

Factor:

$$(2x+3y)^2 - 10x^2 - 15xy$$

Factor means do not expand (unless within a factor in a factored form):

We group:

$$\underbrace{(2x+3y)^2}_{\text{group 1}} - \underbrace{10x^2 - 15xy}_{\text{group 2}}$$

$$= \underbrace{(2x+3y)^2}_{\uparrow \text{binomial common factor}} - 5x \underbrace{(2x+3y)}_{\uparrow}$$

$$= (2x+3y) \left[\underbrace{(2x+3y) - 5x}_{\text{collect like terms within a factor}} \right]$$

$$= (2x+3y)(2x+3y-5x)$$

$$= (2x+3y)(-3x+3y)$$

Factor means common factor when you can (first/last):

$$= (2x+3y)(-3)(x-y)$$

$$= -3(2x+3y)(x-y)$$

\uparrow monomial factor at the front