

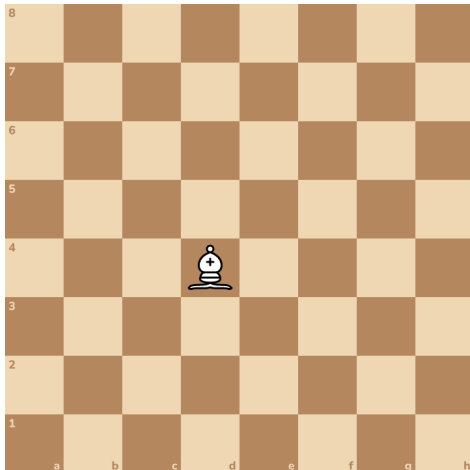


How the bishop moves in chess

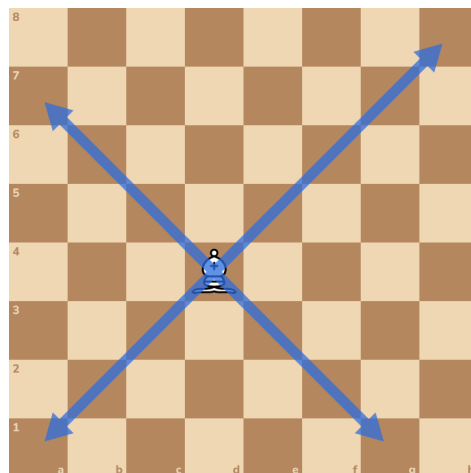
Try each question on a real board, then check the answers at the end of the sheet.

Slanted lines

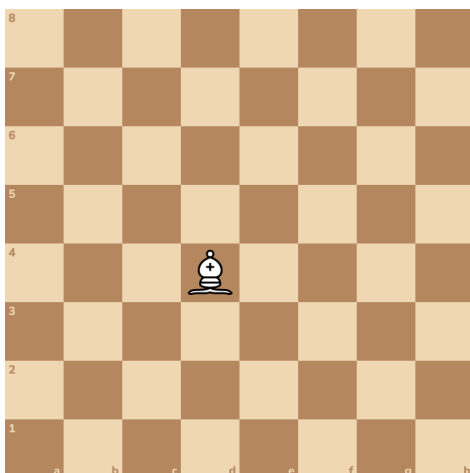
This is a bishop. It has a pointy hat.



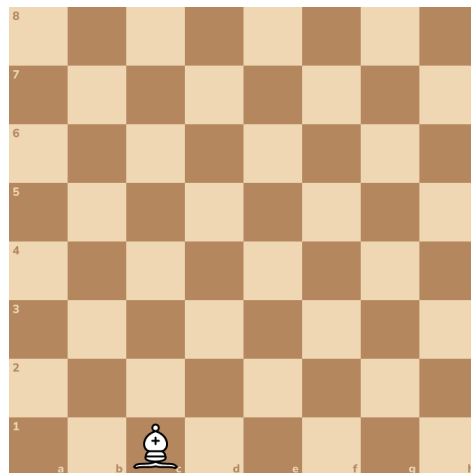
The bishop moves on slanted lines, as far as it likes.



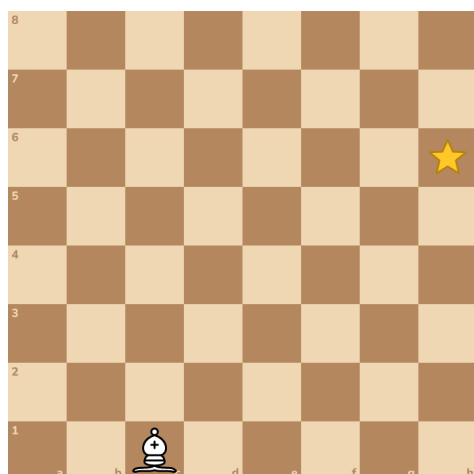
Try it 1. Point to every square the bishop can move to.



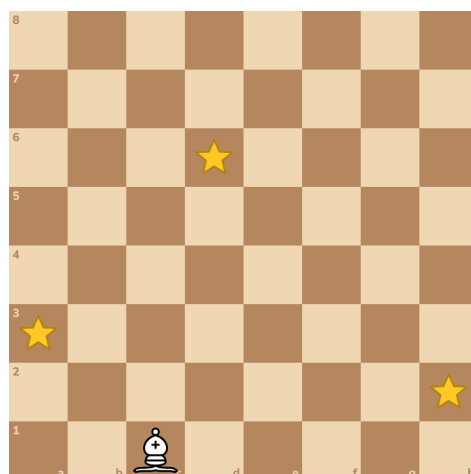
Here's a new position. Look! A bishop always stays on squares of the same colour.



