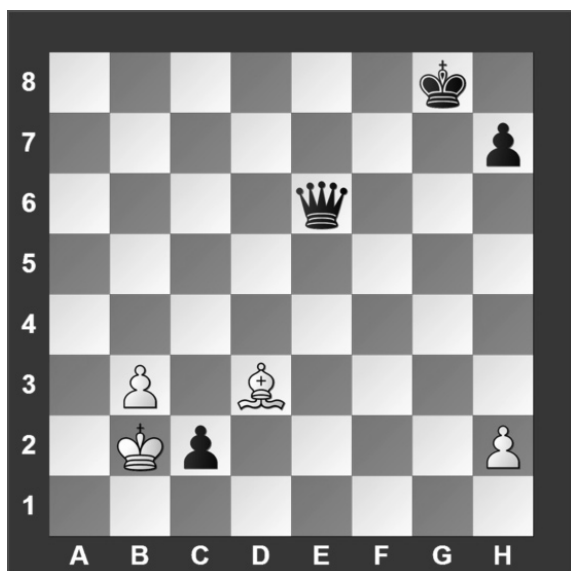
#10. White to move



What piece should White promote to?

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- b) Rook
- c) Knight
- d) Bishop

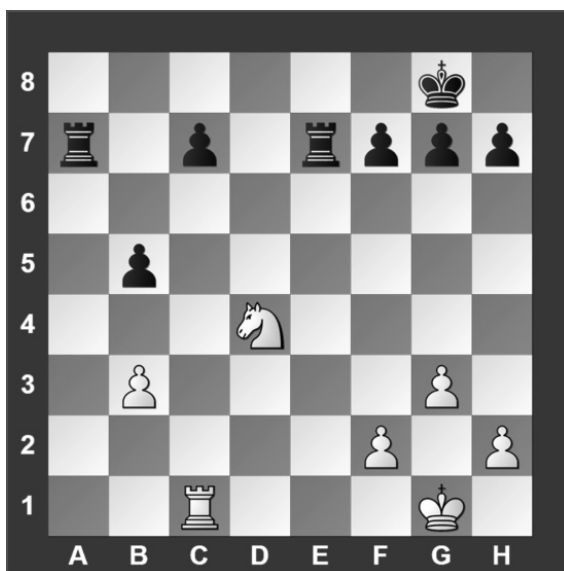
#11. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ♔xc2
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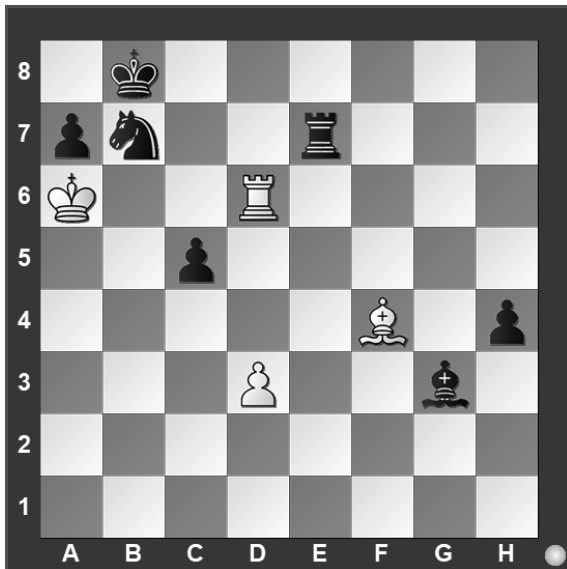
#12. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ♘c6
- b) ♘f5
- c) ♖xc7
- d) b4

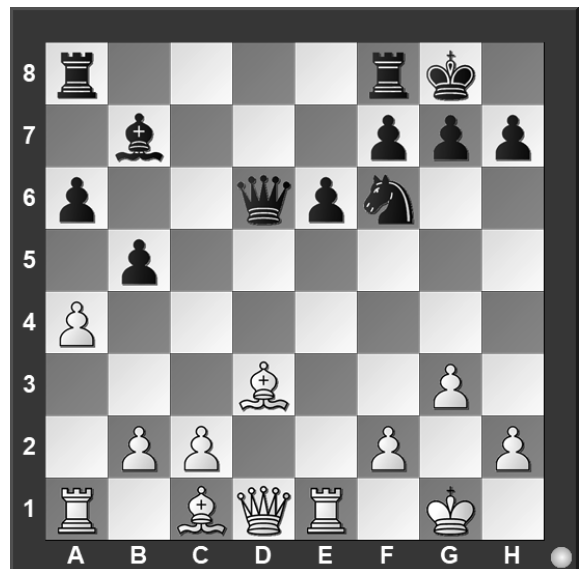
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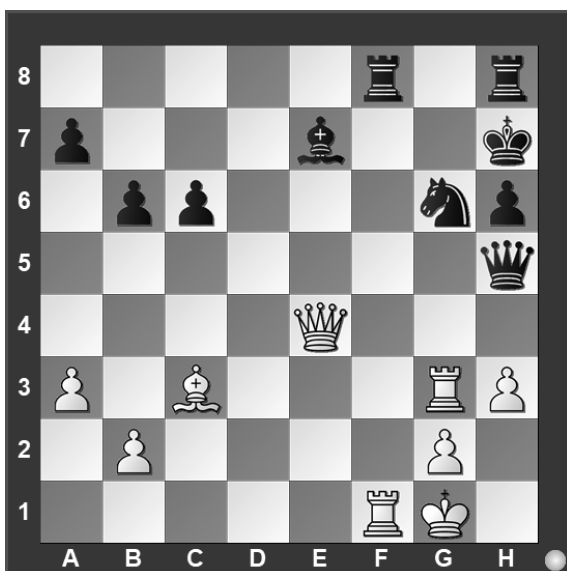
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What is White's best move?

- a) a×b5
- b) ♕f4
- c) ♕×h7
- d) ♕g5

#15. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ♔×e7
- b) ♔×c6
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#16. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ♔×f3
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- d) b×a4



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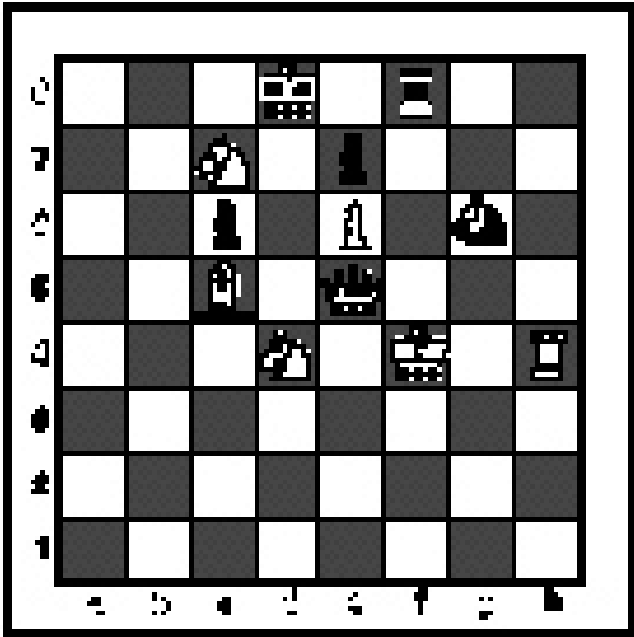
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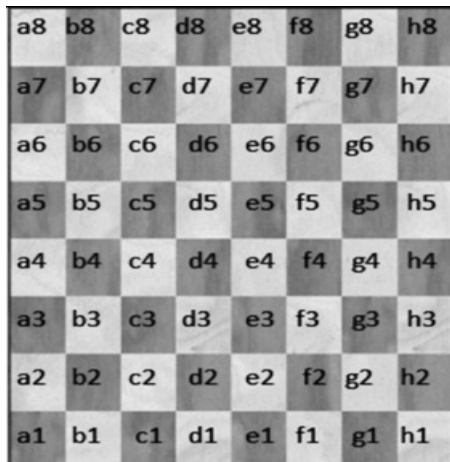
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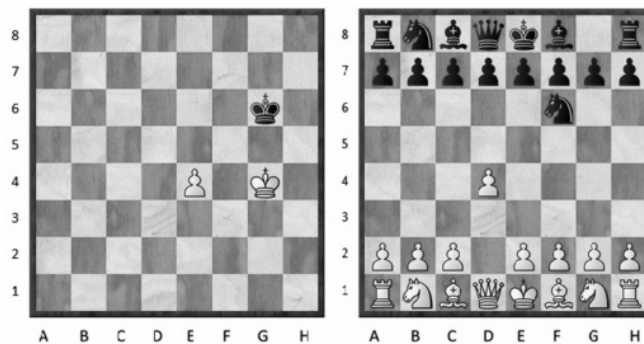
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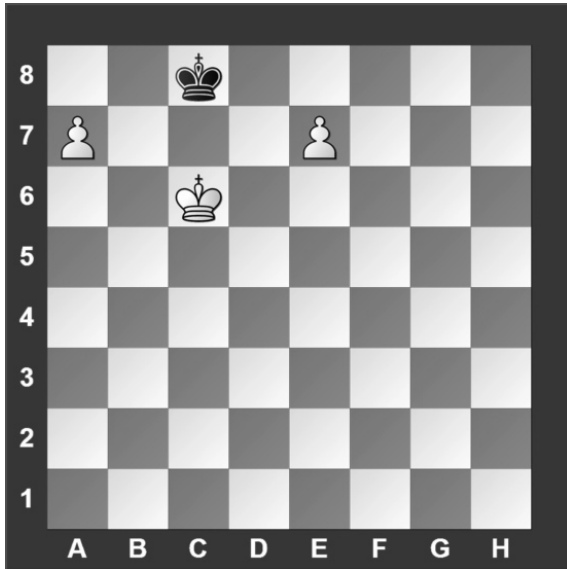
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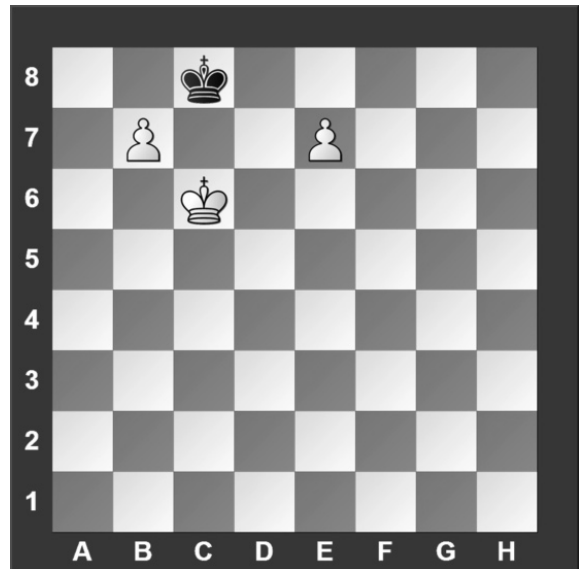
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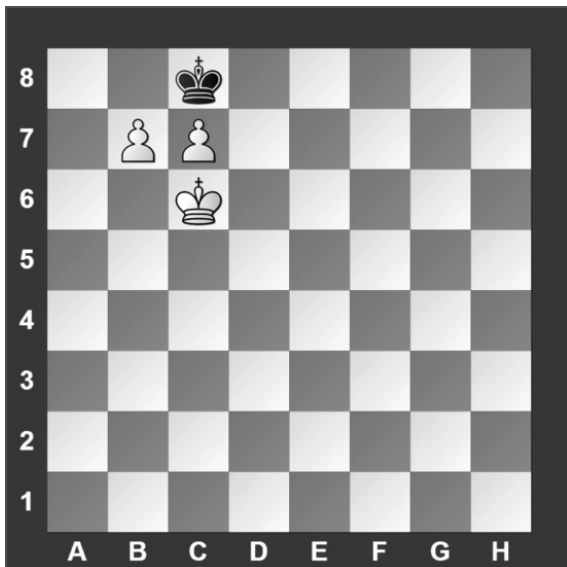
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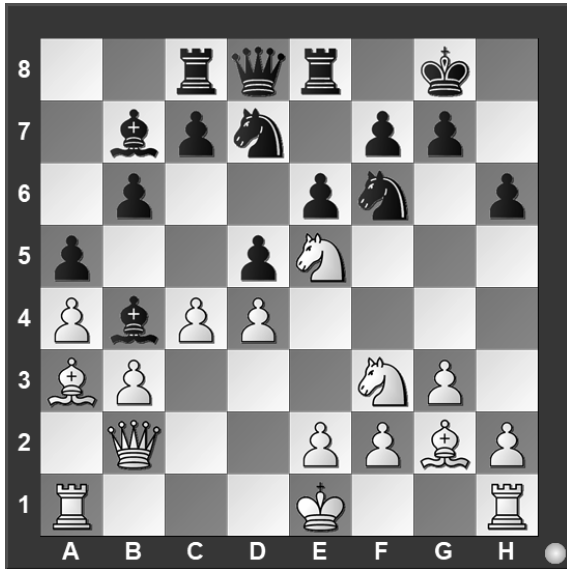
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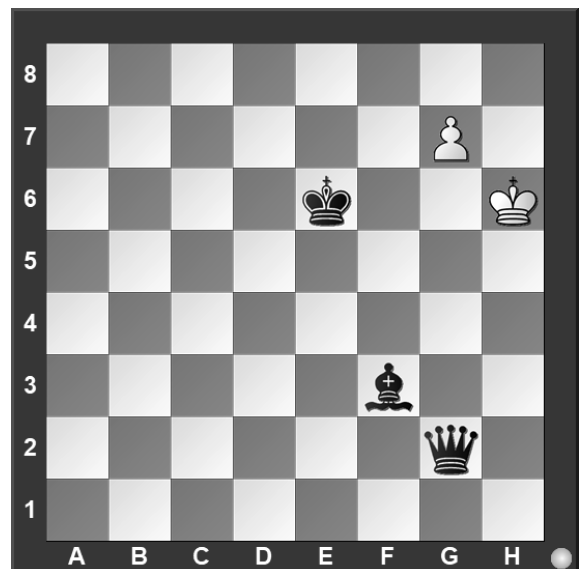
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How many moves does it take to check-mate Black?

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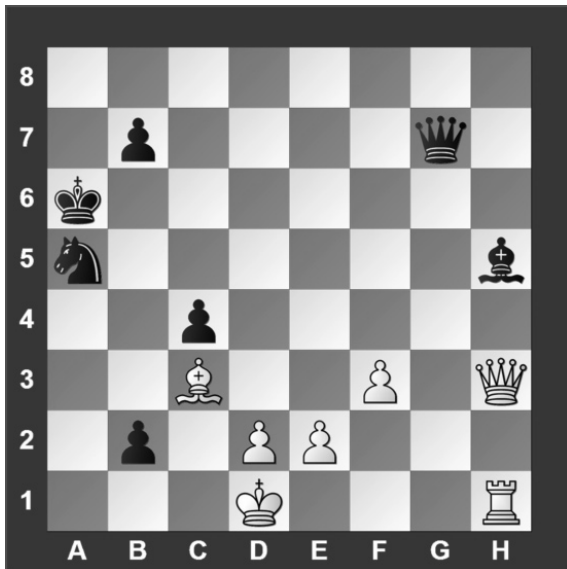
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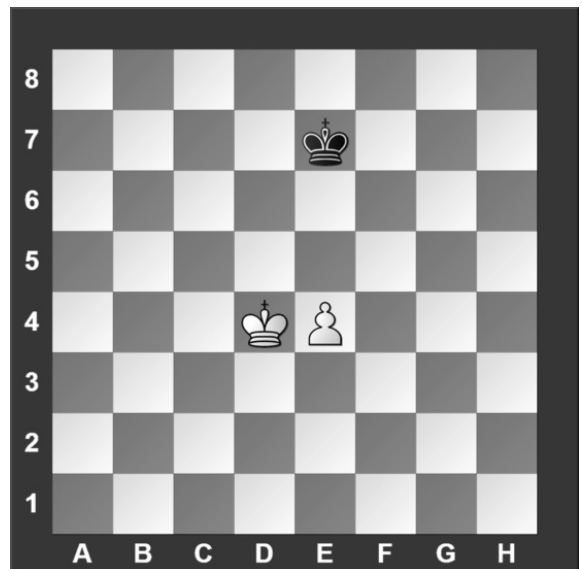
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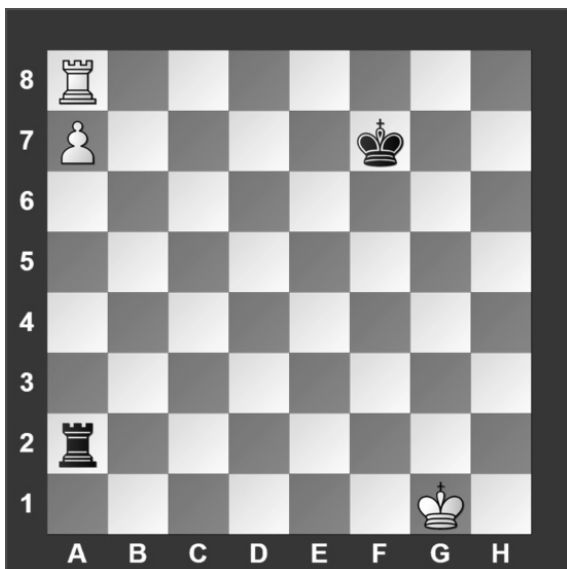
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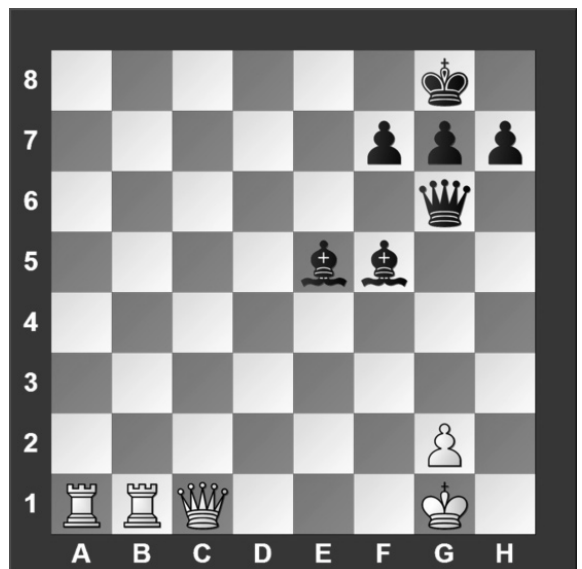
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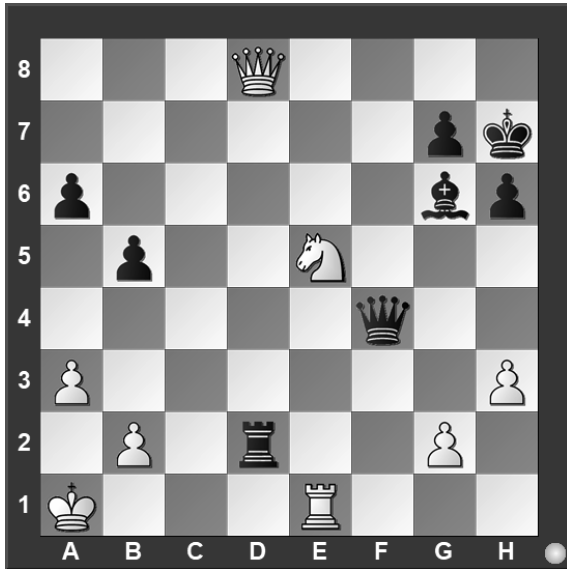
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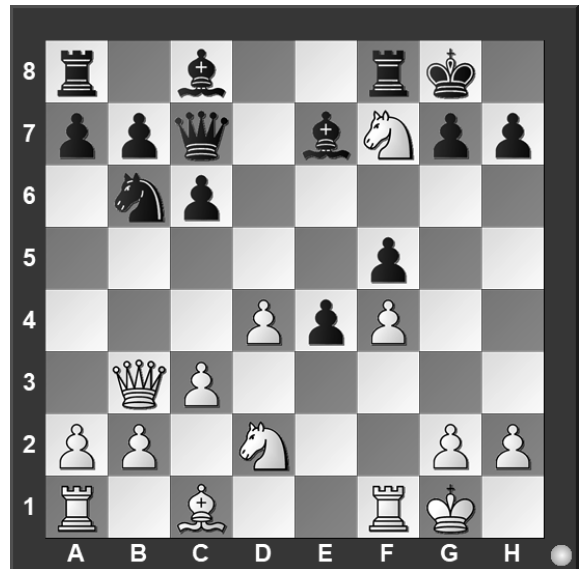
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- a) ♖g5
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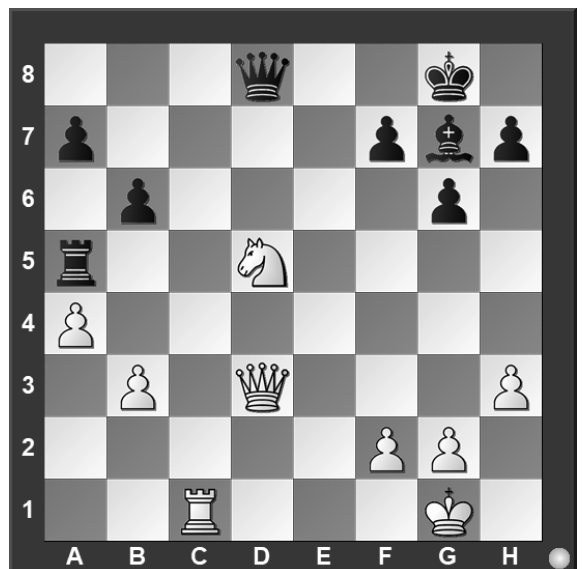
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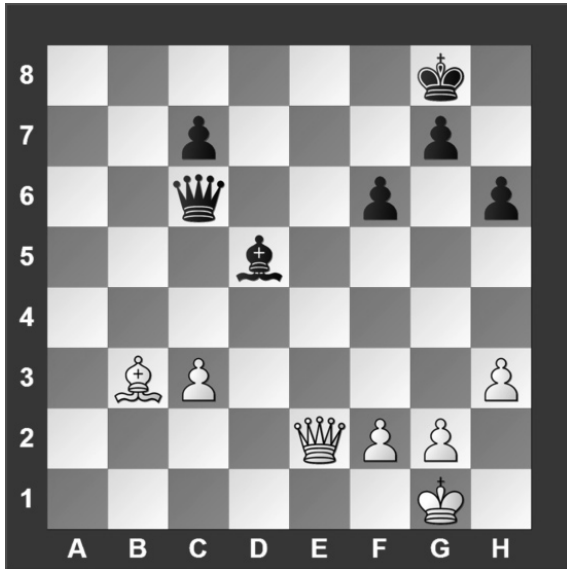
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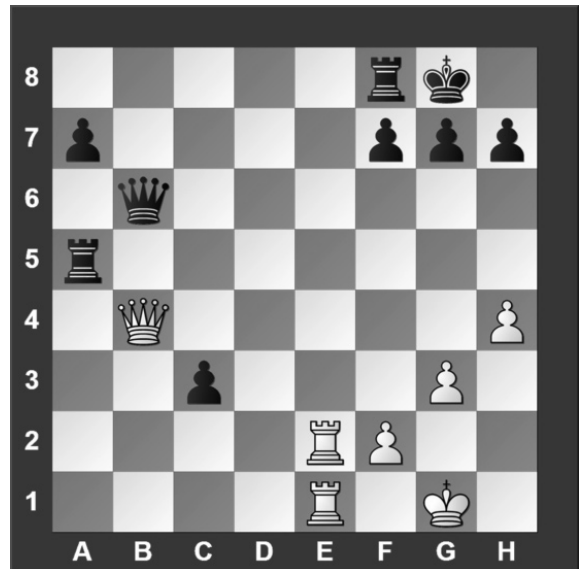
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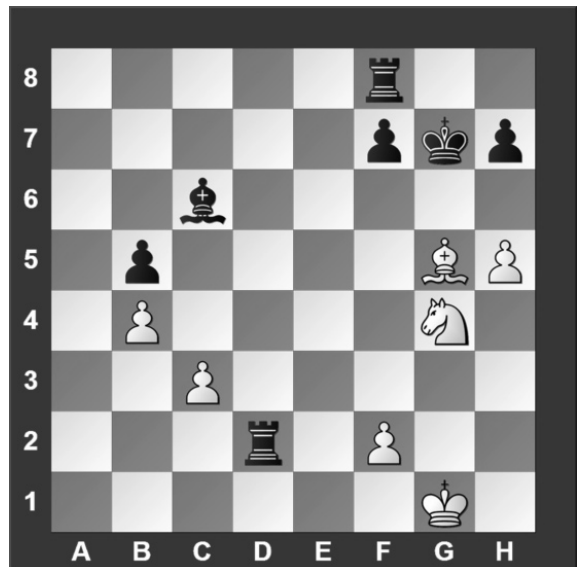
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- a) ♔xd7
- b) ♔xh7
- c) ♔g1
- d) ♔h6

