

CS 314: Data Structures

First Discussion Section! - Spring 2022

Sam's Section

Slides I make this semester will be available on my website: cs.utexas.edu/~slaberge

Zoom Logistics

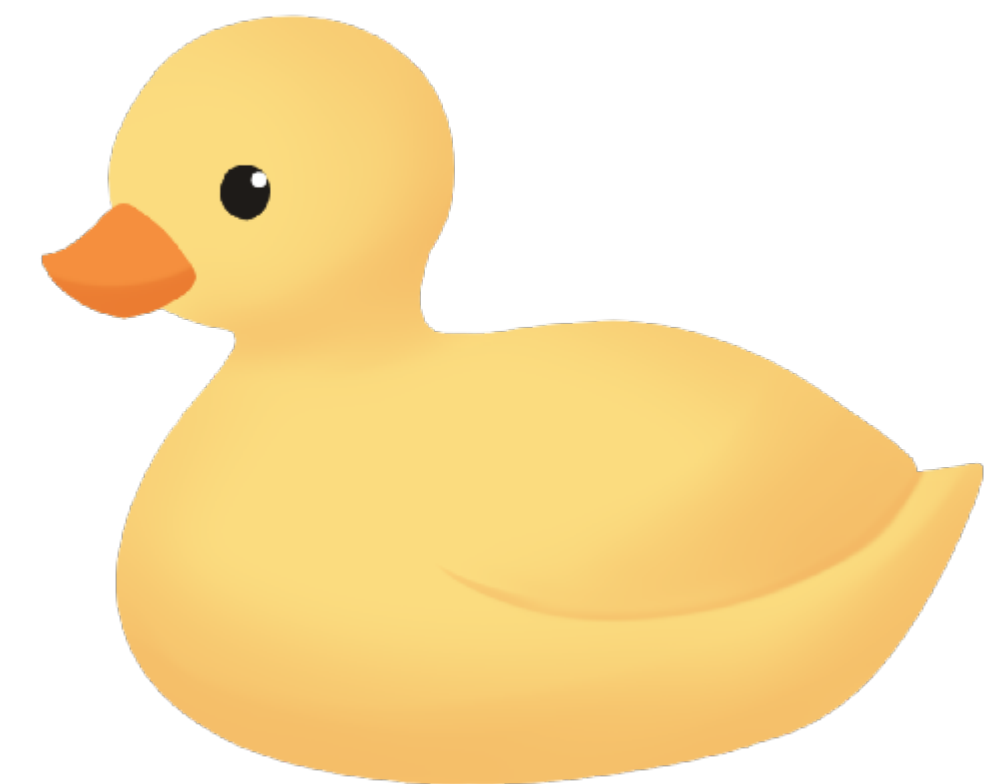
- Please turn your cameras on if possible
- Enter & leave breakout rooms quickly!
- If you have a question, just unmute yourself and ask or type it in chat
 - If this becomes too chaotic, we can switch to raising hands



Help Hours

(formerly *Lab Hours*)

- You can go to any TA's (or Mike's) help hours
 - Mine are Monday 6-8pm, Tuesday 4-5pm (Zoom), Thursday 4-6pm
 - If you have questions you think only I can answer (e.g. my style preferences) and can't make my help hours, contact me!
- The line will get **quite** long later in the semester, so start assignments early!
- Sign up link for Zoom help hours: cs314.utcshehelphours.com
- In-person help hours are in the 3rd floor lab in GDC



If you have no idea why we seem obsessed with ducks, see: [Rubber Duck Debugging](#) (but also cuz they're cute)

