

Example: $(4x+7y)(9x^2 - 12xy - 4y^2)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (4x+7y)(9x^2) + (4x+7y)(-12xy) + (4x+7y)(-4y^2) \\
 &= (4x)(9x^2) + (7y)(9x^2) + (4x)(-12xy) + (7y)(-12xy) + (4x)(-4y^2) + (7y)(-4y^2) \\
 &= 36x^3 + 63x^2y - 48x^2y - 84xy^2 - 16xy^2 - 28y^3 \\
 &= 36x^3 + 15x^2y - 100xy^2 - 28y^3
 \end{aligned}$$

Example: $(3x-5)^2 = (3x-5)(3x-5)$

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (3x)(3x-5) + (-5)(3x-5) \\
 &= 9x^2 - 15x - 15x + 25 \\
 &= 9x^2 - 30x + 25
 \end{aligned}$$

Example: $(3x-5)^3 = (3x-5)(3x-5)^2$

We make use of the answer from the previous problem:

$$\begin{aligned}
 &= (3x-5)(9x^2 - 30x + 25) \\
 &= (3x)(9x^2 - 30x + 25) + (-5)(9x^2 - 30x + 25) \\
 &= (3x)(9x^2) + (3x)(-30x) + (3x)(25) + (-5)(9x^2) + (-5)(-30x) + (-5)(25) \\
 &= 27x^3 - 90x^2 + 75x - 45x^2 + 150x - 125 \\
 &= 27x^3 - 135x^2 + 225x - 125
 \end{aligned}$$