#20. White to move



If White can checkmate Black in two moves, what's the *first* move?

- a) ♔f6
- b) ♔h6
- c) h6
- d) White can't checkmate Black in two moves.



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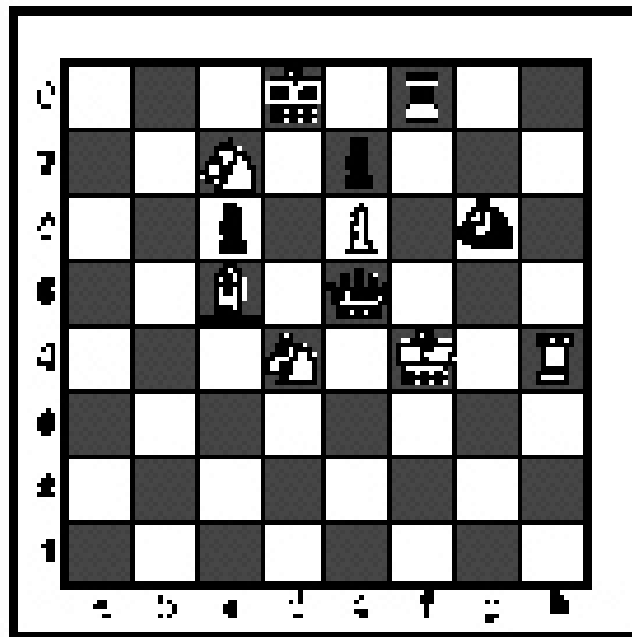
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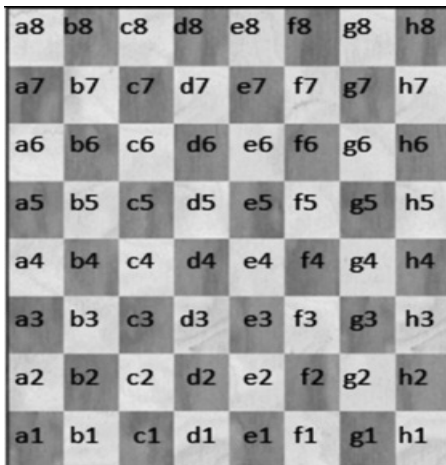
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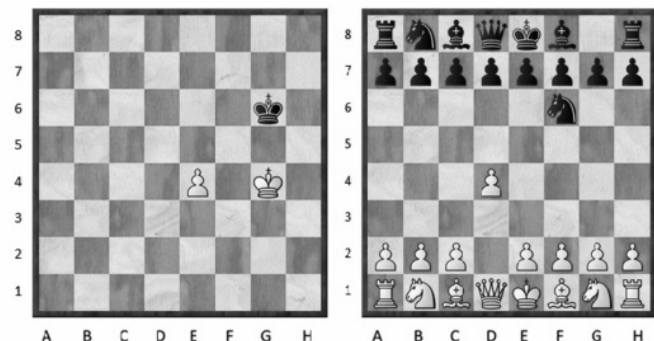
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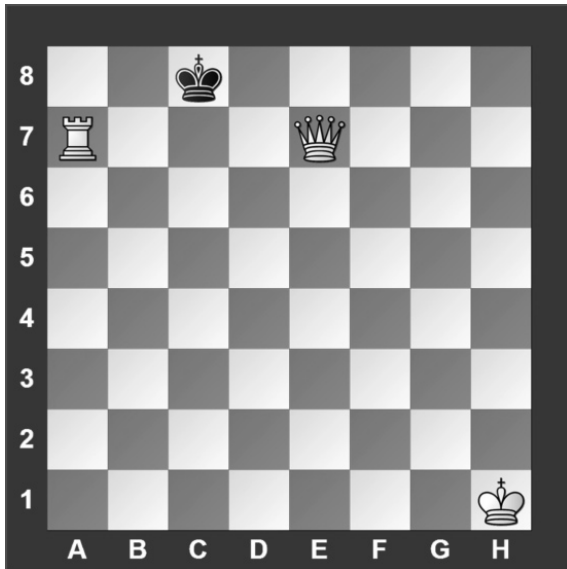
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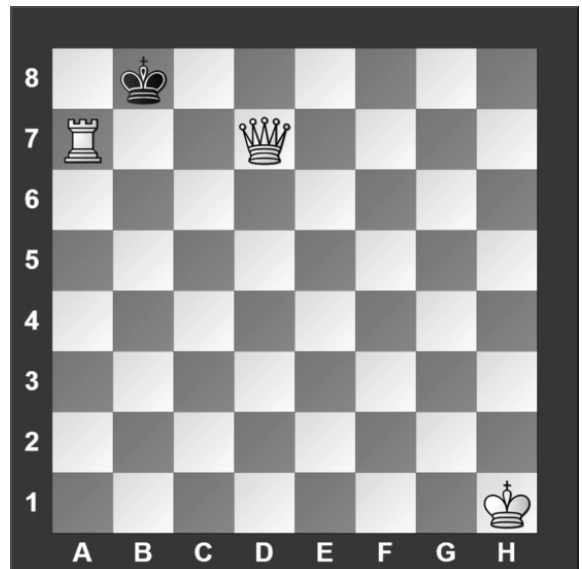
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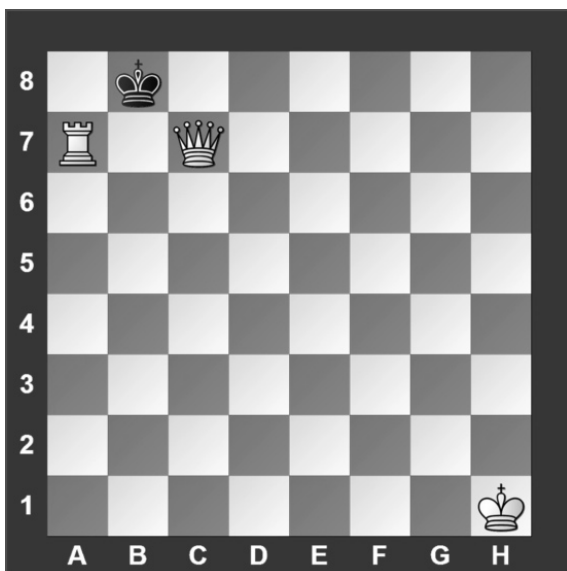
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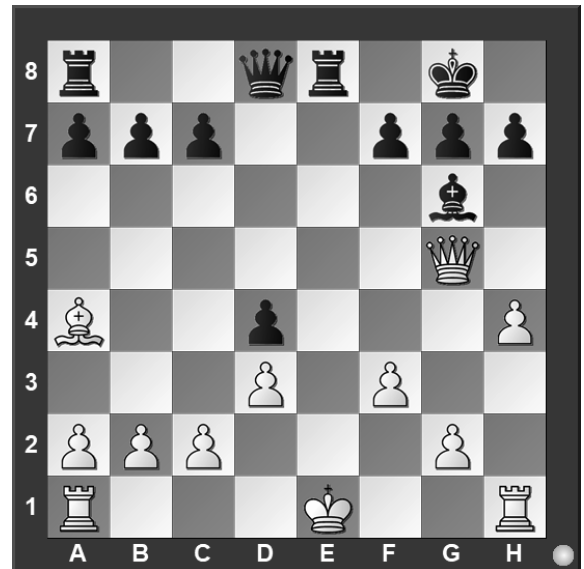
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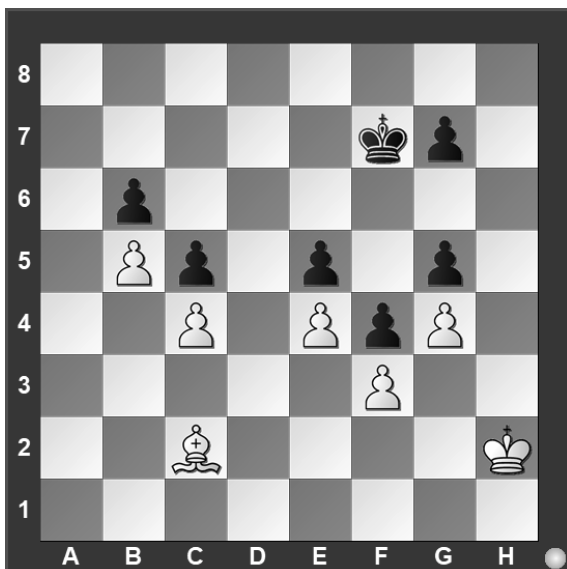
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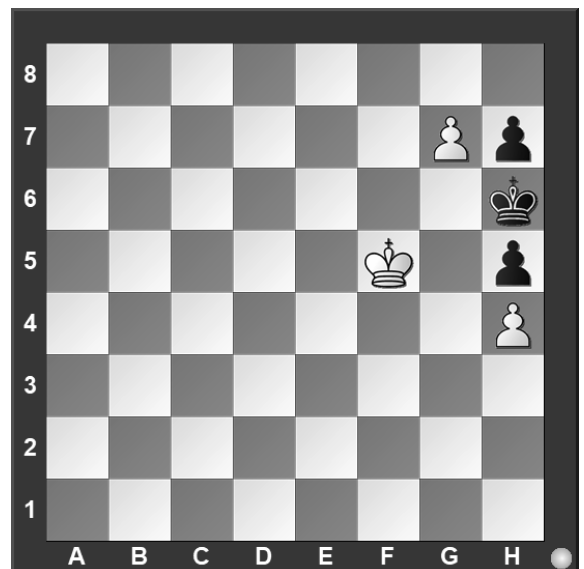
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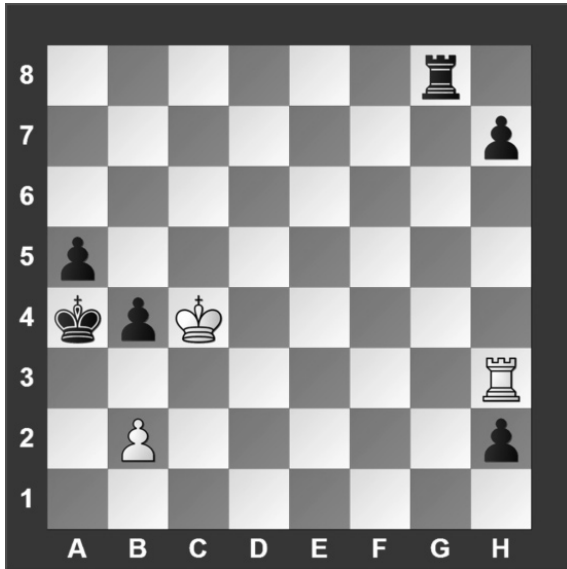
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- a) Queen
- b) Rook
- c) Bishop
- d) Knight

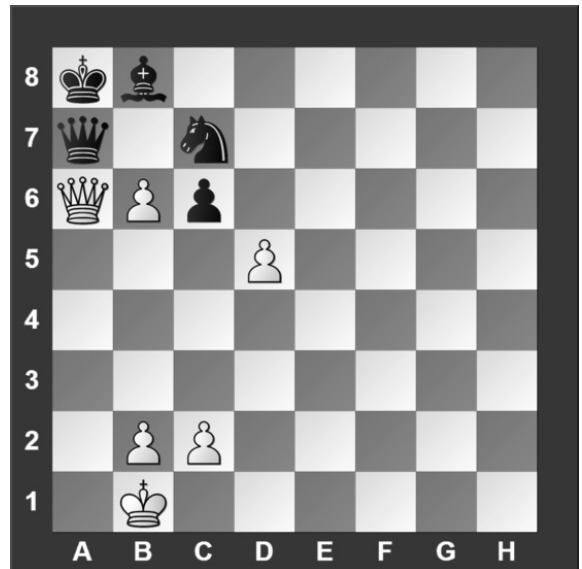
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- a) b3
- b) ♖×h7
- c) ♕a3
- d) ♖×h2

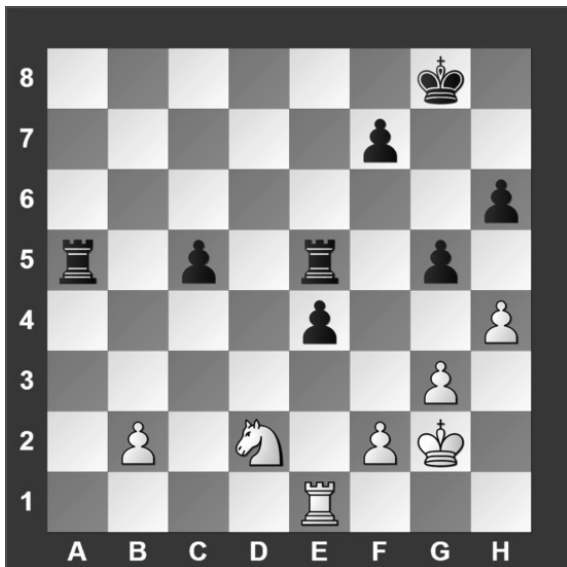
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What is White's best move?

- a) b×a7
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- c) ♕×a7
- d) b7

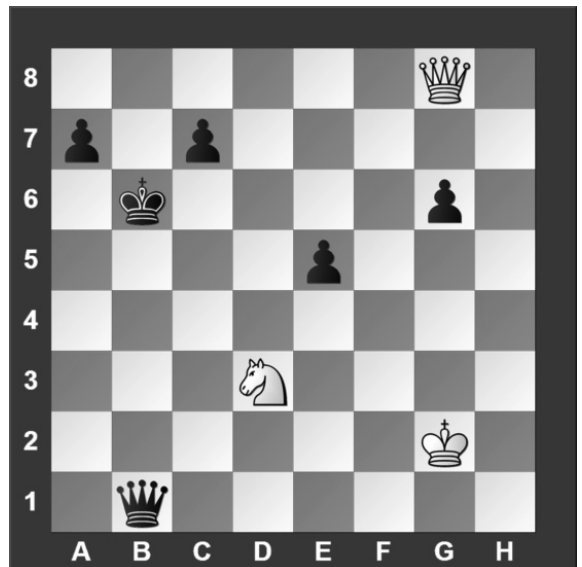
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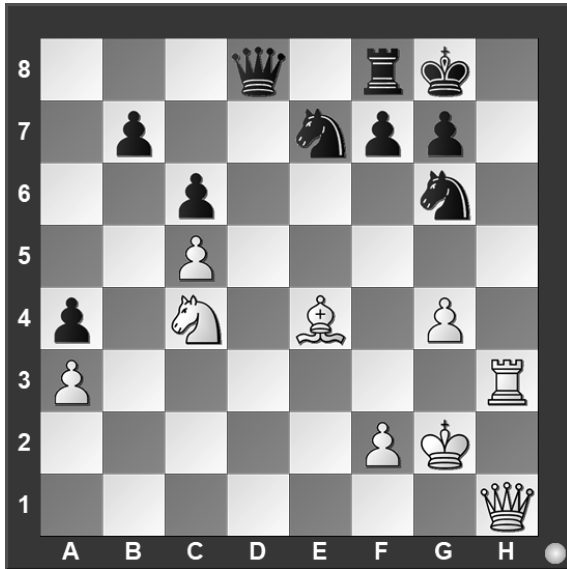
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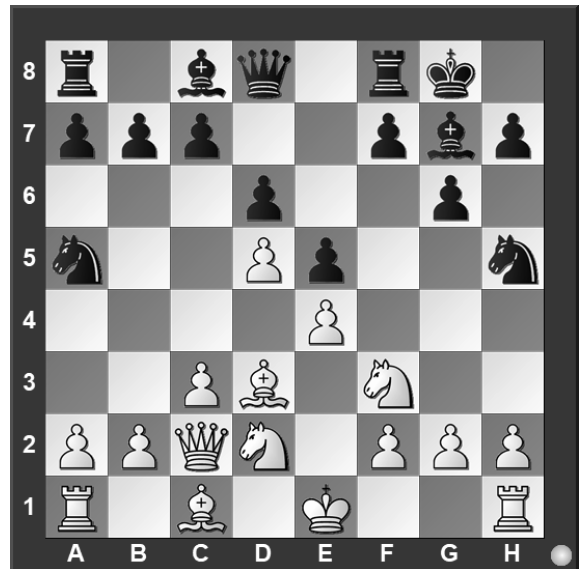
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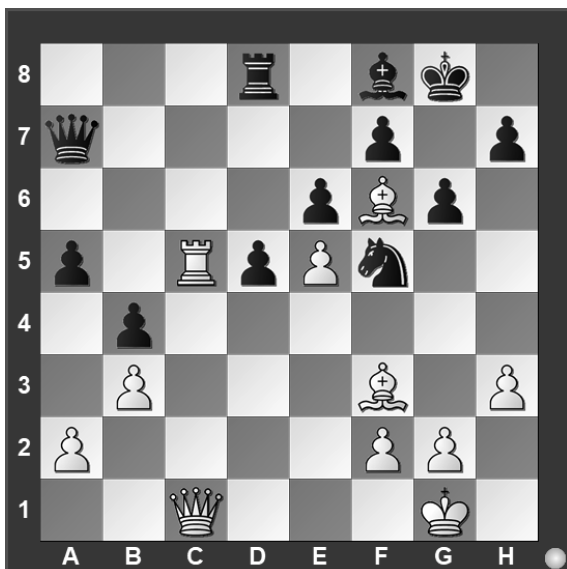
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What is White's best move?

