

4.  $12x$



$3x$



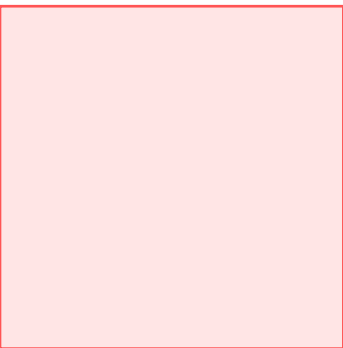
$15x$

$-9$

$9x$

$-9x$

**Solution**



$$12x - 3x = (12-3)x = 9x$$