About Me

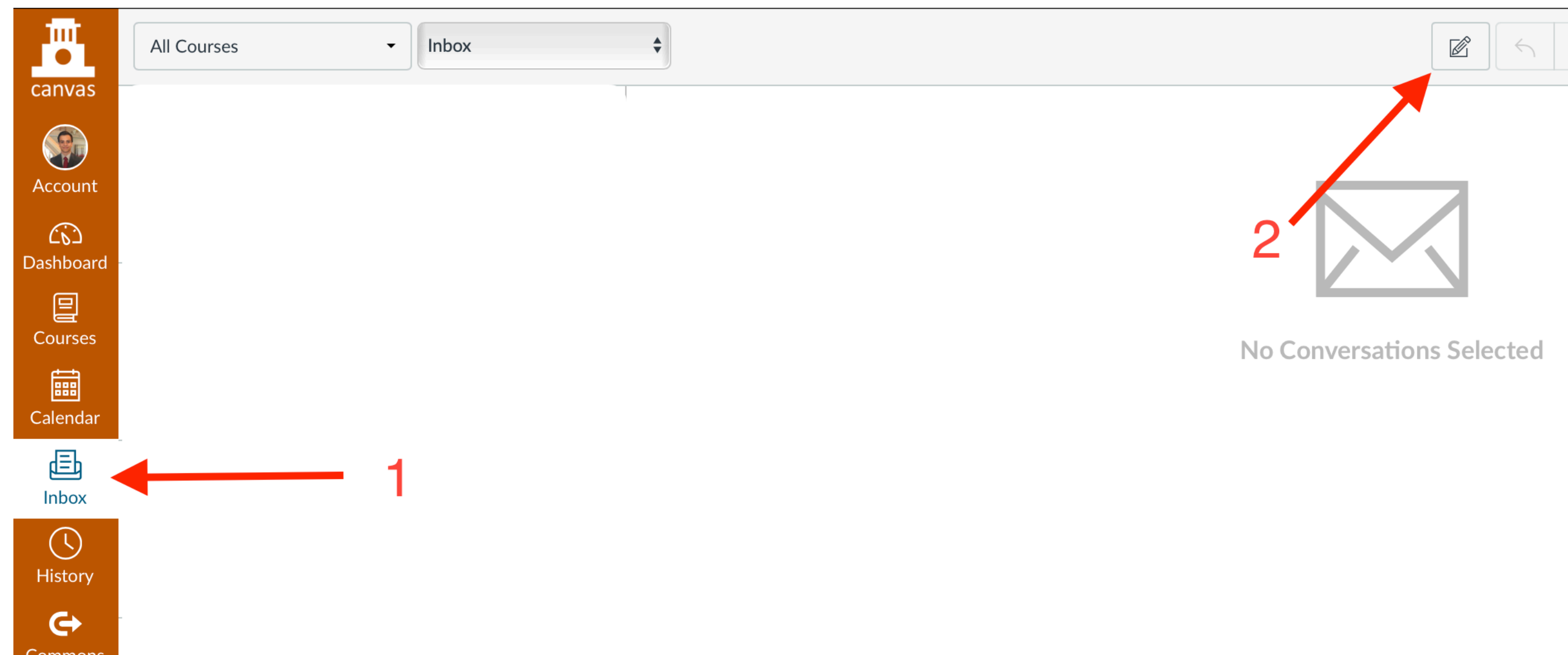
Samuel Laberge

- Senior in CS at UT
- Took CS312 in Fall '18 and CS314 in Spring '19
- TA'd for 314 Fall '19, Spring '20, Fall '20, Spring '21, Fall '21
- Interned at WP Engine (2020) and Stripe (2021)
- Currently in the five-year MS program
- Feel free to ask about anything UT, CS, or internship related!



How to Contact Me

- For questions about assignments, exams, and class logistics, please use Piazza.
- For more personal questions, like grades, please message me through Canvas.
- I should respond within 24 hours, if I don't follow-up with me



Time to choose a Section Name!