- a) 0-0
- b) g3
- c) ♘c4
- d) b4

#15. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ♖x a5
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- c) ♕x d8
- d) ♖c7

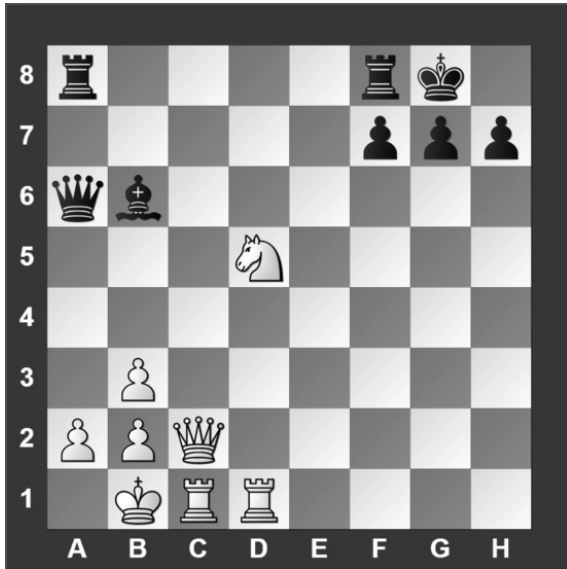
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What is White's best move?

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- c) ♖x g4
- d) ♖g3

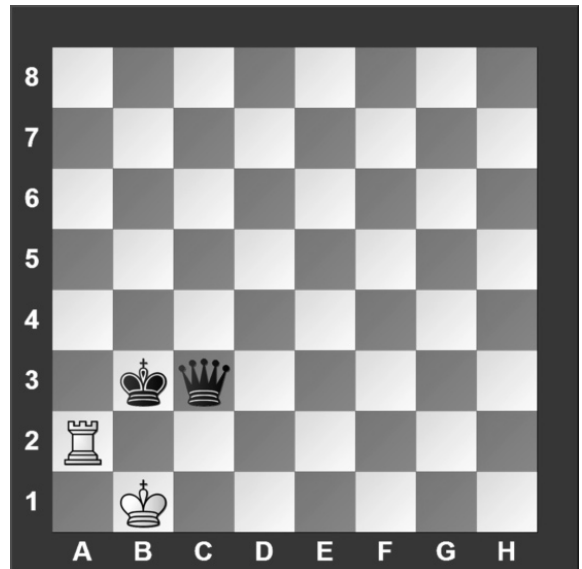
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White can checkmate Black in three moves, what is the *first* move?

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- c) ♘f6
- d) ♖g1

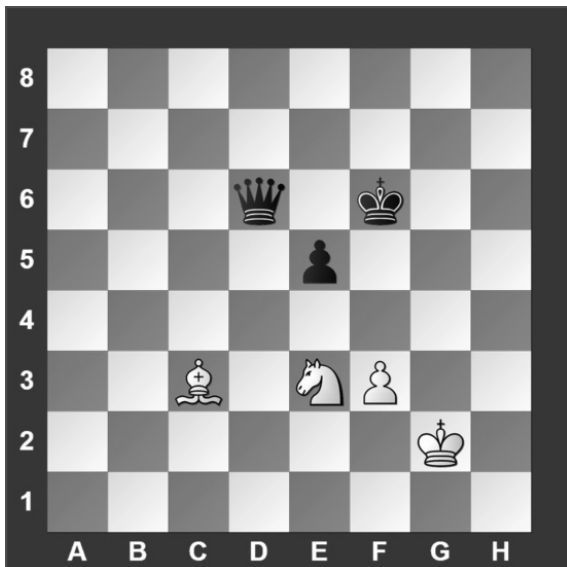
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What is White's best move?

- a) ♖b2
- b) ♖a8
- c) ♖a3
- d) ♖h2

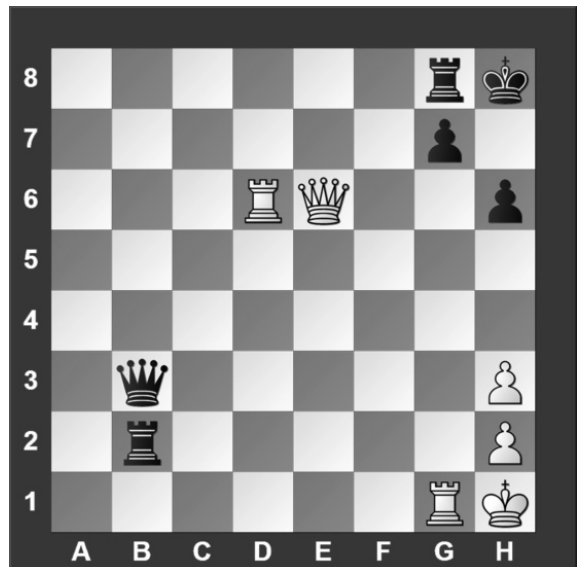
#19. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ♘g4
- b) ♙x e5
- c) f4
- d) ♘c4

#20. White to move



If White can checkmate Black in two moves, what's the *first* move?

- a) ♙xg8
- b) ♖xg7
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- d) ♙g6



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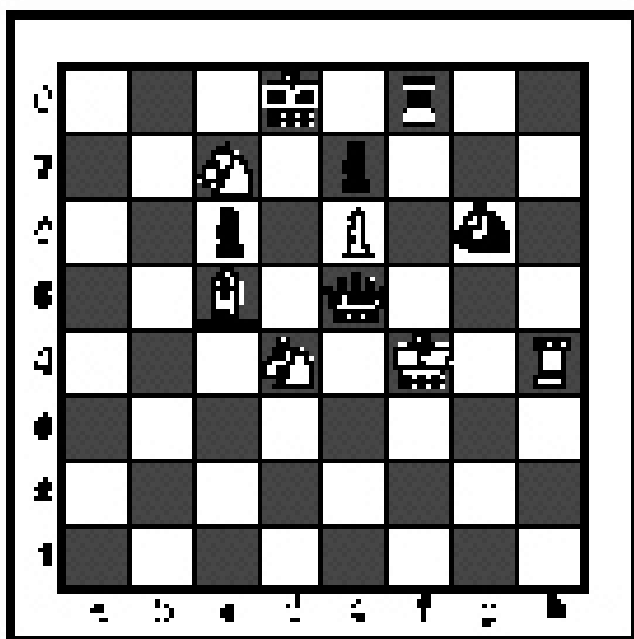
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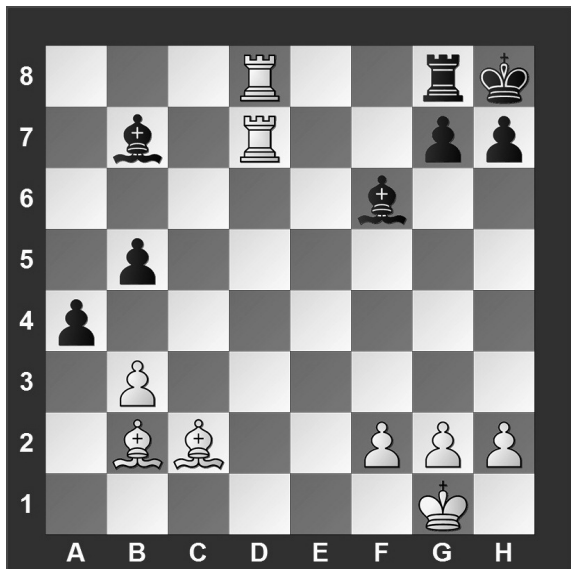
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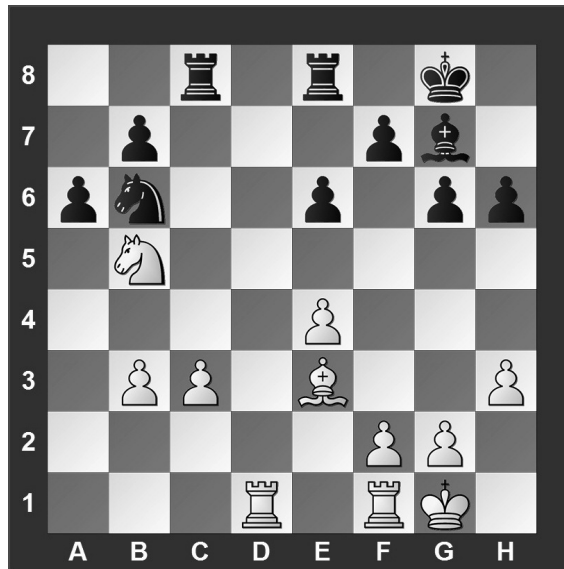
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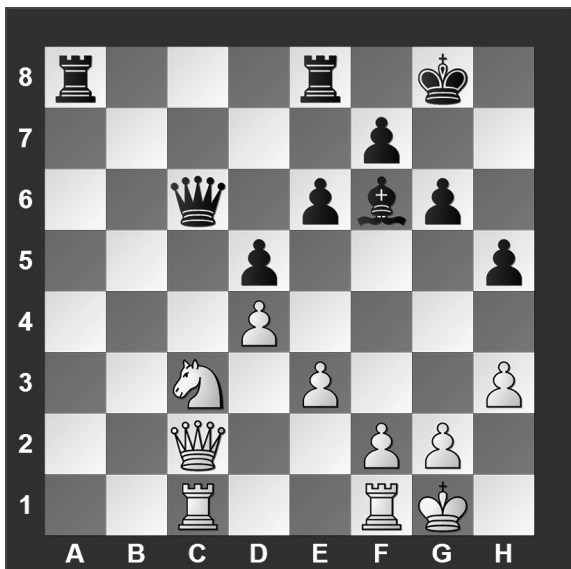
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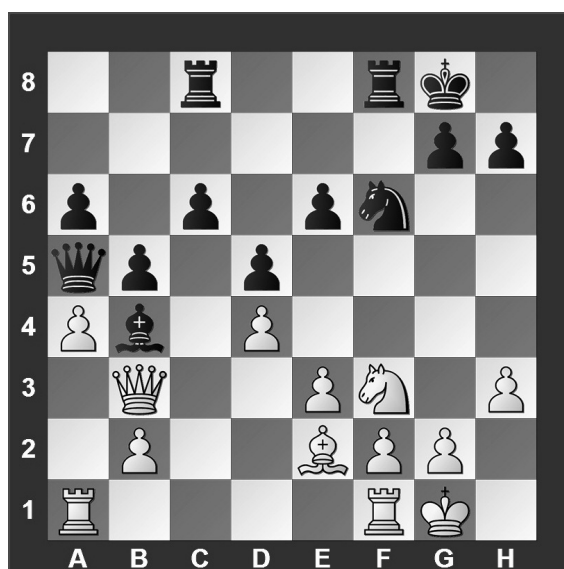
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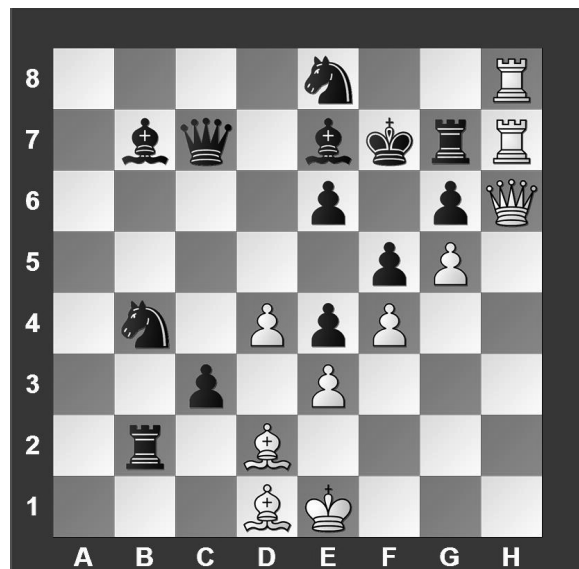
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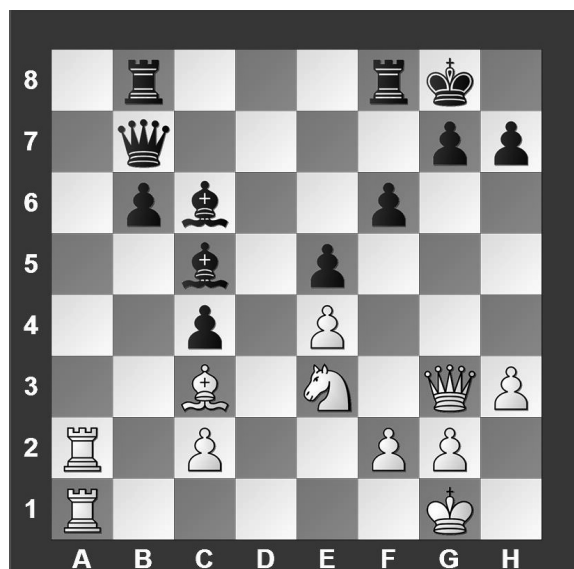
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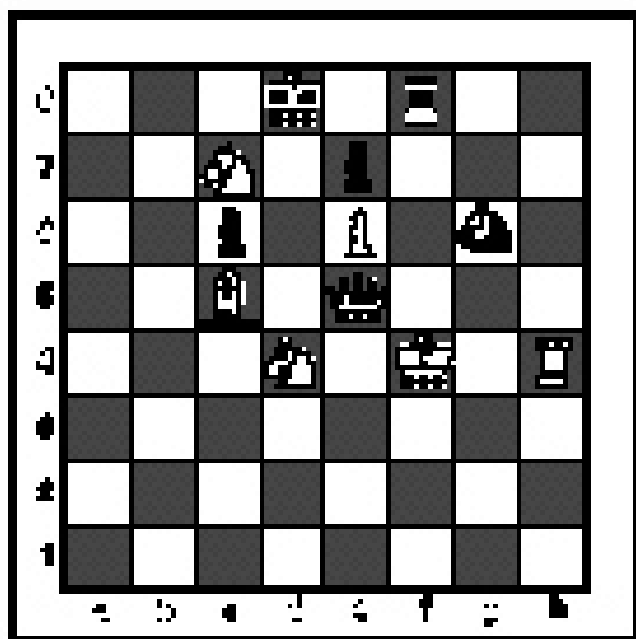
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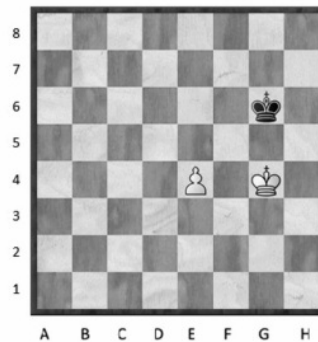
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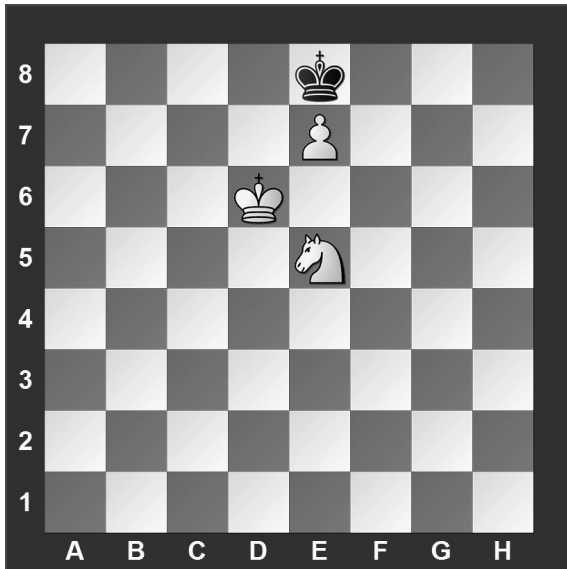
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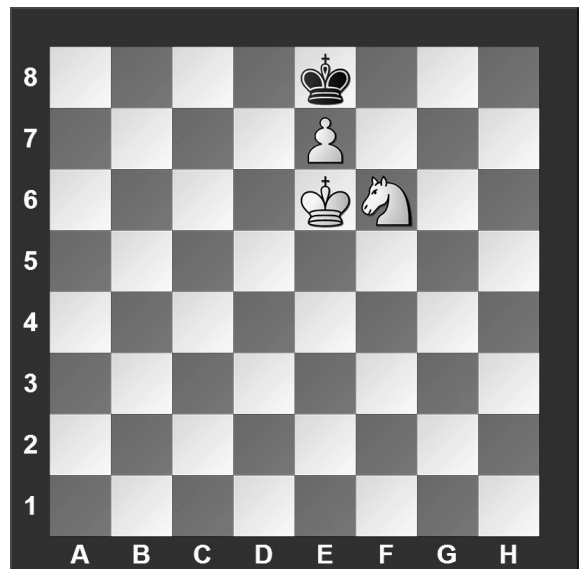
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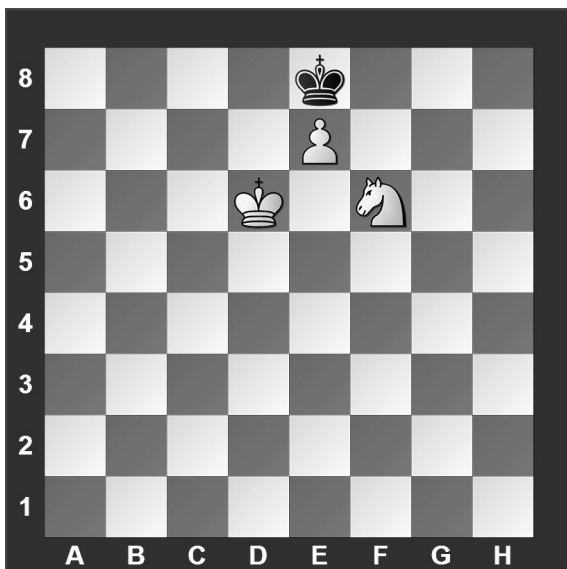
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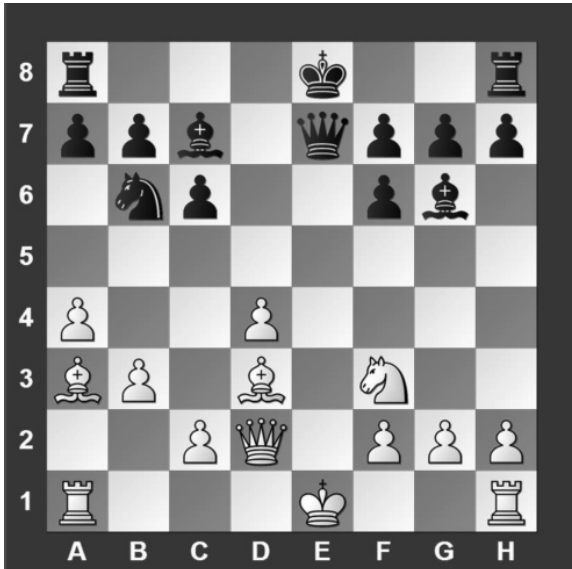
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Which side has material advantage?

- a) White
- b) Black
- c) It's even.
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#5. White to move



Which move is possible for White?

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- d) To capture Black's Queen.

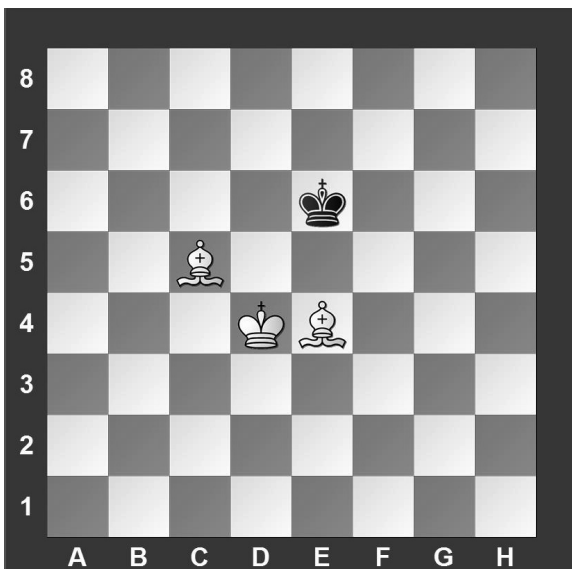
#6. White to move



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- a) Black's c-pawn
- b) Black's b-pawn
- c) Black's f-pawn
- d) White can't capture a pawn.

#7. White to move



With the best play, what is the outcome of the game?

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- c) Draw.
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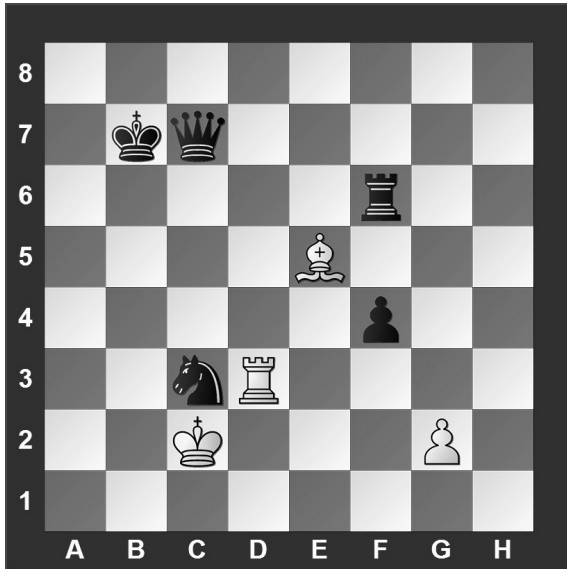
#8. White to move



What piece should White capture?

- a) Black's Queen.
- b) Black's Knight.
- c) Black's Pawn.
- d) Black's Rook.

