

Using $\wedge 2$:

$$(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2 \quad (1)$$

$$\left(a + \frac{7}{2} \right)^2 \quad (2)$$

Using $\wedge 2$. The first example does not display the problem that well because the parenthesis are too small:

$$(a + b)^2 = a^2 + 2ab + b^2 \quad (3)$$

$$\left(n + \frac{7}{2} \right)^2 \quad (4)$$