Try it 2. Move the bishop to collect the star!



Try it 3. Now collect all the stars. Can you do it in 3 moves?



Try it 4. Which piece is the bishop?

A:



B:

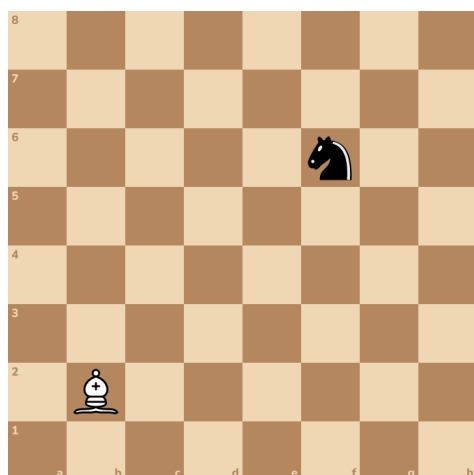


C:

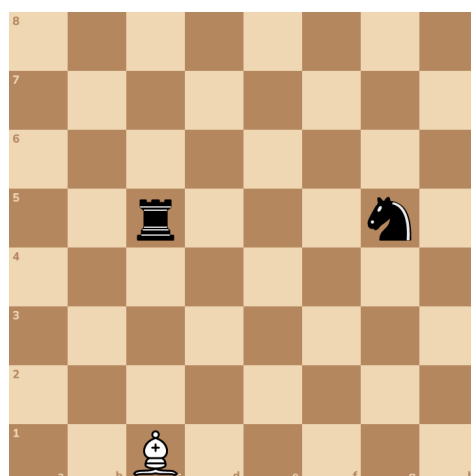


Catch with the bishop

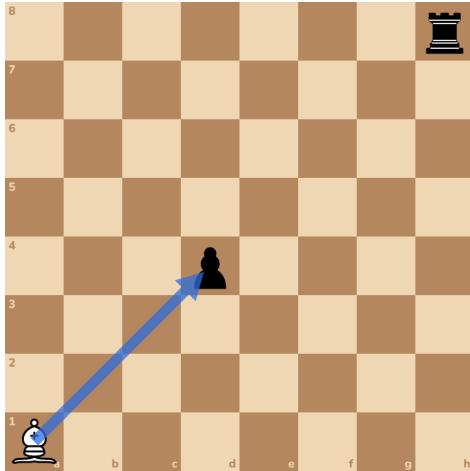
Try it 5. Capture the black knight!



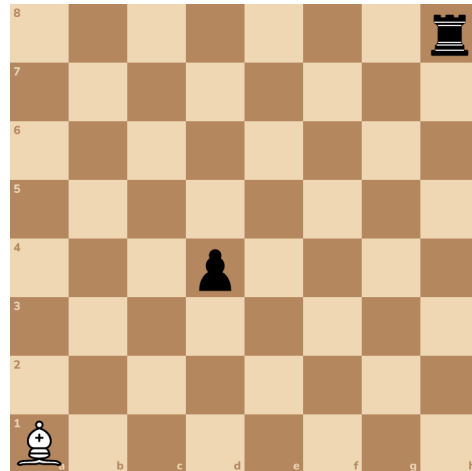
Try it 6. New position. There are two black pieces. Capture the one your bishop can reach.



Here's a new position. Pieces can get in the way. A bishop can't jump over them.



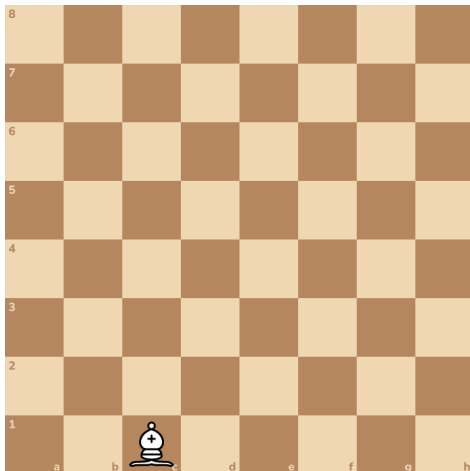
Try it 7. Which piece can the bishop catch? Capture it!



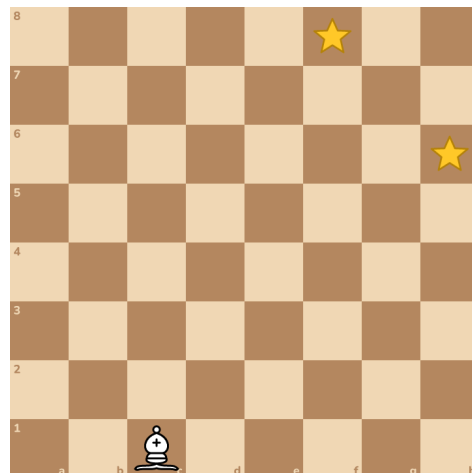
Well done! Next you'll meet the queen.