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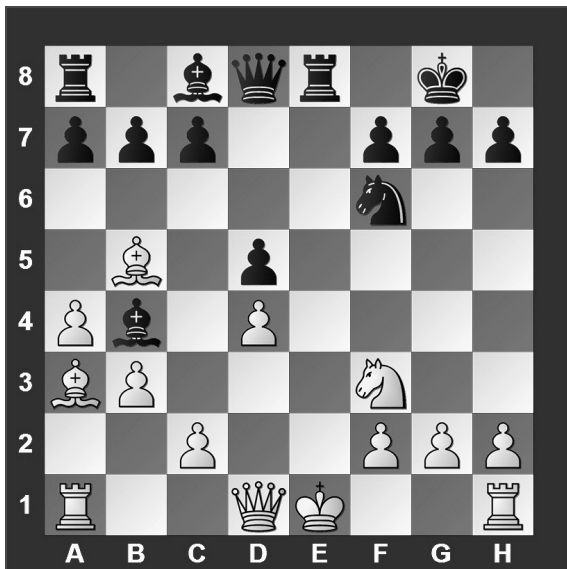
#10. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) $\text{N} \times \text{e4}$
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- c) $\text{B} \times \text{c6}$
- d) $\text{Q} \text{c4}$

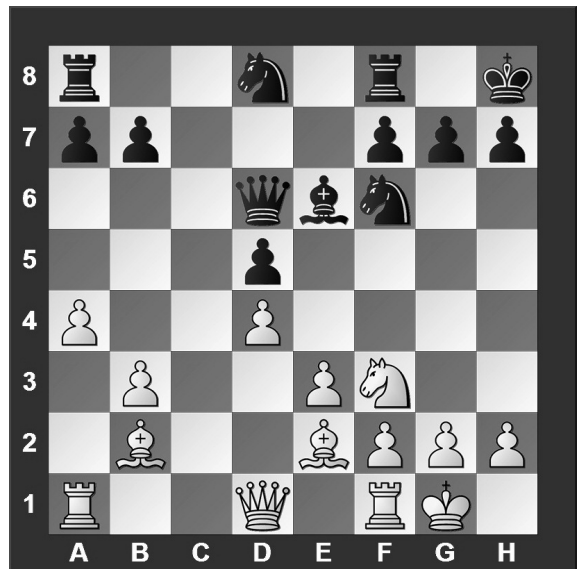
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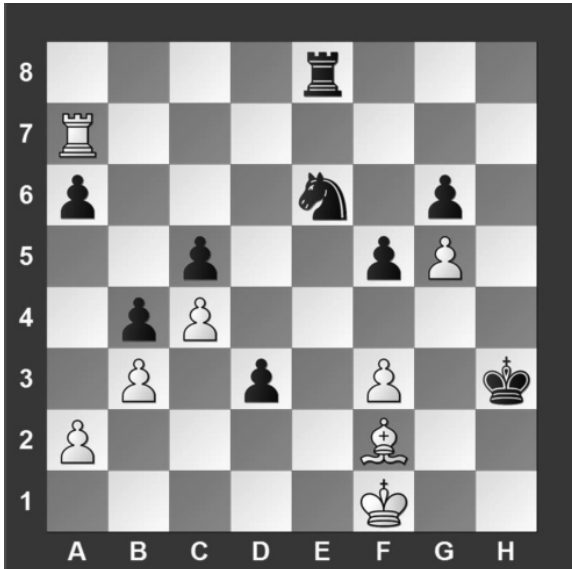
#12. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) $\text{Q} \text{a3}$
- b) $\text{N} \text{e5}$
- c) $\text{N} \text{g5}$
- d) $\text{Q} \text{c4}$

#13. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ♖×a6
- b) ♜g1
- c) ♖h7
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#14. White to move



What is White's best move?

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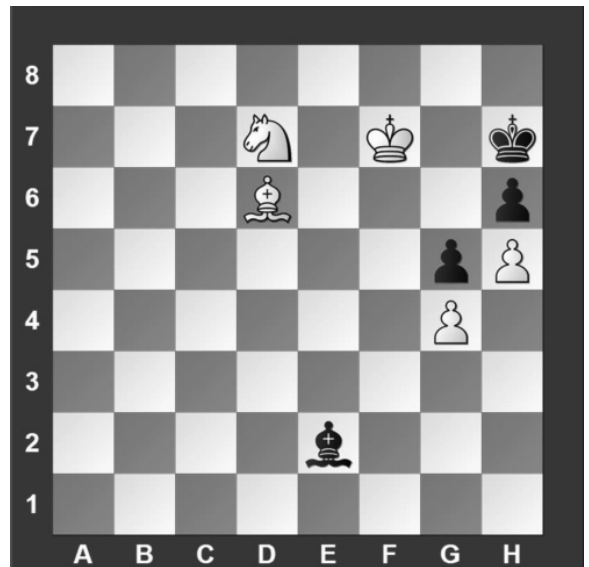
#15. White to move



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- b) ♜×d6
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- d) ♘c7

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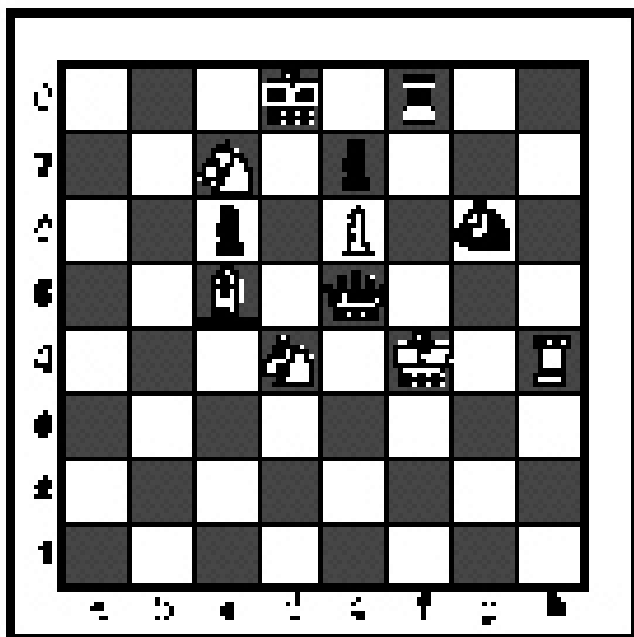
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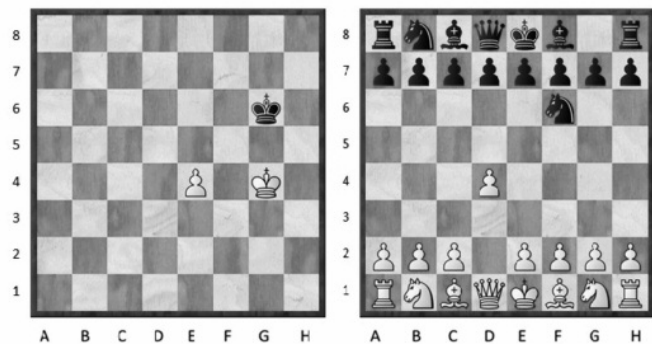
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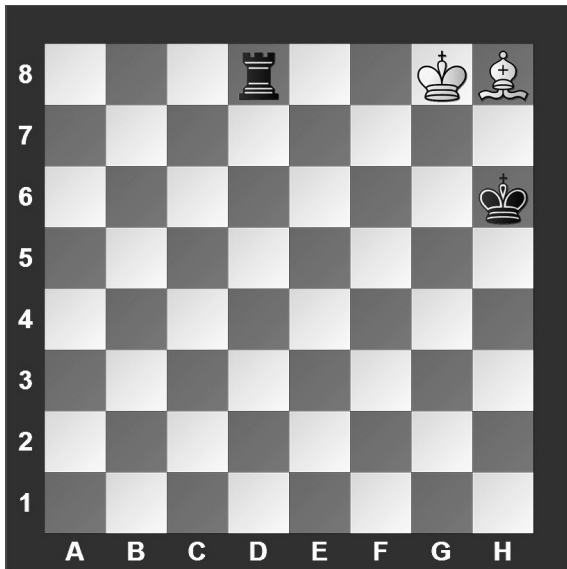
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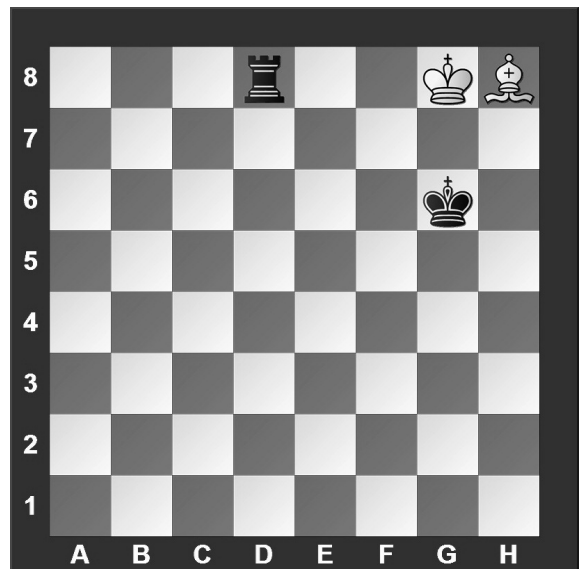
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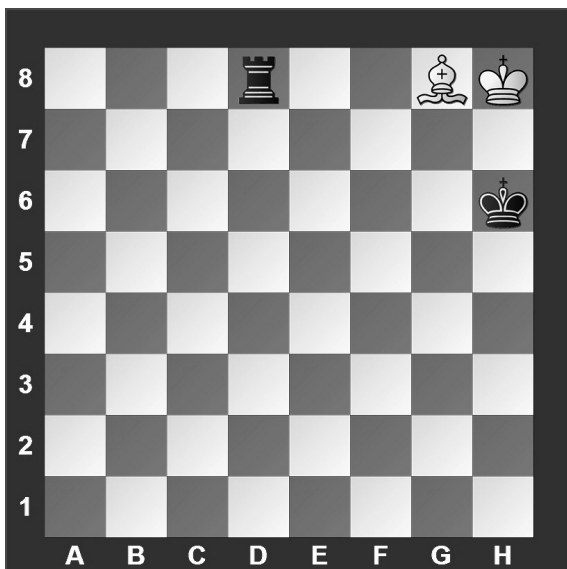
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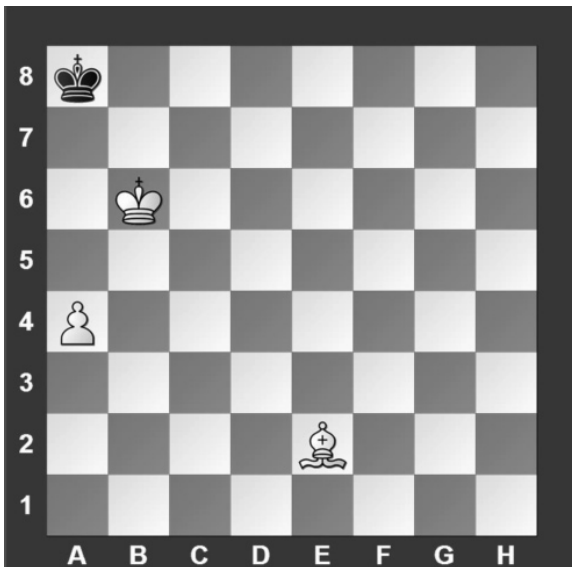
#6. White to move



What piece should White capture?

- a) Black's Rook
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- d) Black's Knight

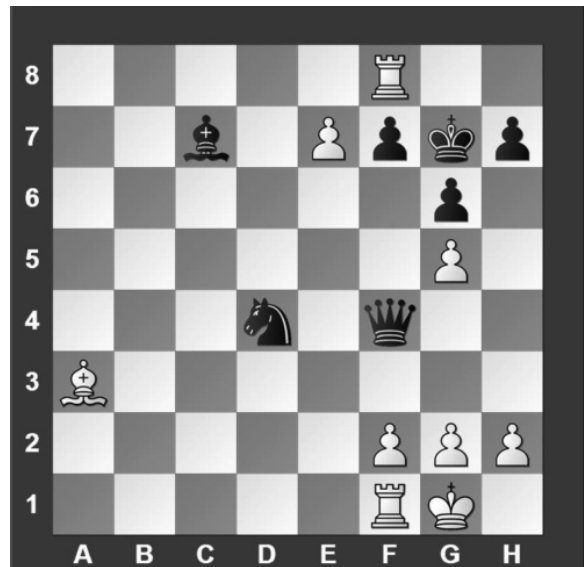
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- c) Draw
- d) Impossible to tell

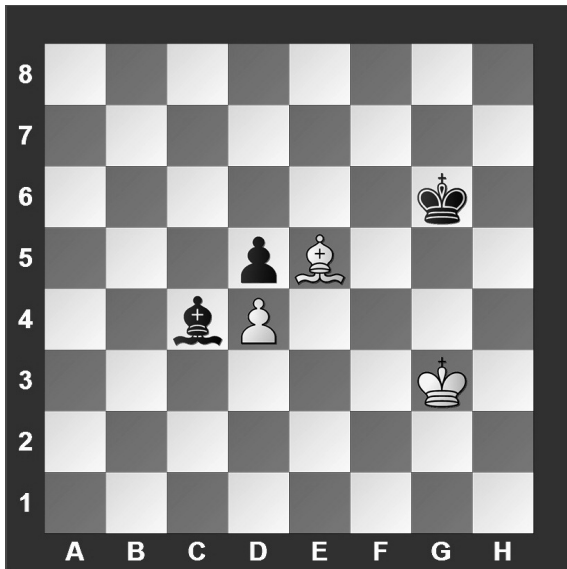
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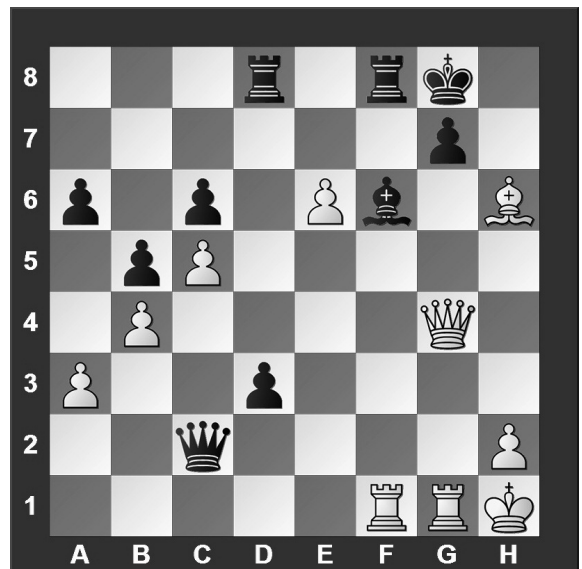
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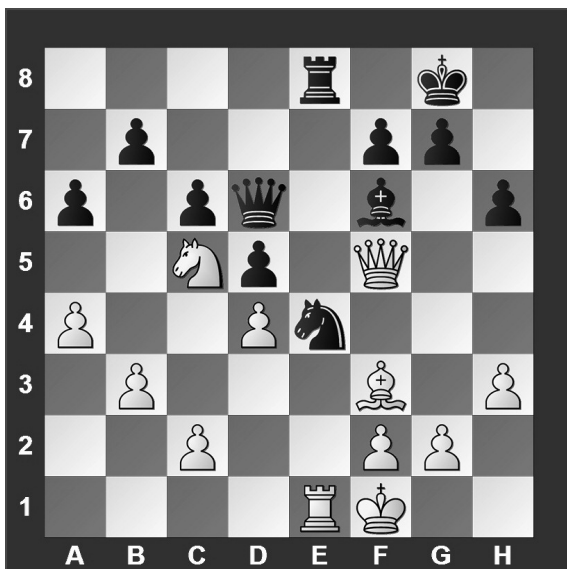
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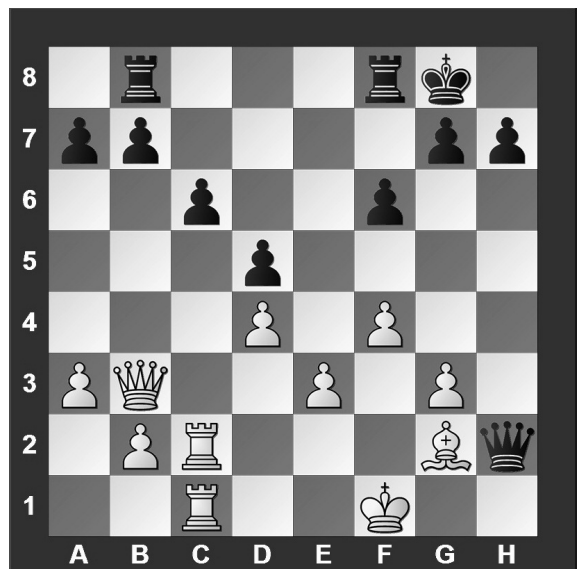
#11. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ♘×e4
- b) ♖×e4
- c) ♙×e4
- d) ♔×e4

#12. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ♔×b7
- b) ♖×c6
- c) ♙×d5
- d) ♔e1

#13. White to move



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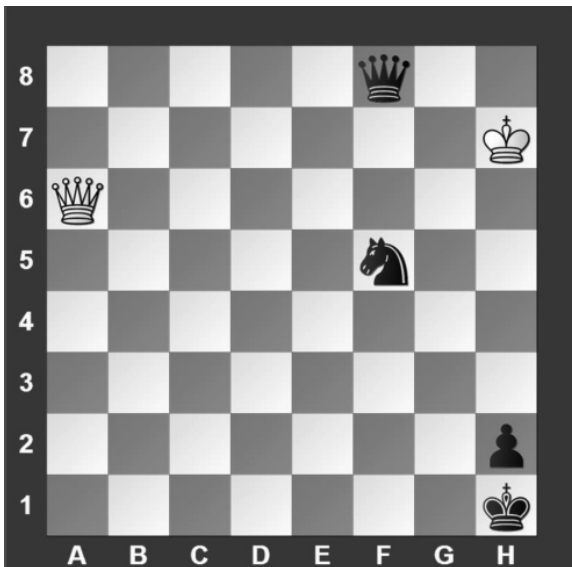
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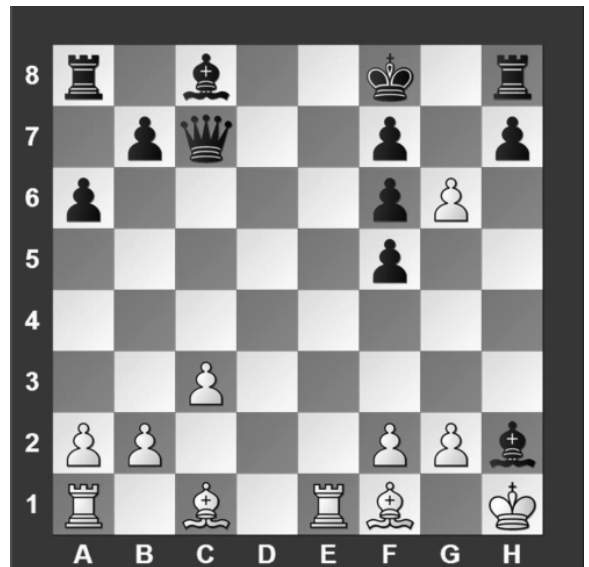
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What is White's best move?

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- c) ♔a1
- d) ♔h6

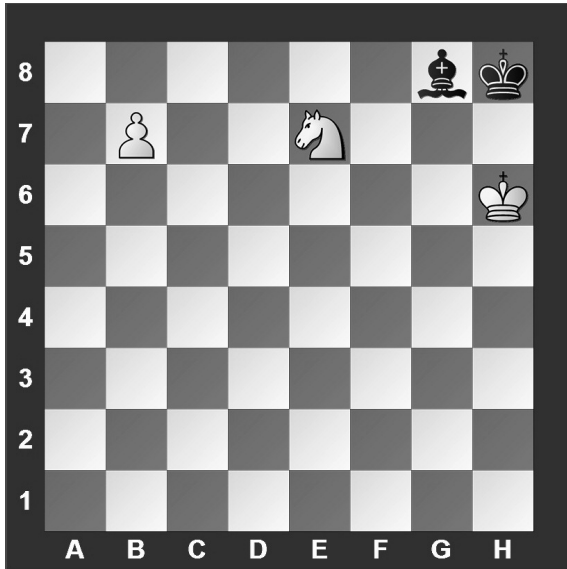
#16. White to move



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- a) ♖e8
- b) ♗×f7
- c) ♗×h7
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#17. White to move



What piece should White promote to?

- a) Rook.
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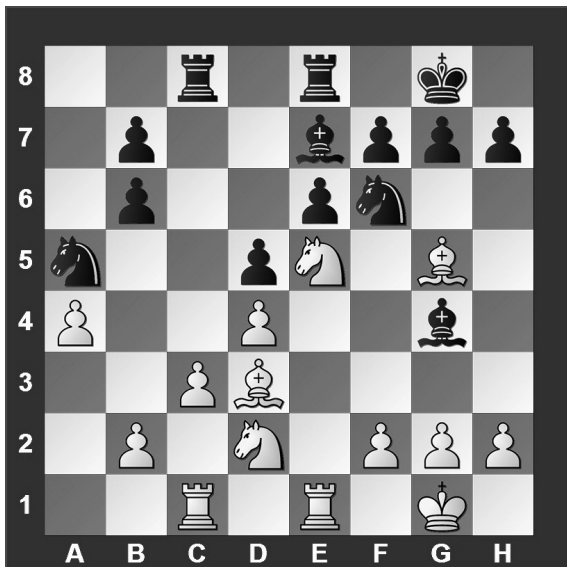
#18. White to move



What is White's best move?

