

1.  $(a - b)^2 - (a - b) = (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b})(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{b} - 1)$

2.  $(2x - 3)^3 + (2x - 3)^2 = (2x - 3)^2(2x - 3 + 1) = (2x - 3)^2(2x - 2) = \mathbf{2}(\mathbf{2x} - \mathbf{3})^{\mathbf{3}}(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{1})$

3.  $a^2x - x + a^2y - y = x(a^2 - 1) + y(a^2 - 1) = (a^2 - 1)(x + y) = (\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{1})(\mathbf{a} + \mathbf{1})(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{y})$

4.  $3ax^2 - 6x^2 - 3a + 6 = 3(ax^2 - 2x^2 - a + 2) = 3[x^2(a - 2) - 1(a - 2)] =$   
 $= 3(a - 2)(x^2 - 1) = \mathbf{3}(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{2})(\mathbf{x} + \mathbf{1})(\mathbf{x} - \mathbf{1})$

5.  $2a^3b^2 - 12a^2b^4 + 4ab^6 - 24b^8 = 2b^2(a^3 - 6a^2b^2 + 2ab^4 - 12b^6) =$   
 $= 2b^2[a^2(a - 6b^2) + 2b^4(a - 6b^2)] = \mathbf{2b}^{\mathbf{2}}(\mathbf{a} - \mathbf{6b}^{\mathbf{2}})(\mathbf{a}^{\mathbf{2}} + \mathbf{2b}^{\mathbf{4}})$

6.  $25a^5b^3 - a^3b = a^3b(25a^2b^2 - 1) = \mathbf{a}^{\mathbf{3}}\mathbf{b}(\mathbf{5ab} - \mathbf{1})(\mathbf{5ab} + \mathbf{1})$

7.  $81a^5 - a = a(81a^4 - 1) = a(9a^2 - 1)(9a^2 + 1) = \mathbf{a}(\mathbf{3a} - \mathbf{1})(\mathbf{3a} + \mathbf{1})(\mathbf{9a}^{\mathbf{2}} + \mathbf{1})$

8.  $\left(-\frac{3}{2}a + \frac{3}{4}b\right)^2 - \left(\frac{1}{2}a + \frac{1}{4}b\right)^2 = \left(-\frac{3}{2}a + \frac{3}{4}b + \frac{1}{2}a + \frac{1}{4}b\right)\left(-\frac{3}{2}a + \frac{3}{4}b - \frac{1}{2}a - \frac{1}{4}b\right) = (\mathbf{-a} + \mathbf{b})(-\mathbf{2a} + \frac{1}{2}\mathbf{b})$

9.  $-x^6y^2 + 16x^{2n+6} = x^6(-y^2 + 16x^{2n}) = \mathbf{x}^{\mathbf{6}}(-\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{4x}^{\mathbf{n}})(\mathbf{y} + \mathbf{4x}^{\mathbf{n}})$

10.  $(ab + 3)^2 - 9 = (ab + 3 - 3)(ab + 3 + 3) = \mathbf{ab}(\mathbf{ab} + \mathbf{6})$