<https://tinyurl.com/ykzufrkw>

Code Camp Common Mistakes

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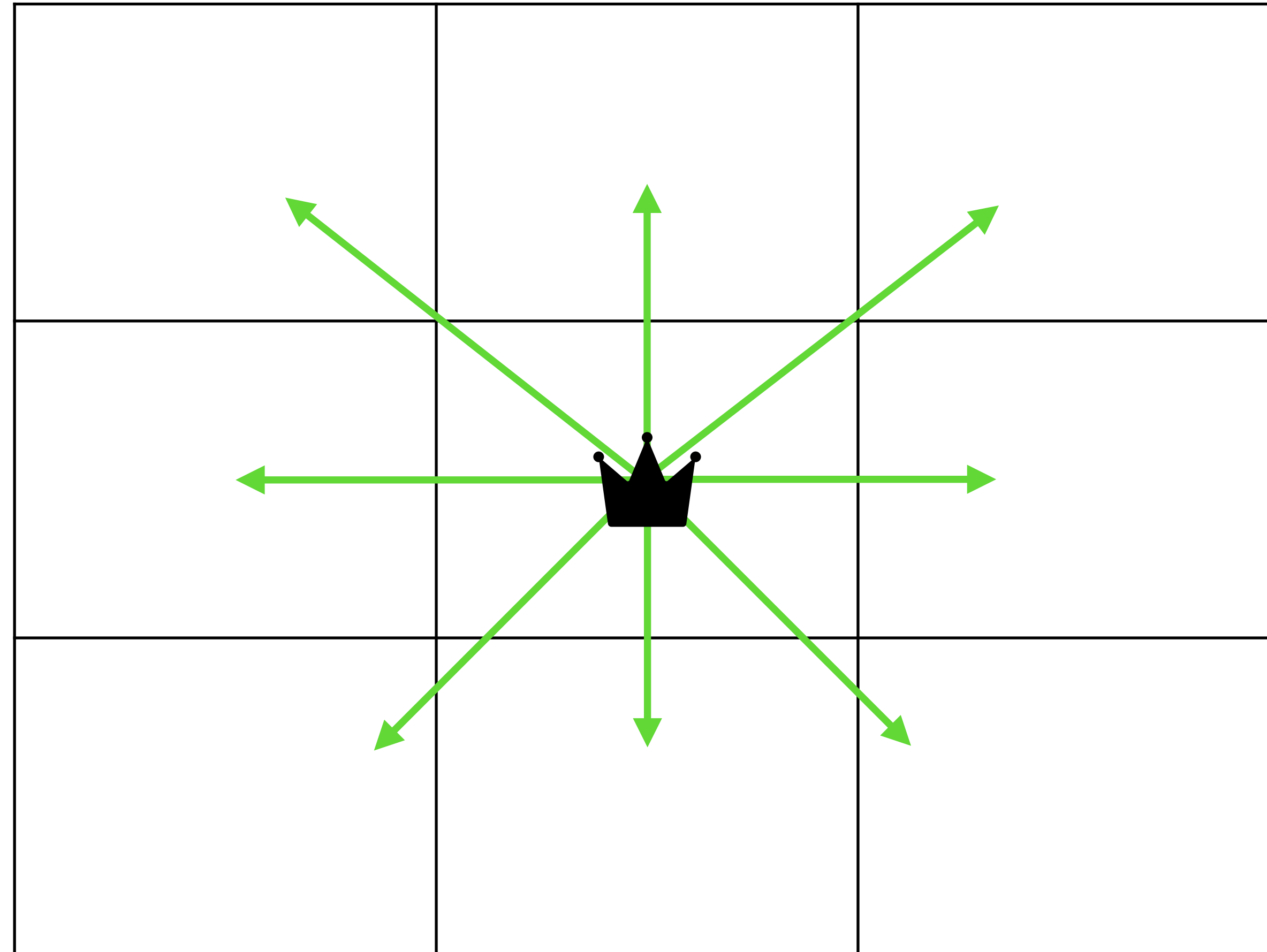
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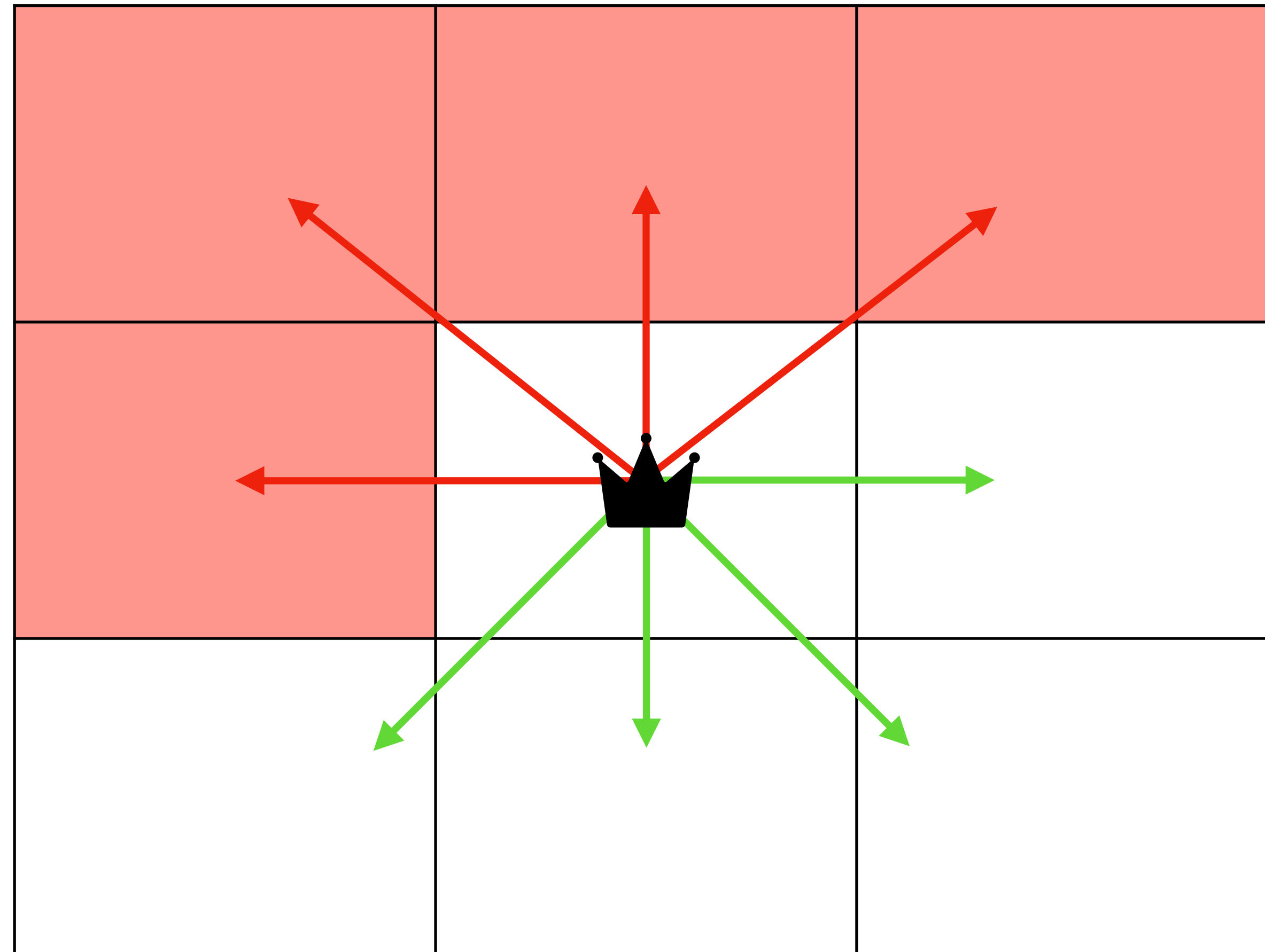
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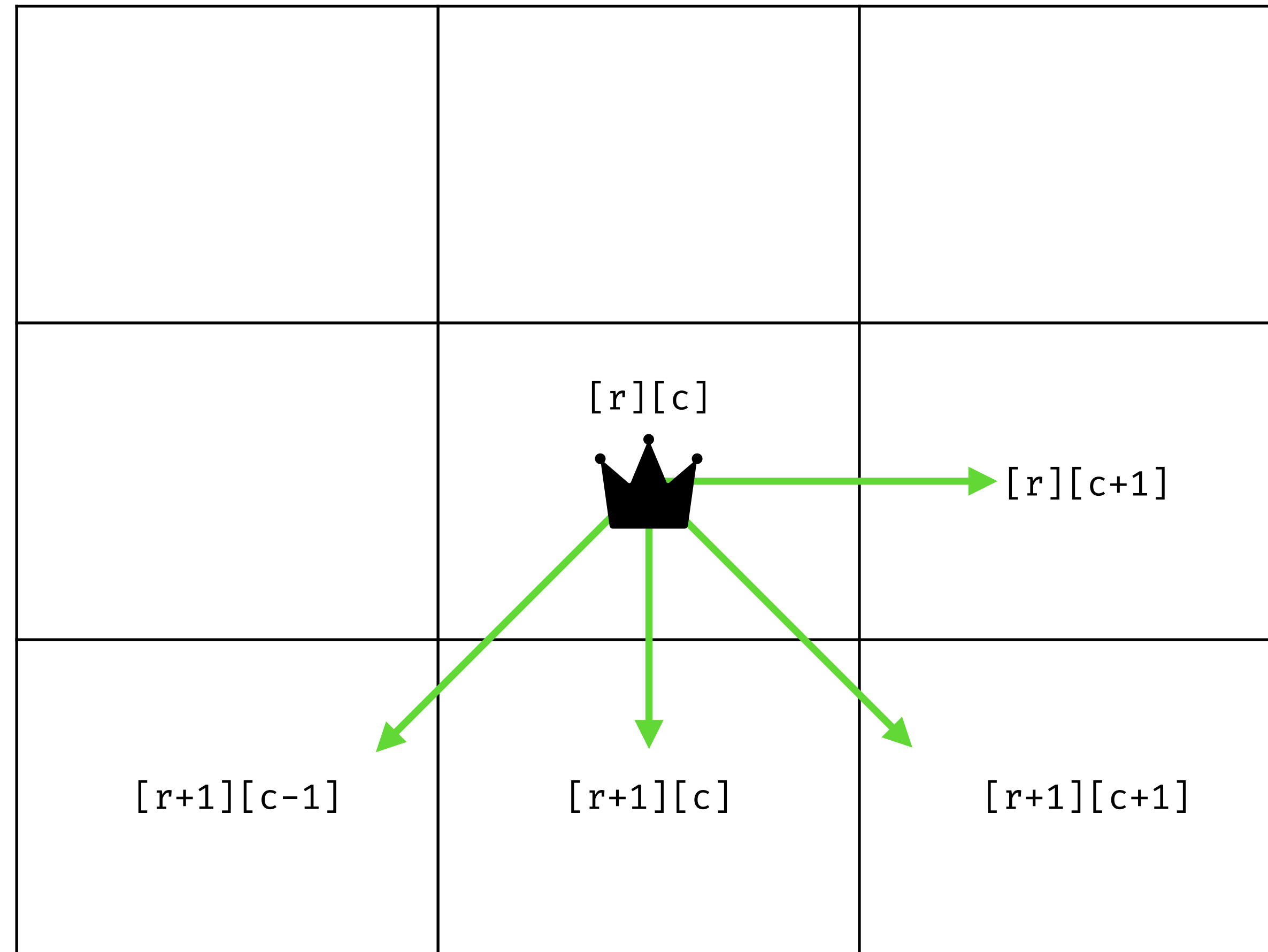
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We've already
checked the red
tiles for queens!



queensAreSafe()

Generalized Direction Checks



queensAreSafe()

- Redundant code for checking the different directions
- We can generalize checking a direction into a helper method

Assignment 2: MathMatrix

MathMatrix

- W.r.t. Style:
 - Make instance variables private
 - Use an auto-formatter!
 - Watch out for unnecessary repeated computations inside of loops
- W.r.t Experiments:
 - Answer all the questions!
 - It's **ok** if your timing data doesn't support your Big O analysis of a method!
Remember, Big O is a big simplification!

MathMatrix

Matrix Multiplication “Review”

a	b	c
d	e	f
g	h	i

X

j	k
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p	q

3 x 3

3 x 2

These two need to be the same! (precondition)

These two are your resulting matrix size:

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