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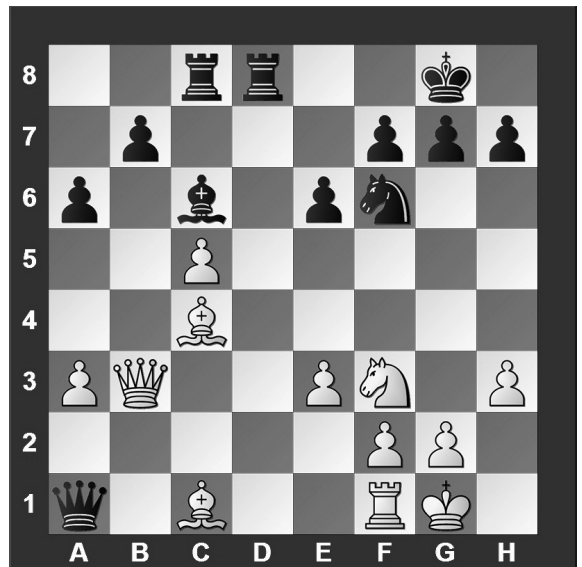
#19. White to move



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- a) ♖×g4
- b) ♙×h7
- c) ♙×f6
- d) h3

#20. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ♙b2
- b) ♜b2
- c) ♙×e6
- d) ♖e5



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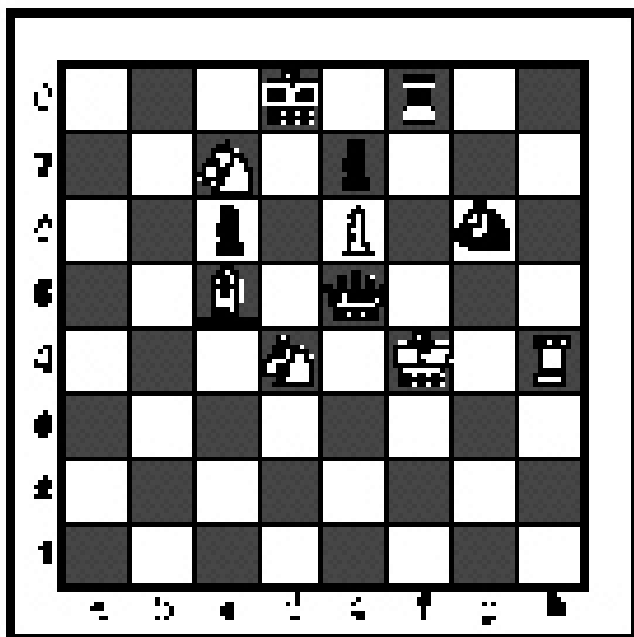
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grades 6, 7, 8

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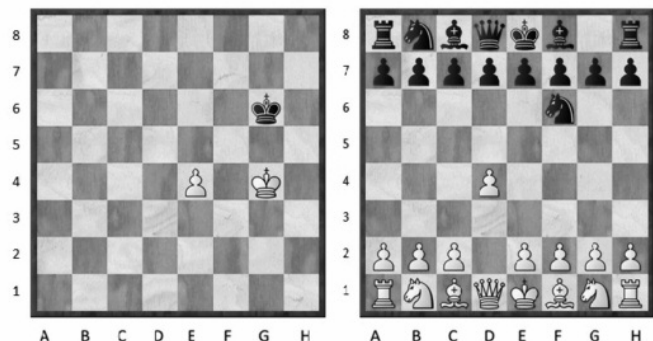
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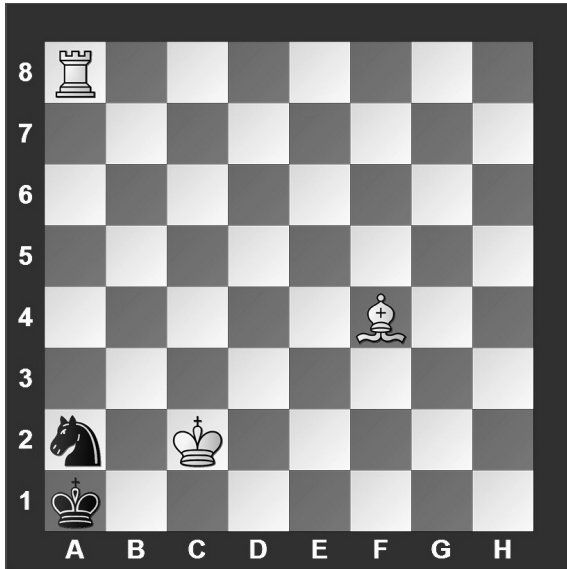
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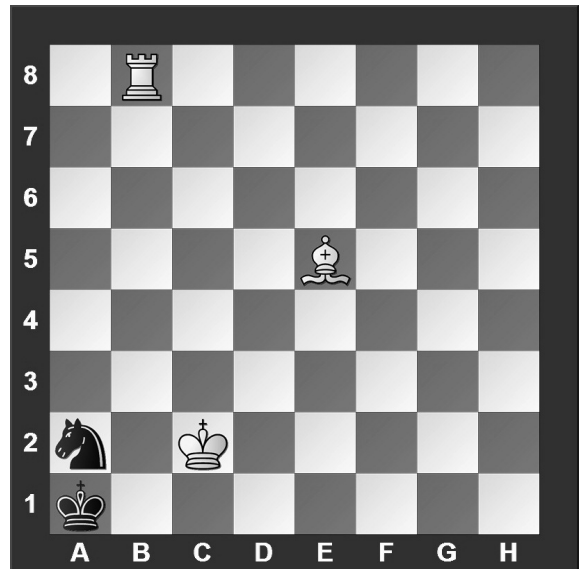
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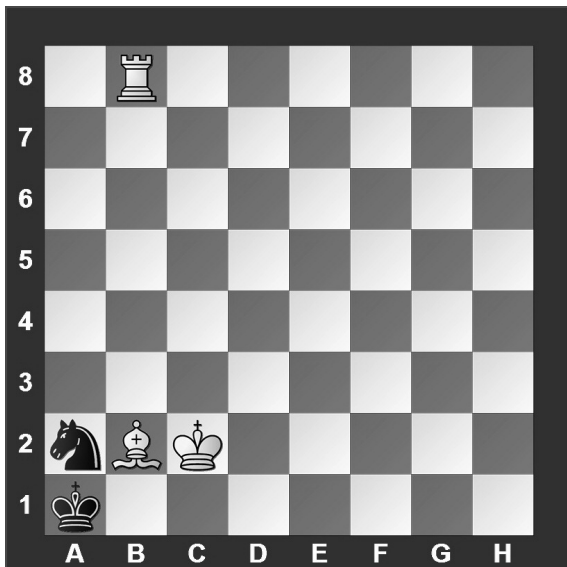
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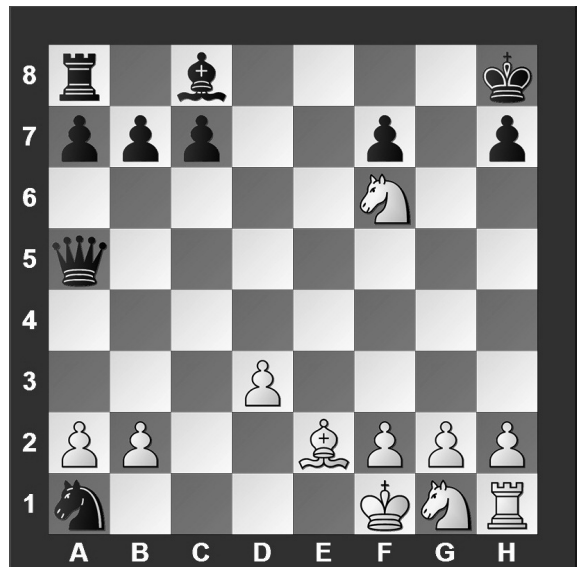
#3 Black to move.



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#4.



Which side has material advantage?

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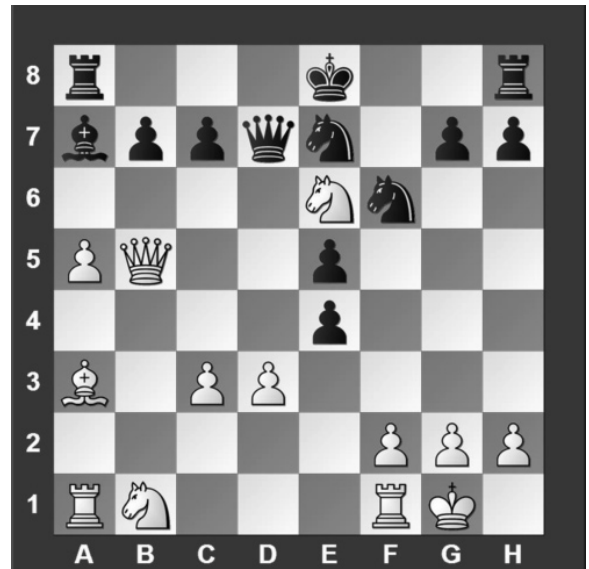
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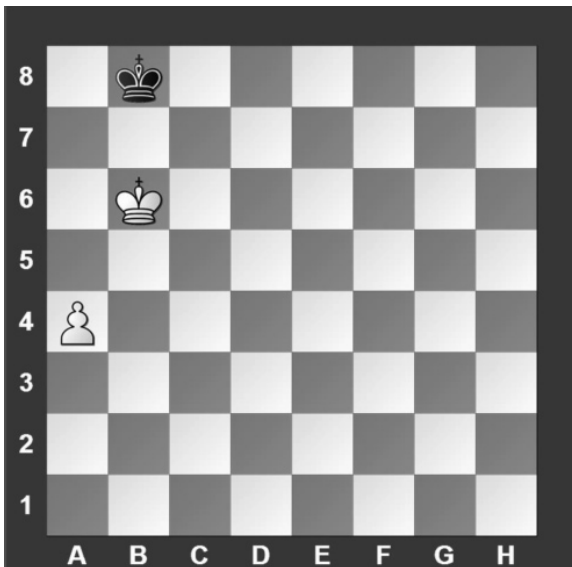
#6. Black to move



Which move is possible for Black?

- a) Short Castle.
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- c) Take White's Queen
- d) Take White's Knight

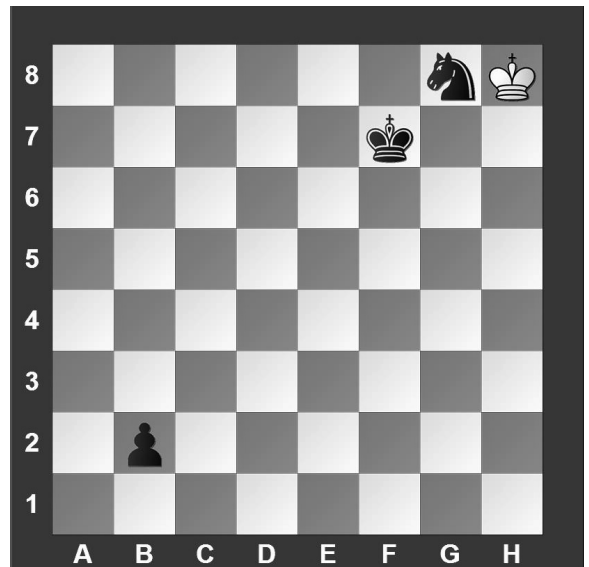
#7. White to move



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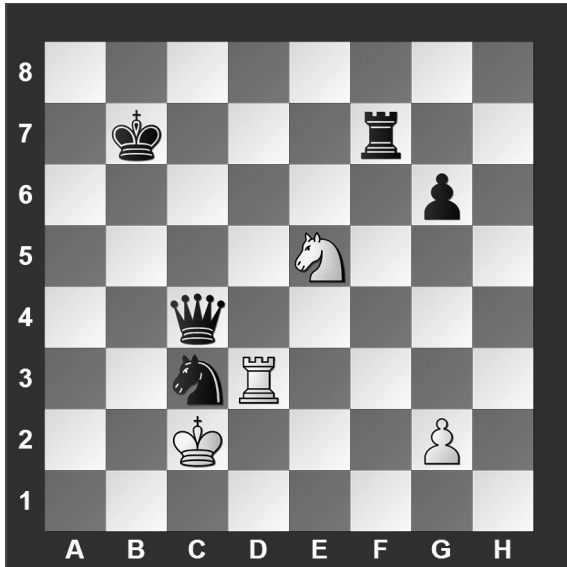
#8. Black to move



What is the best move?

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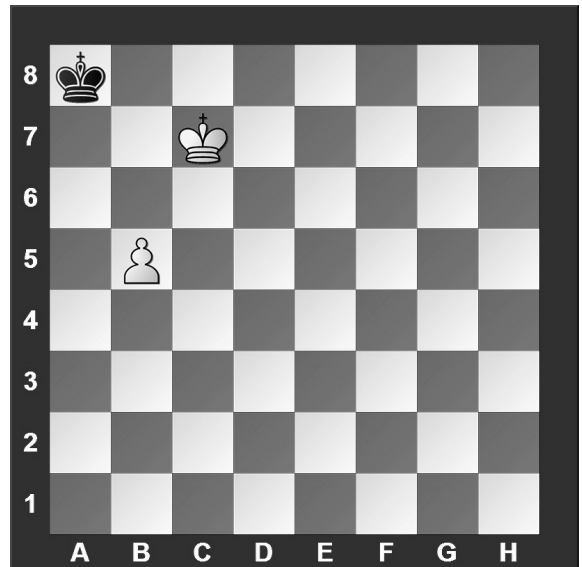
#9. White to move



What piece should White capture?

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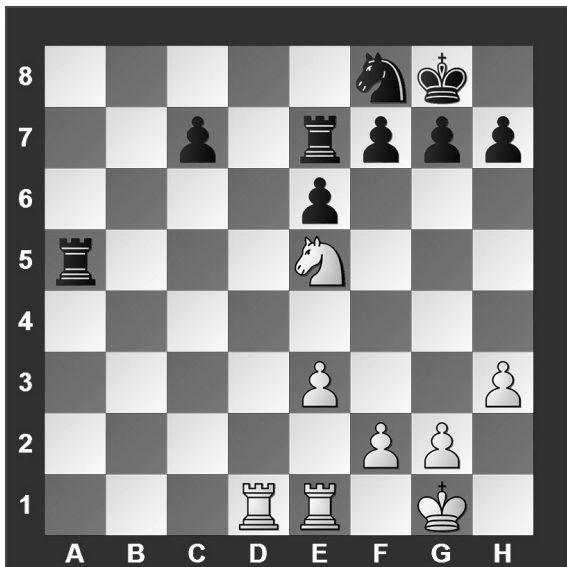
#10. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ♔b6
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- c) ♖d8
- d) ♖d7

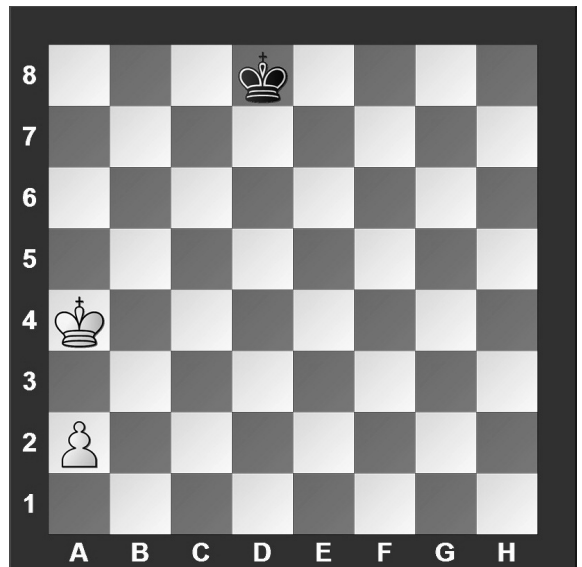
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- d) ♖c6

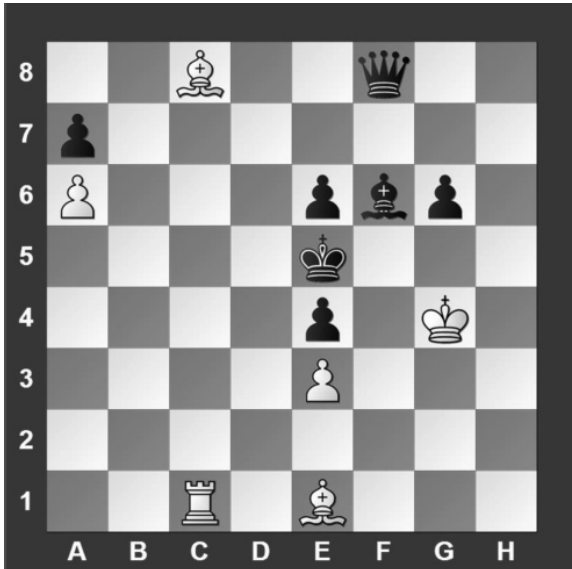
#12. White to move



What is the outcome of the game?

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#13. White to move



White can checkmate Black in two moves, what is the *first* move?

- a) ♔c3
- b) ♔g3
- c) ♖c5
- d) ♔xe6

#14. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ♔d4
- b) ♔xa7
- c) ♔xb4
- d) ♔e2

#15. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) fxe7
- b) ♔xc7
- c) f7
- d) gxf4

#16. White to move



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- b) c3
- c) ♔e2
- d) ♔g6

#17. White to move



If White can checkmate Black in two moves, what's the *first* move?

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- c) ♖×d7
- d) ♗×f3

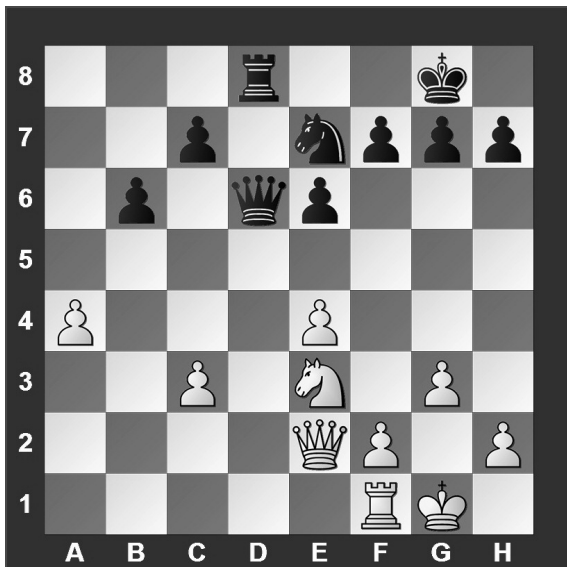
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- d) ♖×d5

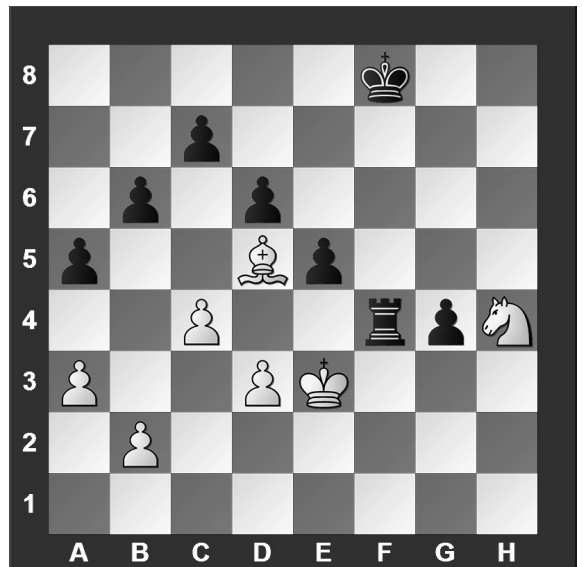
#19. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) e5
- b) ♗c4
- c) ♖d1
- d) ♖g2

#20. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ♗g6
- b) ♗g2
- c) ♗f3
- d) ♖e2



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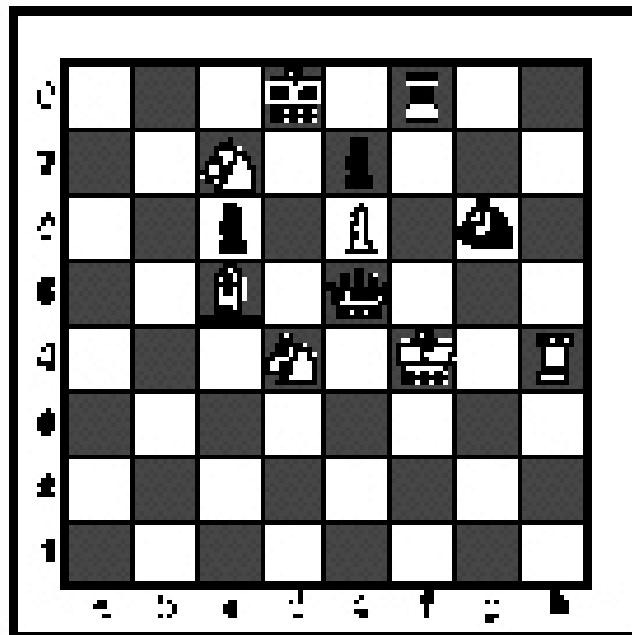
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What is White's best move?

