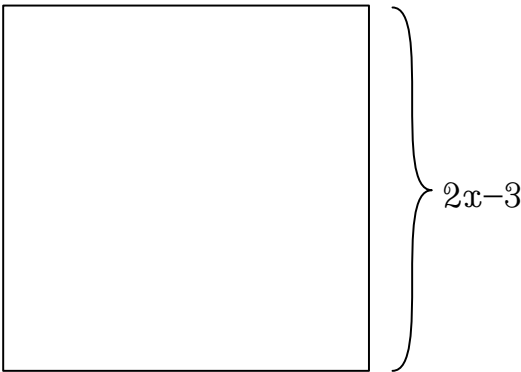


Find a polynomial expression that represents the area of the square shown in the figure.



$$\begin{aligned} \text{Area} &= (2x-3)(2x-3) \\ &= (2x)(2x) + (2x)(-3) + (-3)(2x) + (-3)(-3) \\ &= 4x^2 - 6x - 6x + 9 \\ &= 4x^2 - 12x + 9 \end{aligned}$$

definition of area as the product of the sides
FOIL
carry out the multiplications
combine like terms

FOIL=Product of Firsts+Product of Outers+Product of Inners+Product of Lasts