Bishop practice

Time to practise with the bishop!

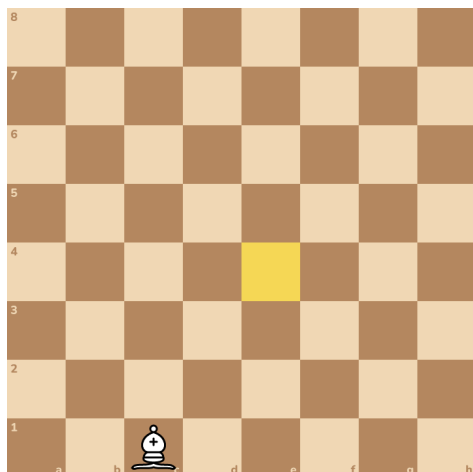


Try it 8. Collect both stars!

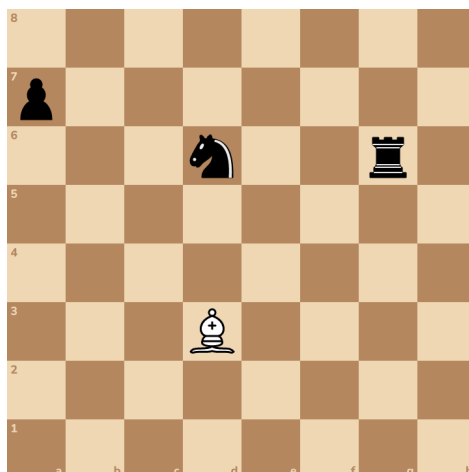


Try it 9. Can this bishop ever reach the lit-up square?

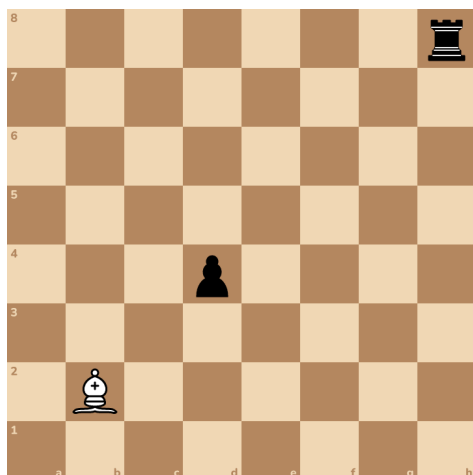
A: Yes B: No



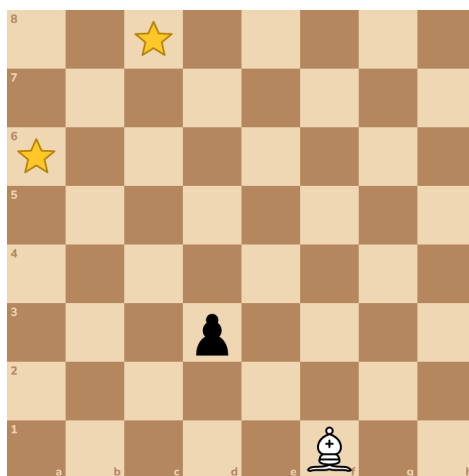
Try it 10. New position. Which piece can the bishop catch? Capture it!



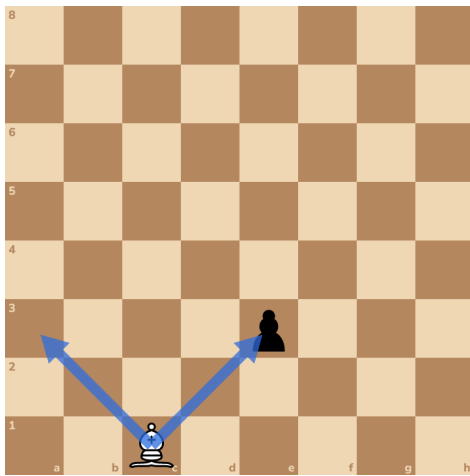
Try it 11. Here's another one. The rook is hiding behind a pawn. What can your bishop catch?



Try it 12. Collect all the stars. The pawn is in the way!