- a) ♔b2
- b) ♘f7
- c) ♔×b6
- d) ♔×d8

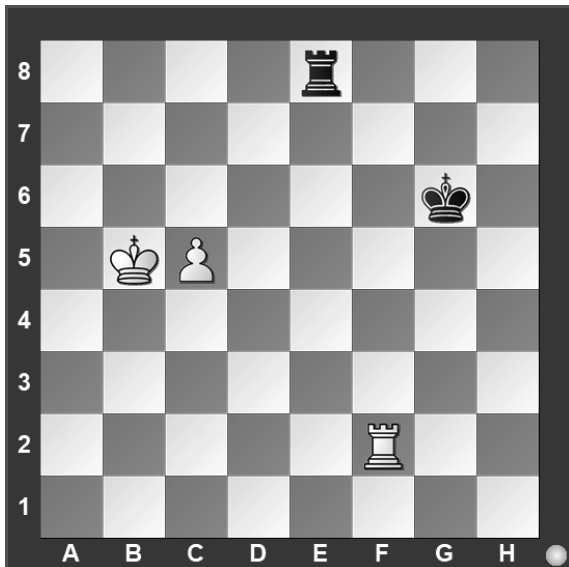
#2. White to move



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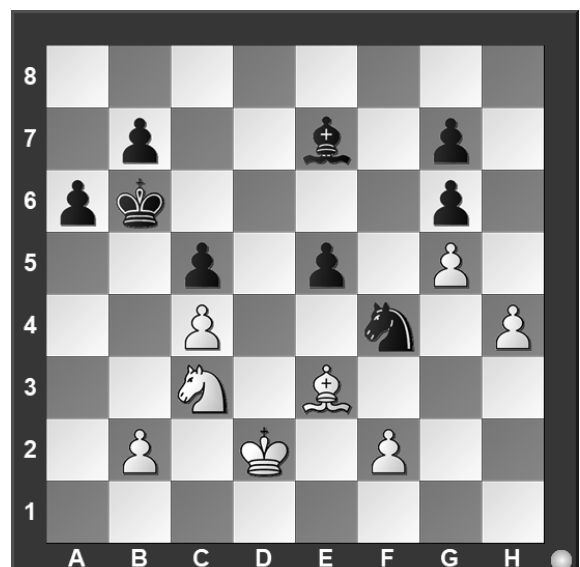
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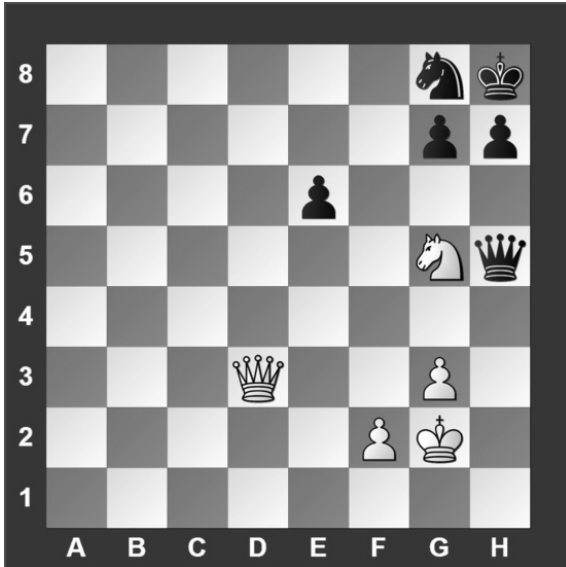
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What is White's best move?

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- d) ♘e4

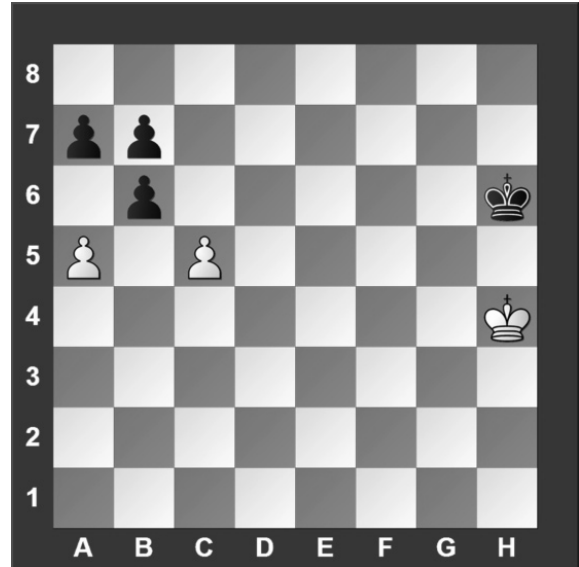
#5. White to move



If White can checkmate Black in two moves, what is White's *first* move?

- a) ♔xh7
- b) ♘f7
- c) ♘x e6
- d) White can't checkmate Black in two moves.

#6. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) c6
- b) cxb6
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- d) a6

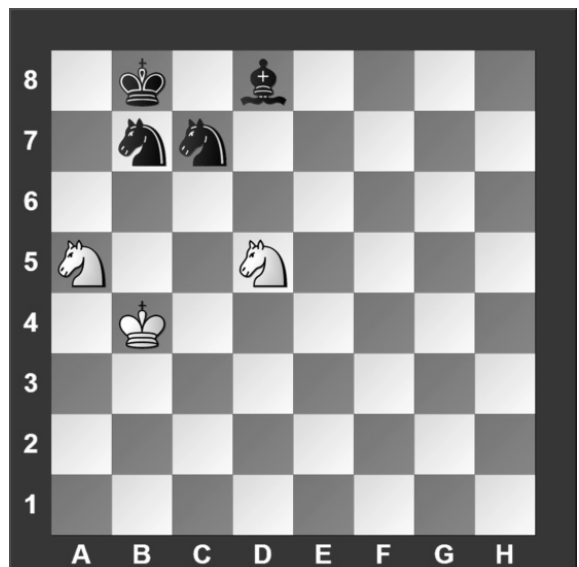
#7. White to move



If White can checkmate Black in two moves, what is White's *second* move?

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- d) ♘xb7

#8. White to move



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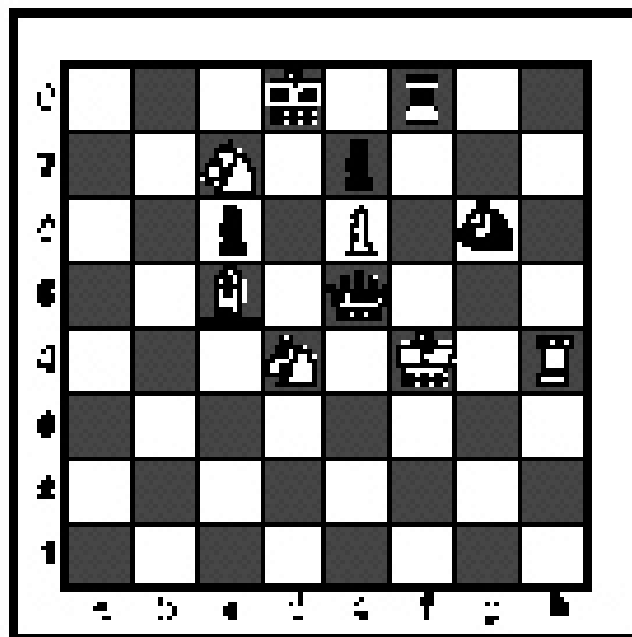
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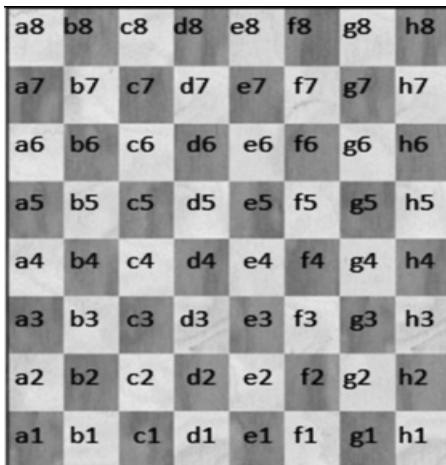
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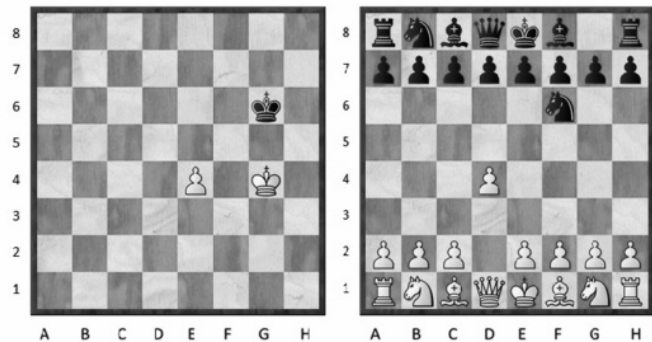
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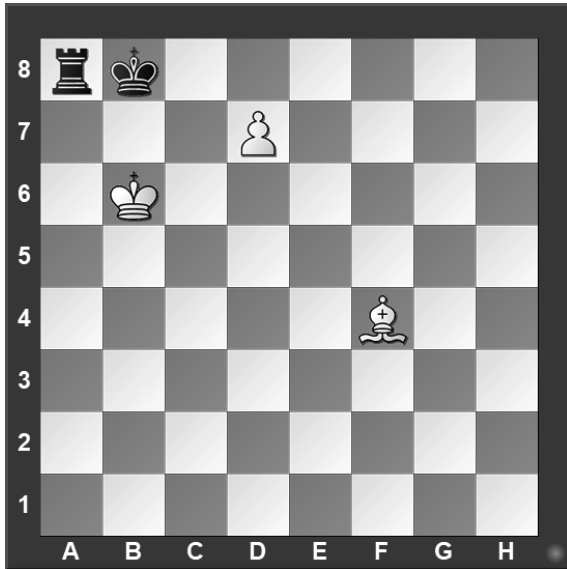
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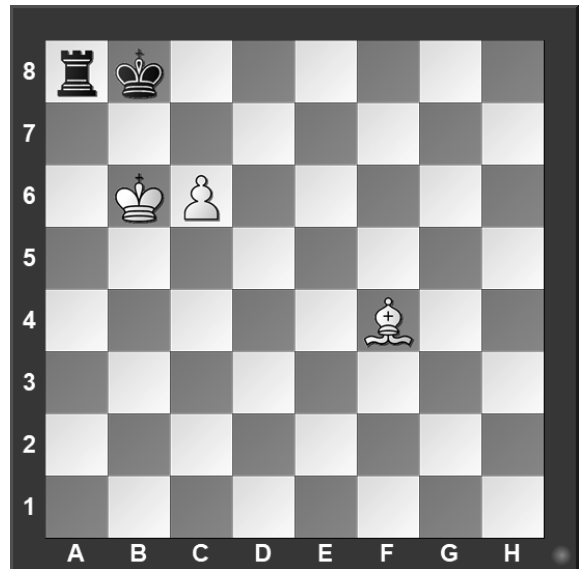
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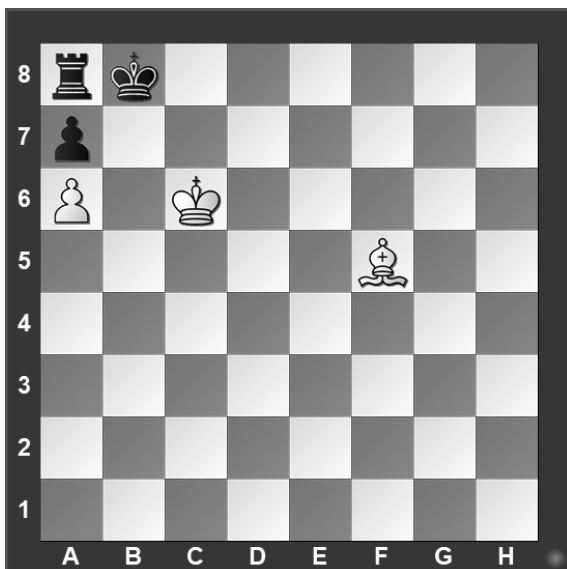
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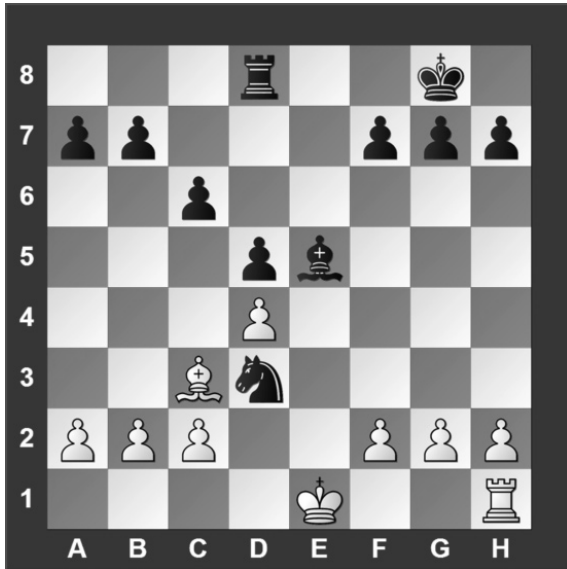
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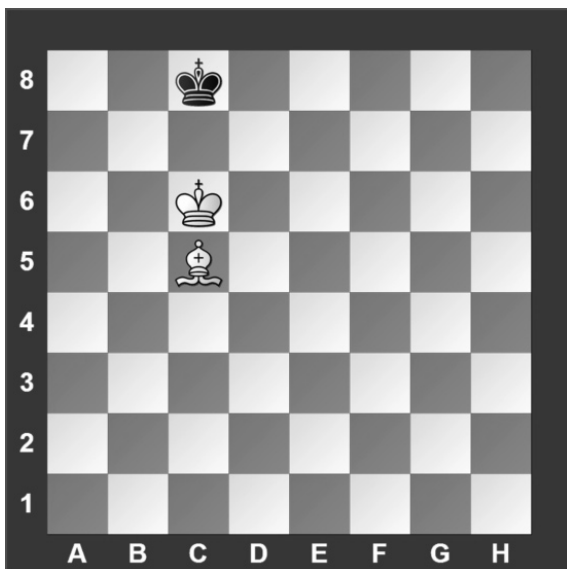
#6. White to move



Black just played d7 to d5. Which pawn can be captured?

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- c) Black's f-pawn
- d) White can't capture a pawn.

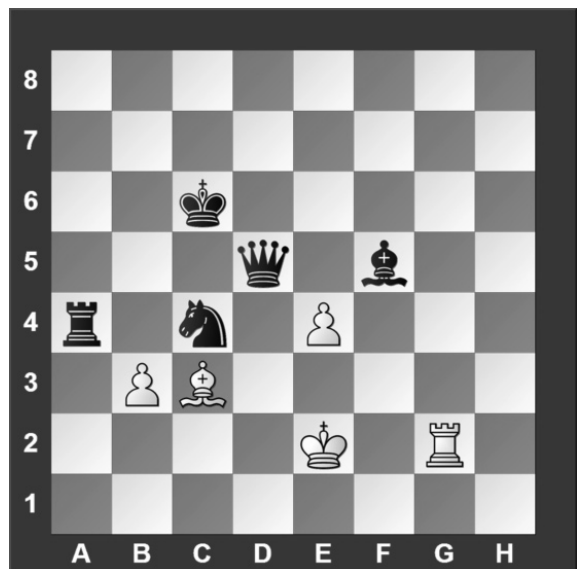
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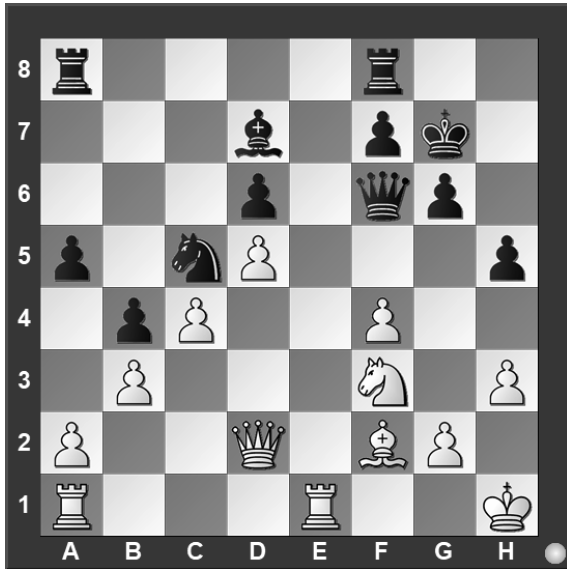
#8. White to move



What piece should white capture?

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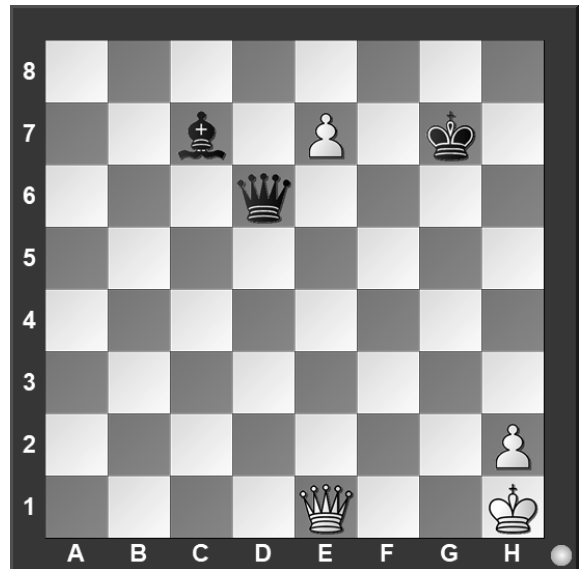
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- d) Ng5

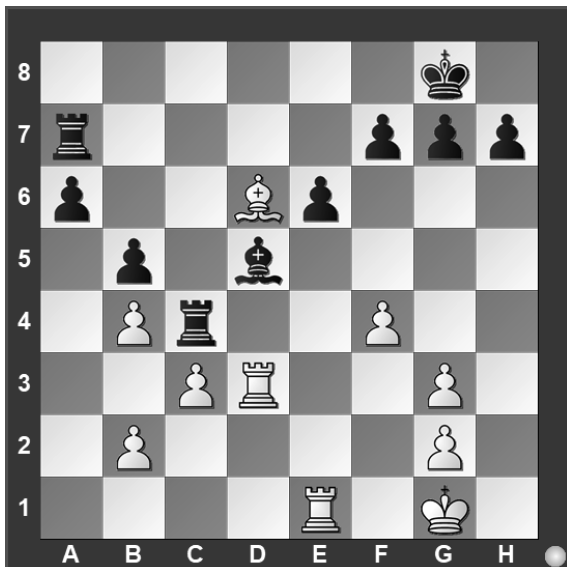
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- a) Qxh6
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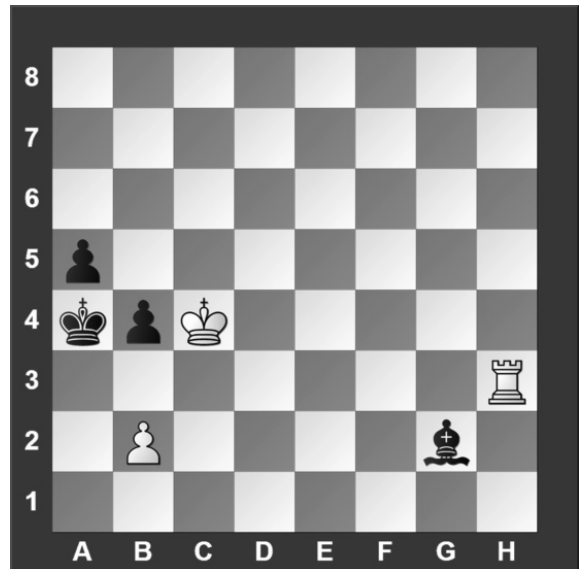
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- c) ♖f8
- d) ♗×g7

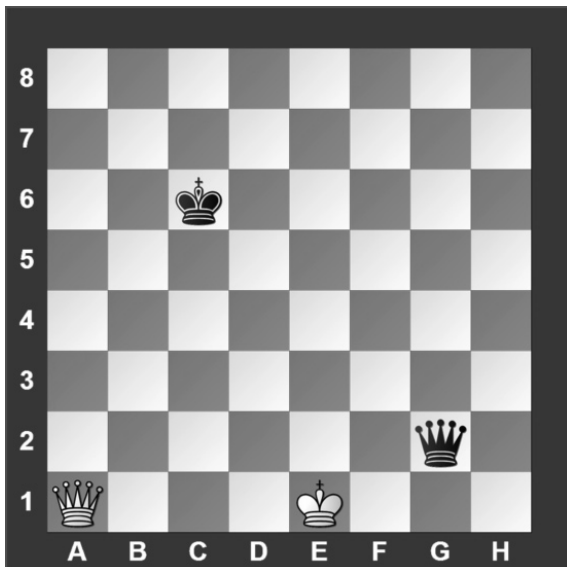
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- d) ♖c3

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#16. White to move



If White can checkmate Black in two moves, what is the *first* move?

- a) ♖×h7
- b) ♗g6
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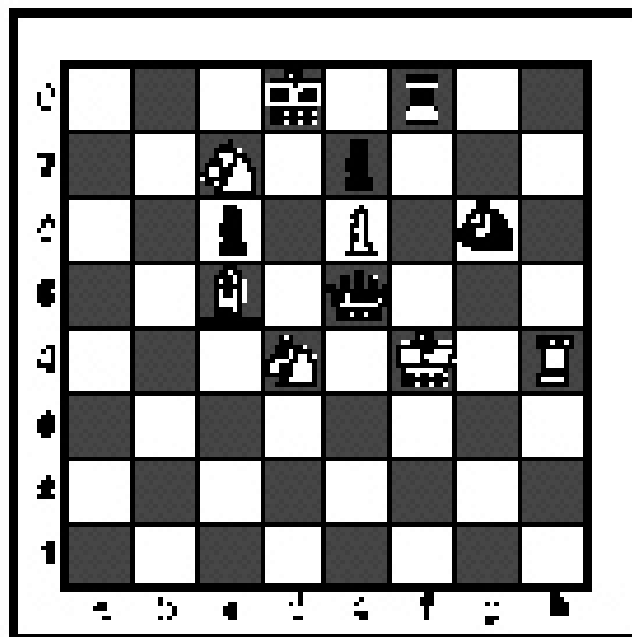
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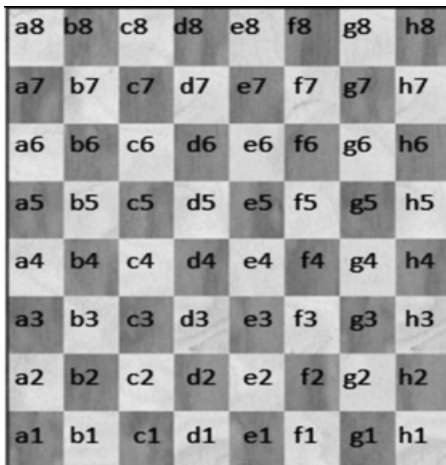
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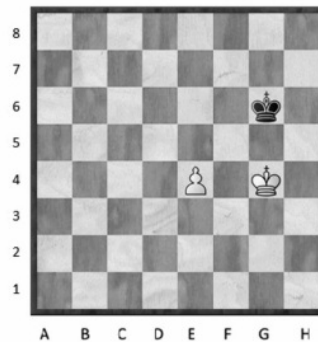
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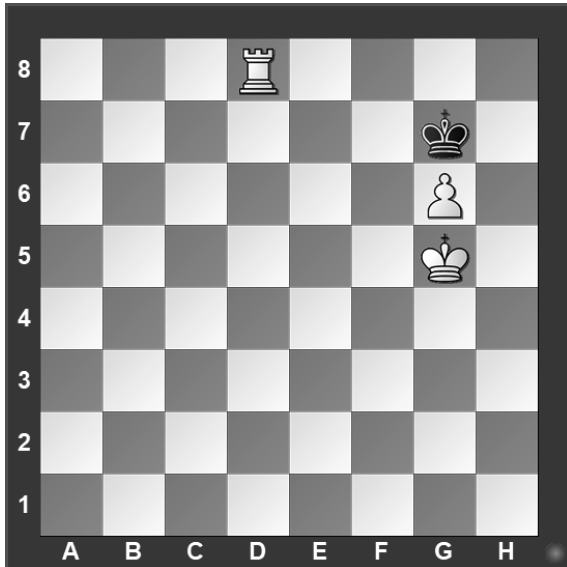
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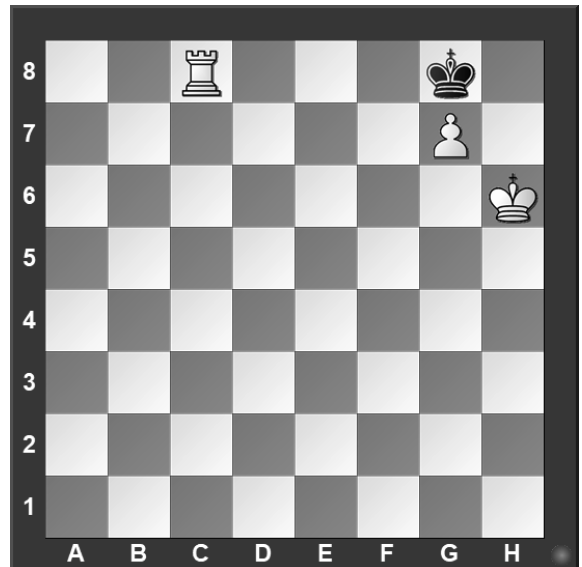
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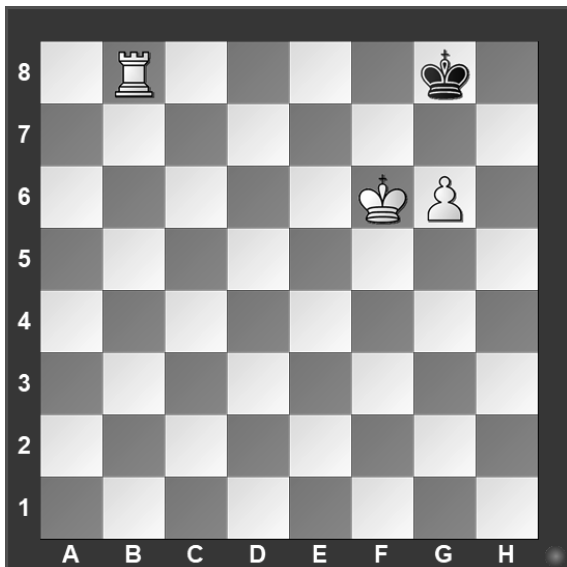
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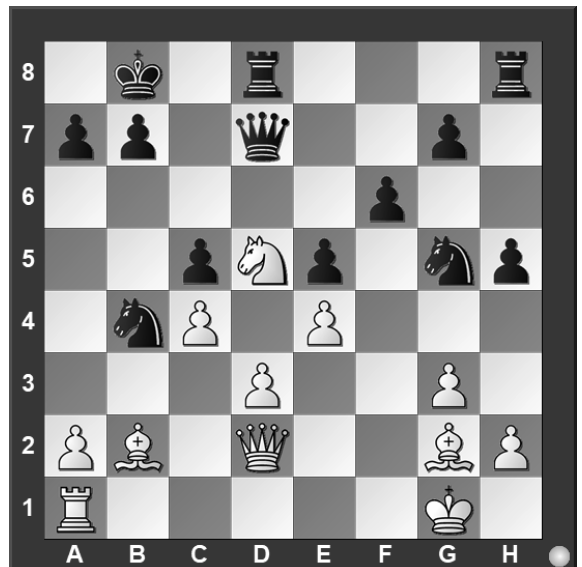
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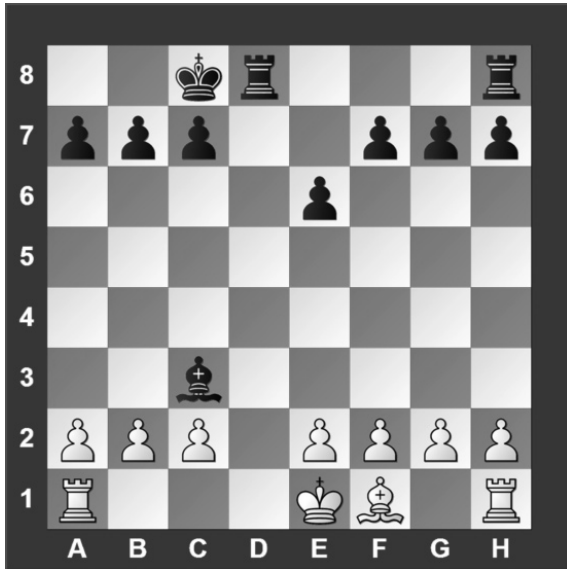
#4. White to move



Which side has material advantage?

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- c) It's even.
- d) It's not possible to tell.

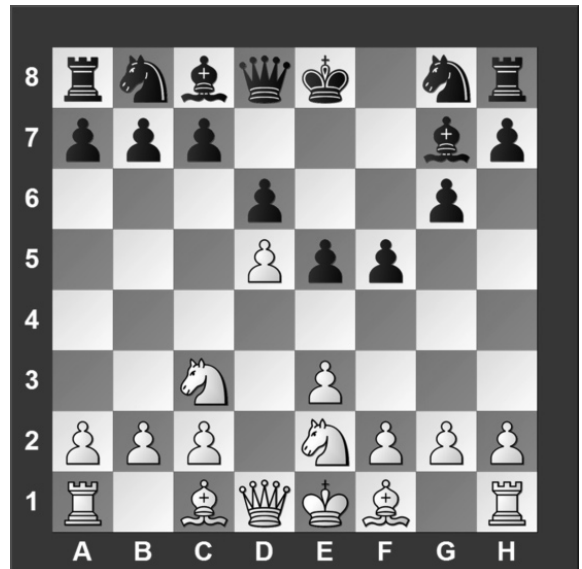
#5. White to move



Which move below is possible for White?

- a) Short Castle .
- b) Long Castle.
- c) Capture the Bishop.
- d) Move the King

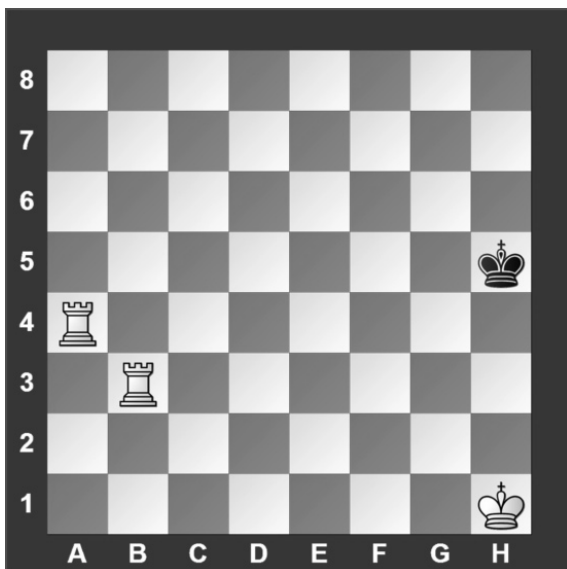
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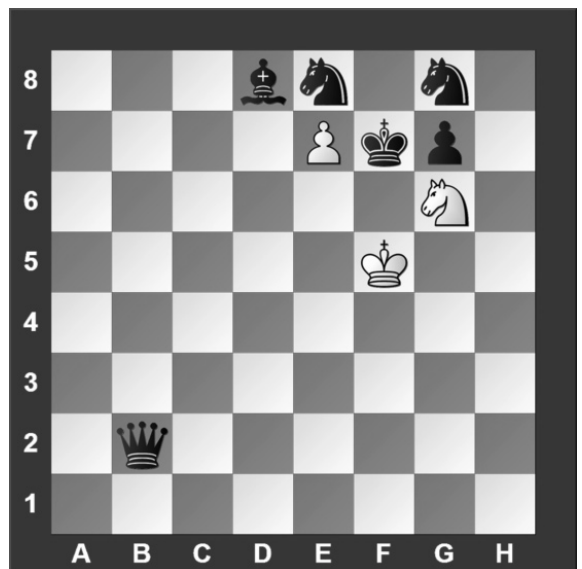
#7. White to move



How many moves does it take to check-mate Black?

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) 4

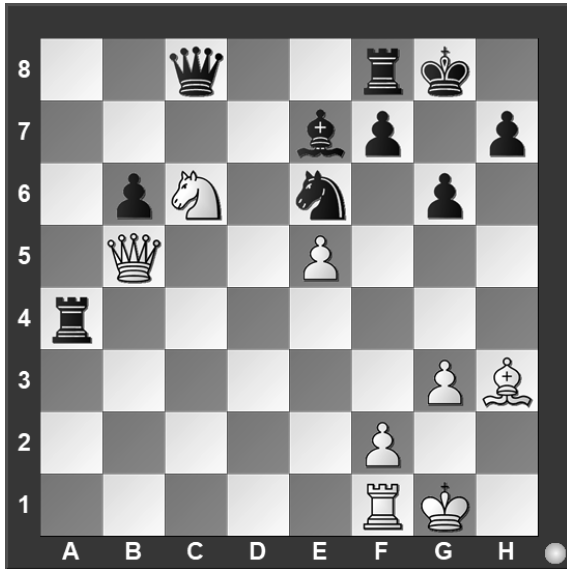
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What piece should White promote to?

- a) Queen
- b) Knight
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- d) White can not promote

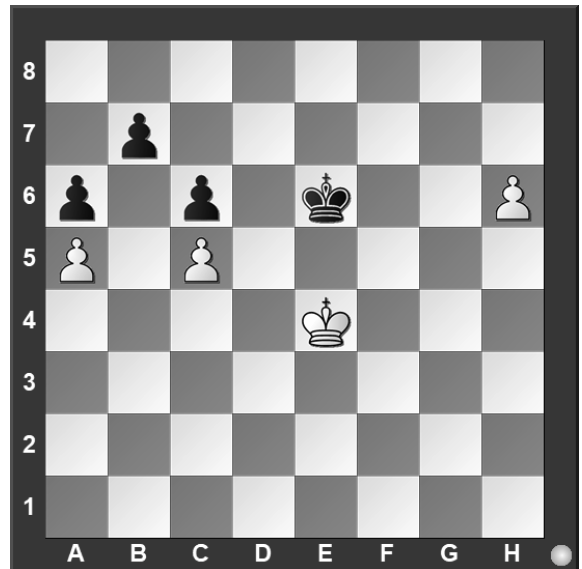
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What piece should White capture?

- a) Rook
- b) Bishop
- c) Knight
- d) pawn

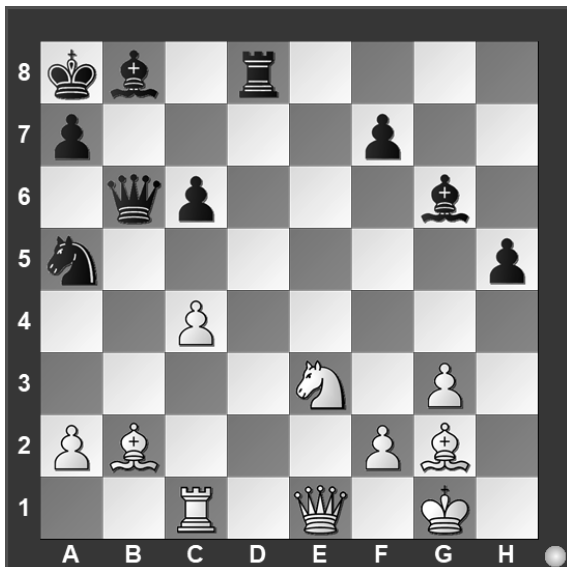
#10. White to move



With the best play, what is the outcome of the game?

- a) White wins.
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#11. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ♔×a5
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- c) ♙c3
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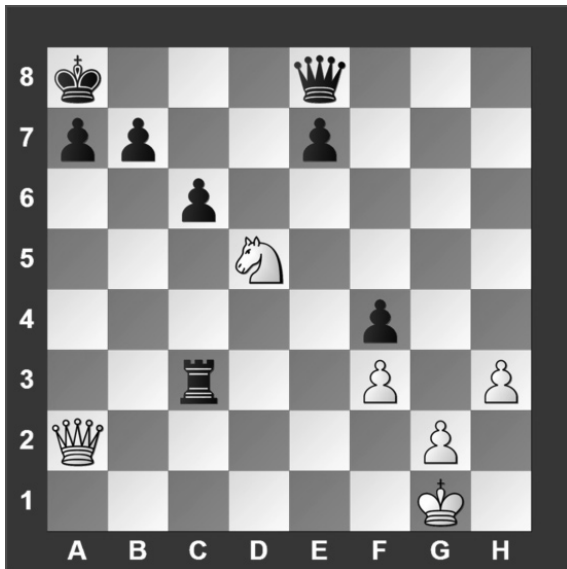
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What is White's best move?

- a) ♘a5
- b) ♘e5
- c) c6
- d) ♙e4

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What is White's best move?

- a) ♖c7
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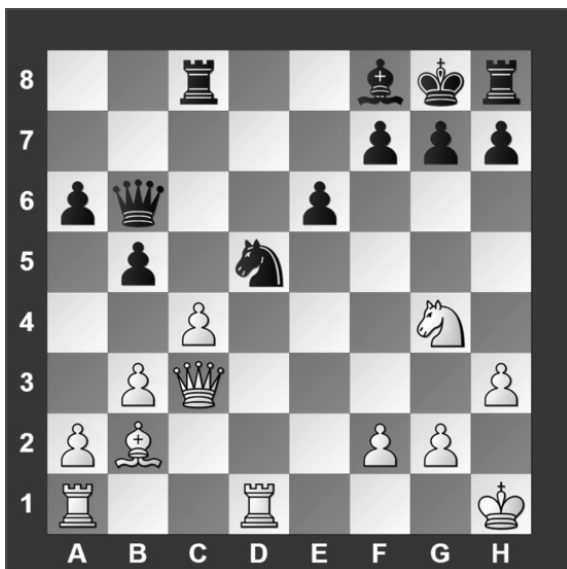
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- a) ♖xf6
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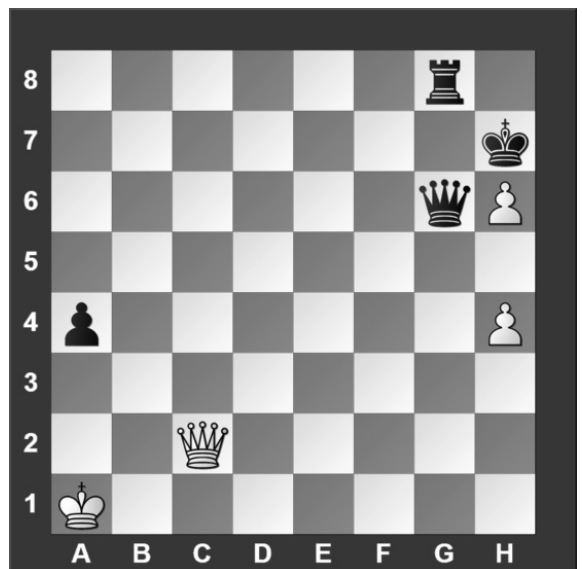
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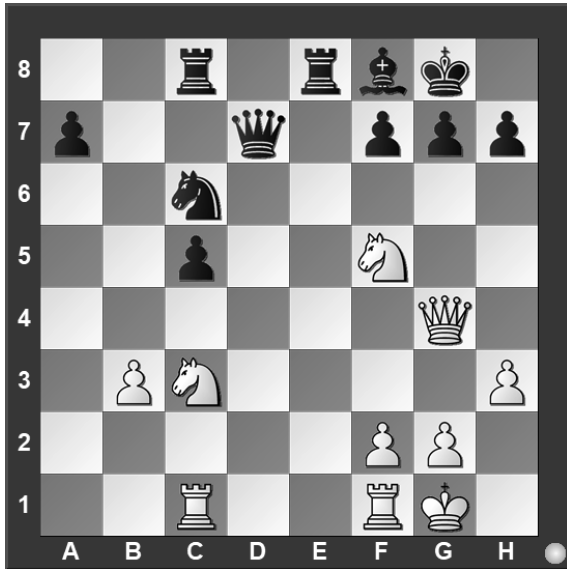
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What is White's best move?

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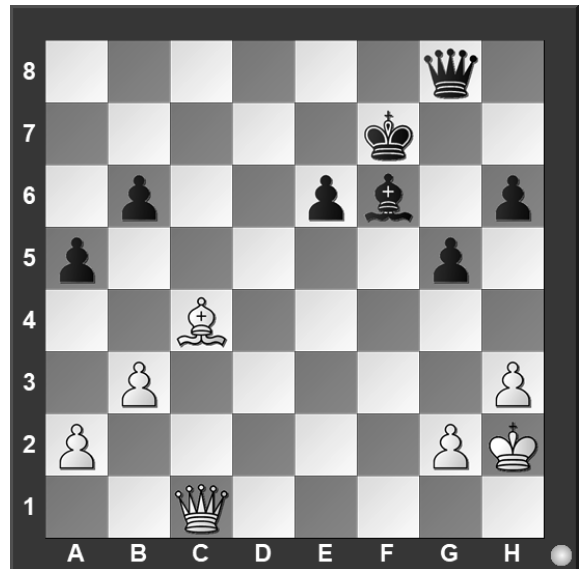
#17. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ♖e4
- b) ♜fd1
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What is White's best move?

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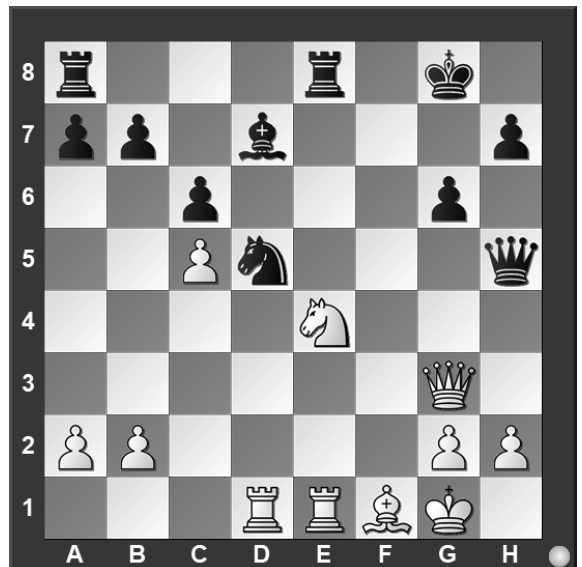
#19. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) e6
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#20. White to move



What is White's best move?