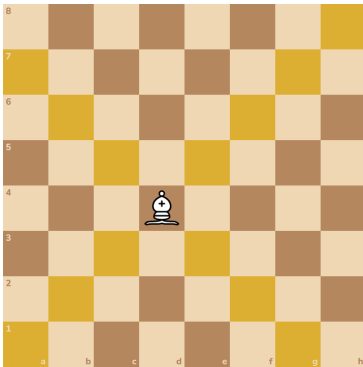


Super bishop moves! Remember, the bishop goes on the slant, and it can't jump over pieces.

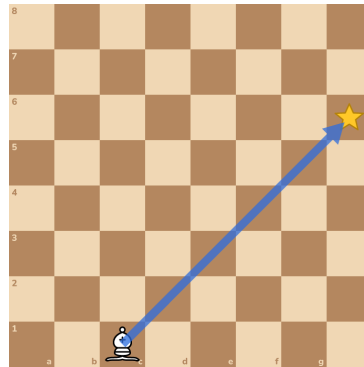


Answers

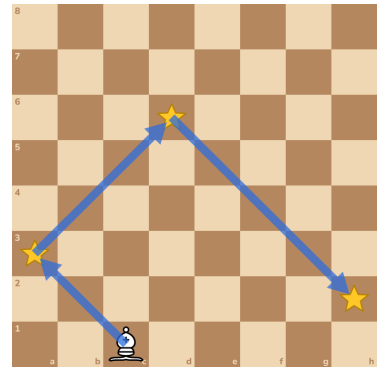
1. c5, b6, a7, e5, f6, g7, h8, e3, f2, g1, c3, b2, a1



2. 1 move: Bh6

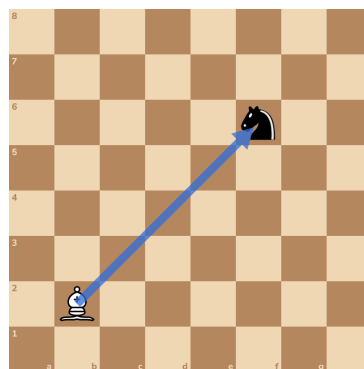


3. 3 moves: Ba3, Bd6, Bh2

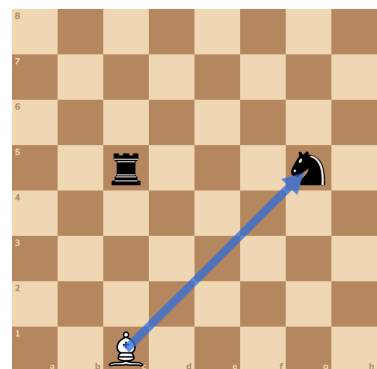


4. B: the white bishop

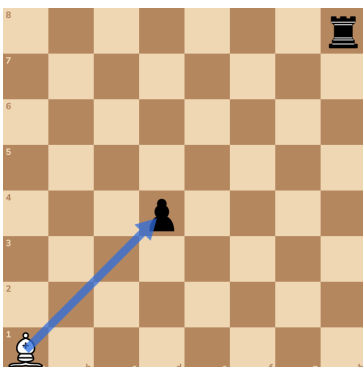
5. Bxf6



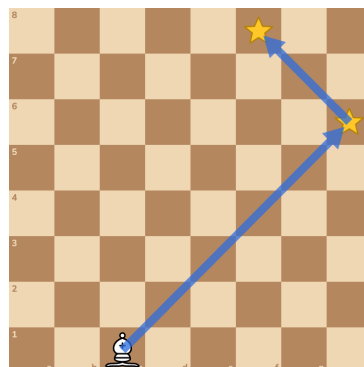
6. Bxg5



7. Bxd4



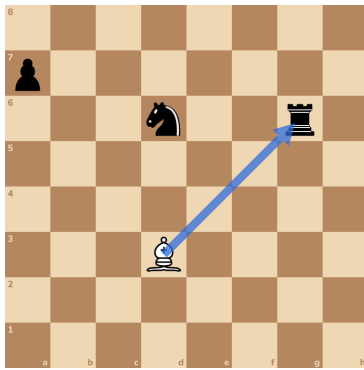
8. 2 moves: Bh6, Bf8



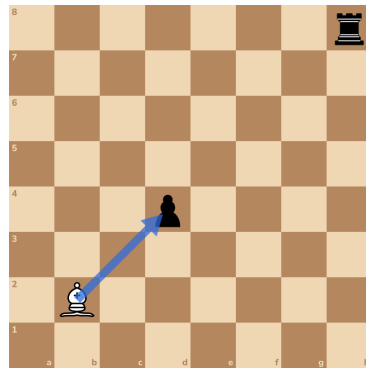
9. B: No

That's right. A bishop on a dark square stays on dark squares, all game long.

10. Bxg6



11. Bxd4



12. 3 moves: Bxd3, Ba6, Bc8