- a) ♘d6
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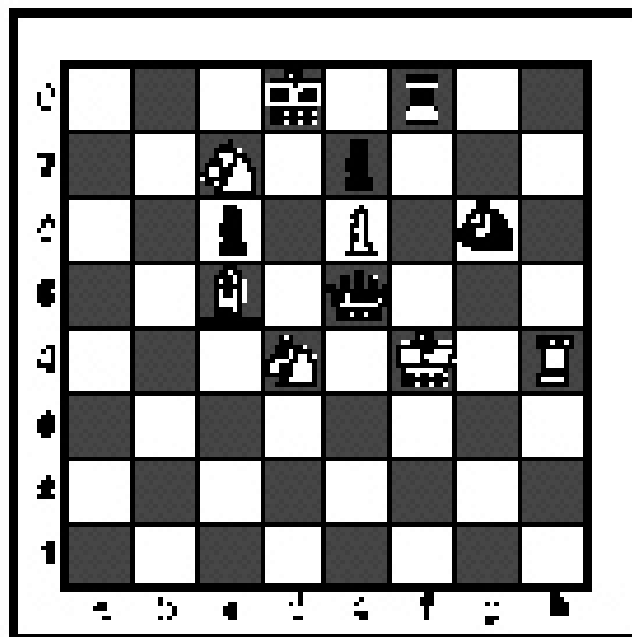
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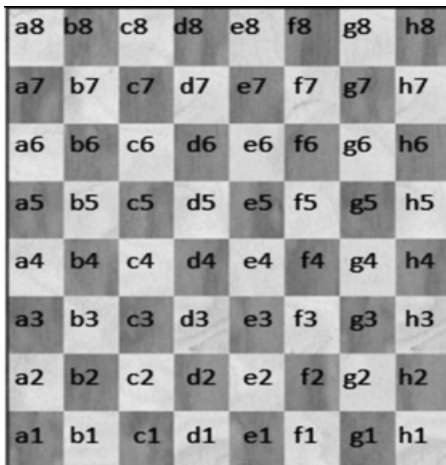
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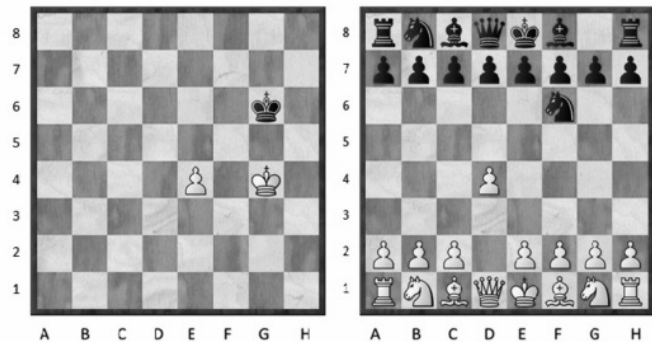
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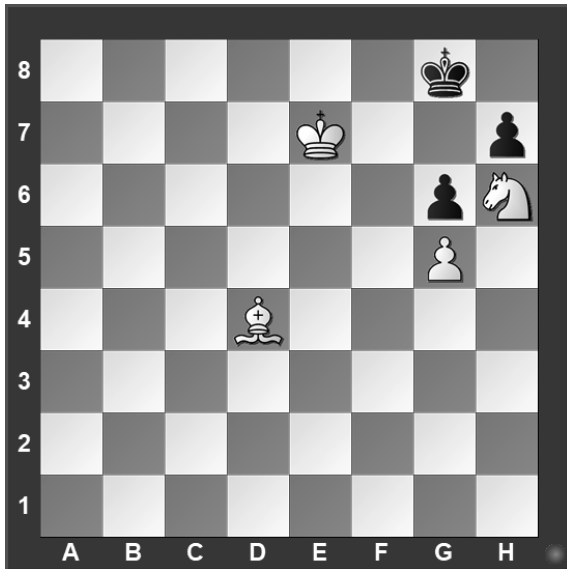
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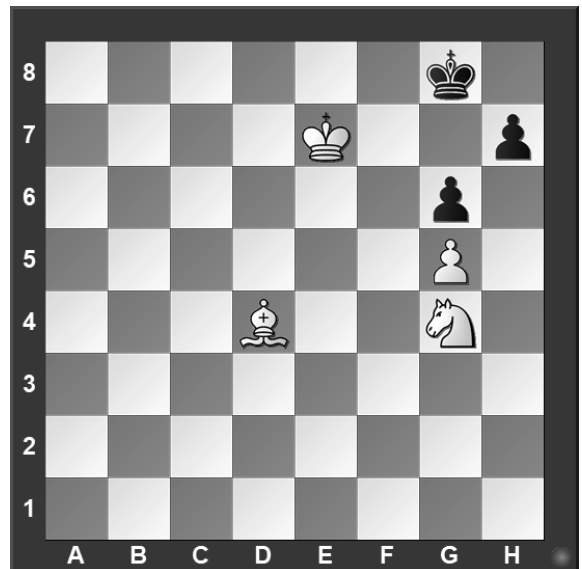
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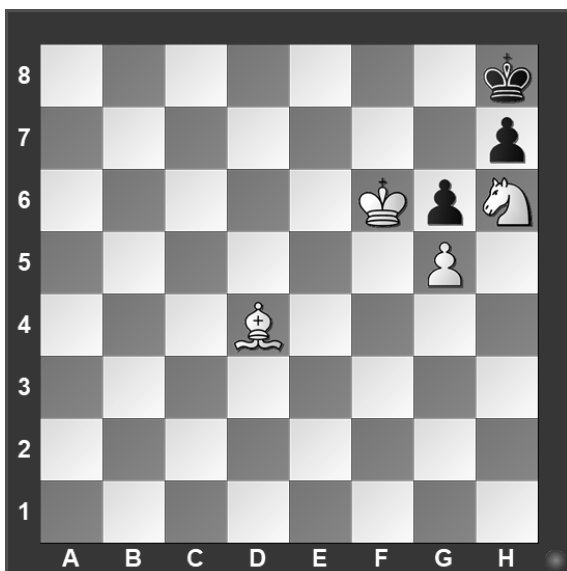
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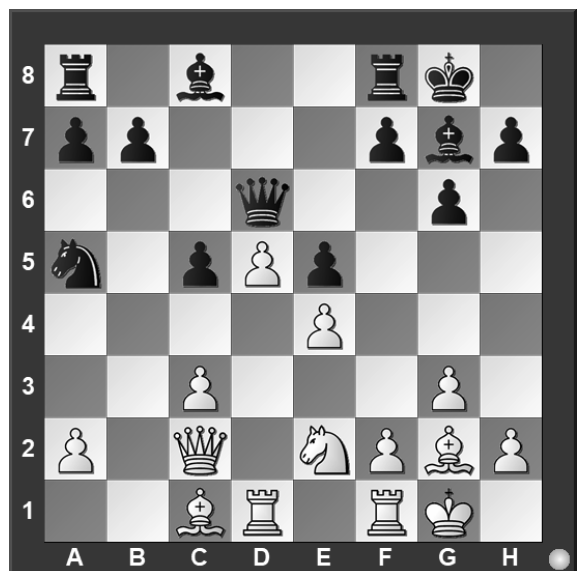
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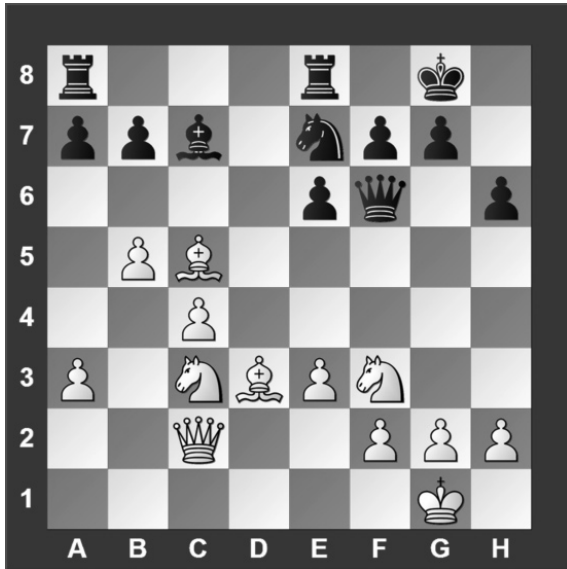
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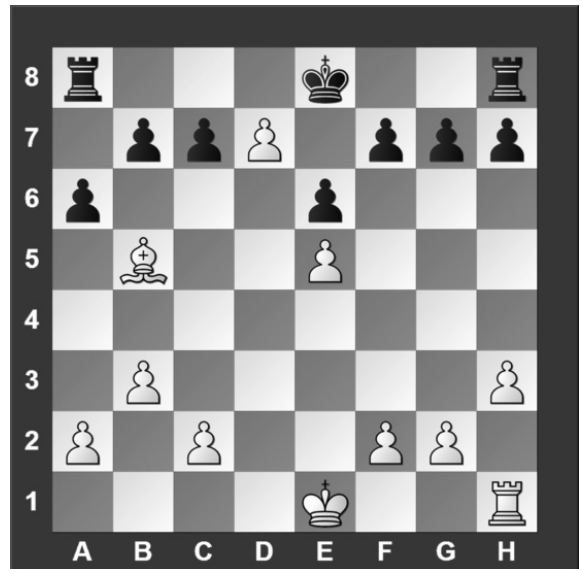
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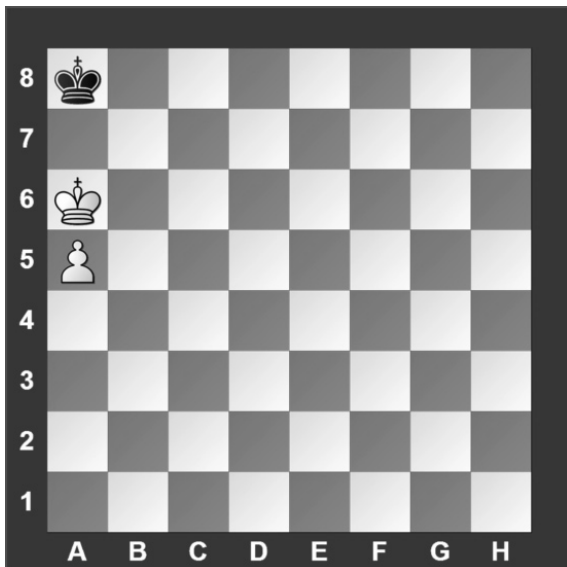
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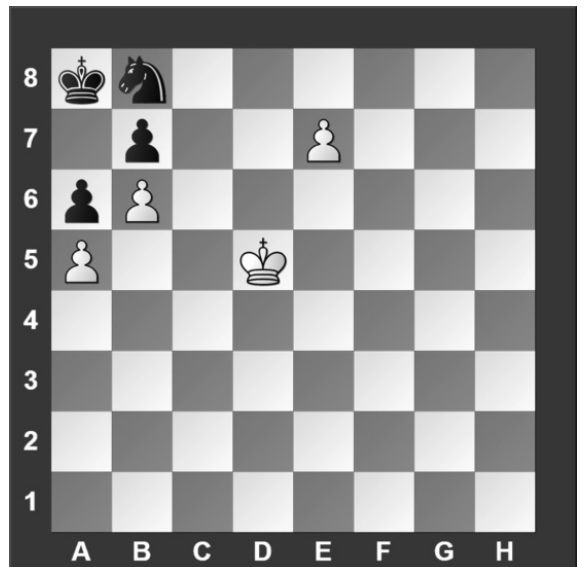
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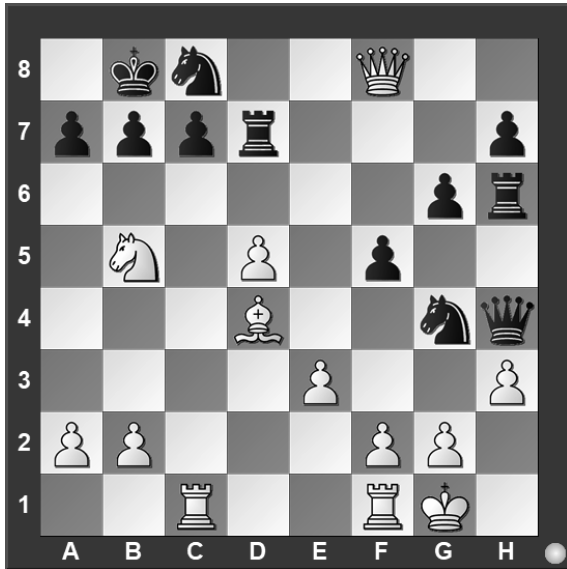
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- b) Promote to a Rook
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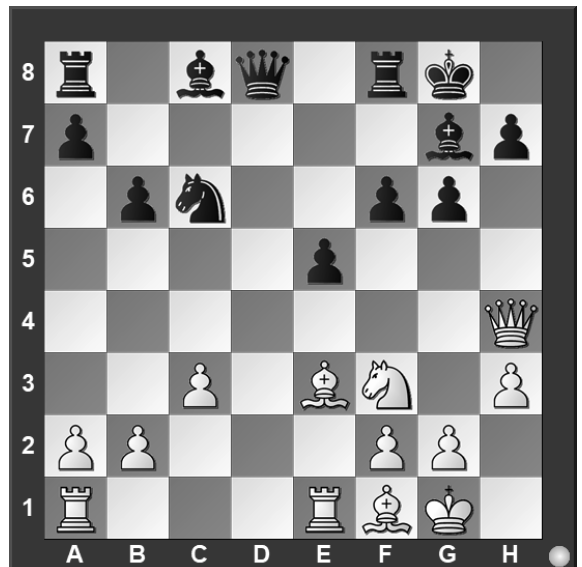
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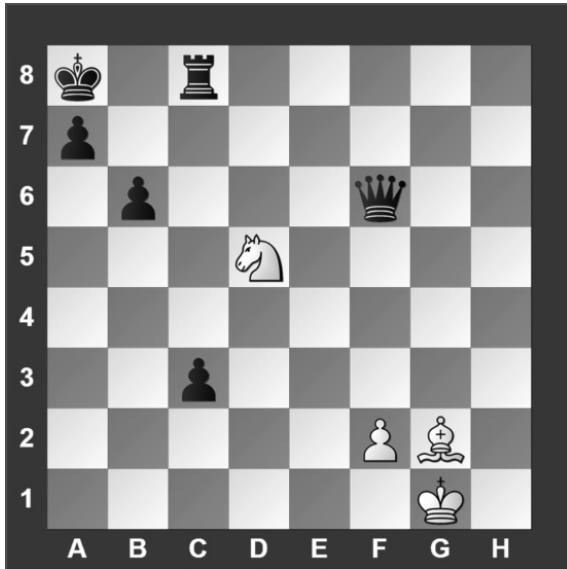
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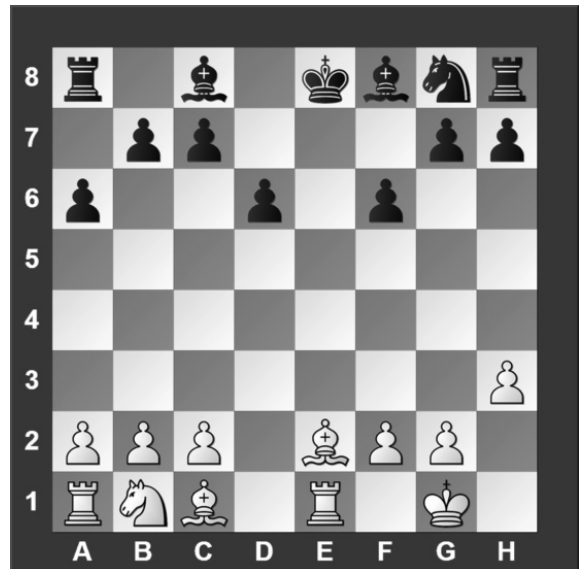
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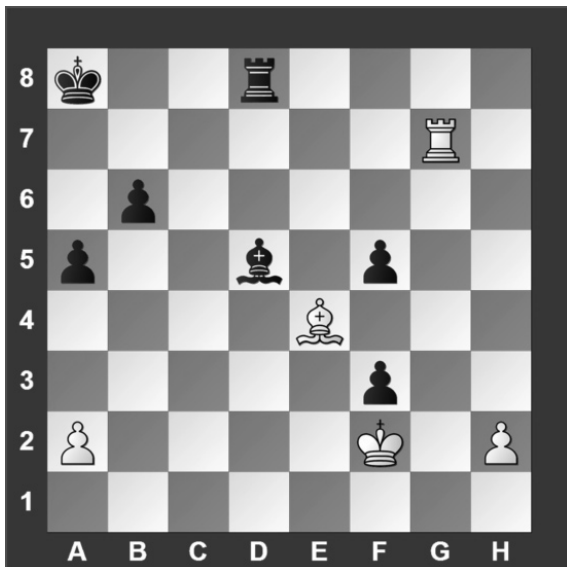
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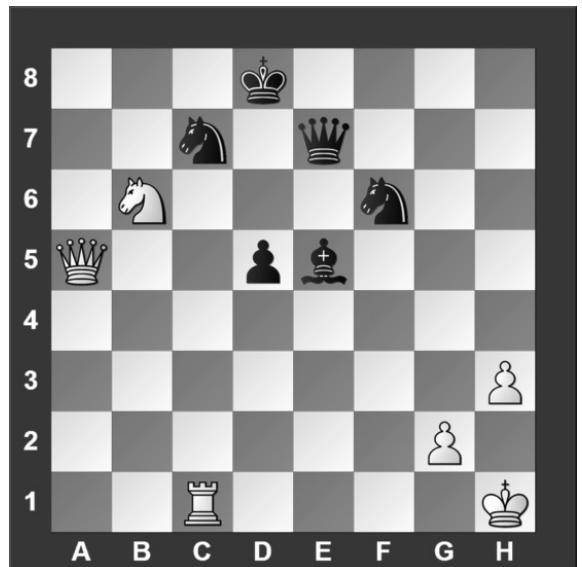
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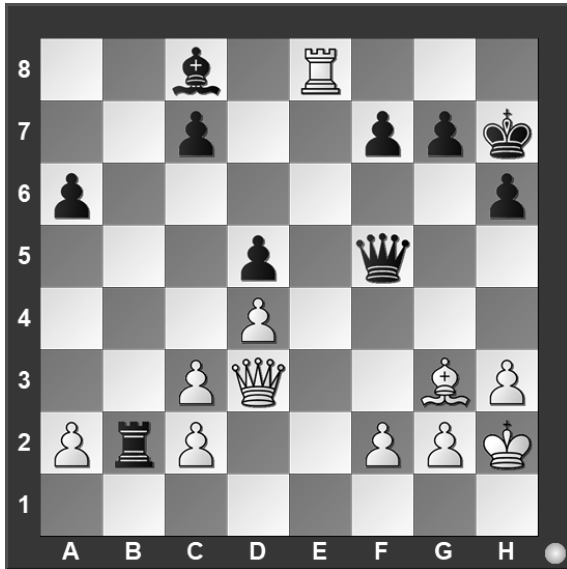
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- b) ♖a8
- c) ♖×c7
- d) ♖×d5

#17. White to move



What is White's best move?

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- c) ♗xf5
- d) a4

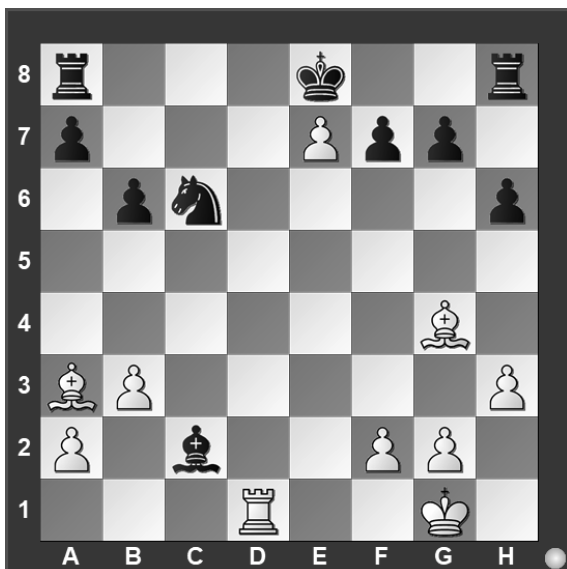
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What is White's best move?

- a) ♖f1
- b) ♗xh6
- c) ♗h2
- d) ♖bf1

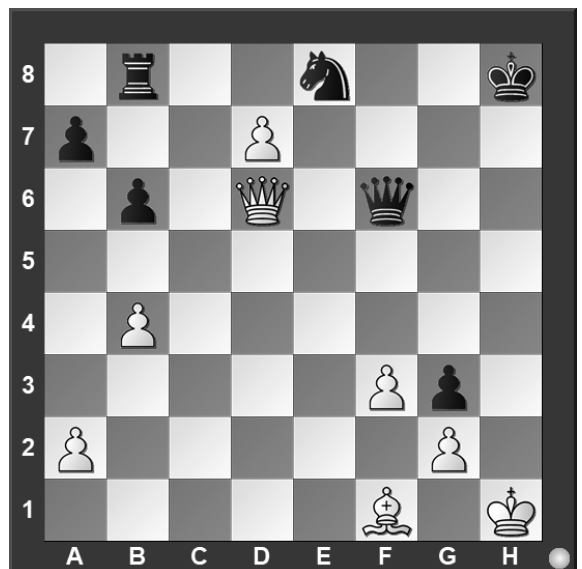
#19. White to move



How many moves does it take to checkmate Black?

- a) 1
- b) 2
- c) 3
- d) There is no checkmate

#20. White to move



What piece should White capture?

- a) Queen
- b) Rook
- c) Knight
- d) pawn



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