

You may have reversed the order of the functions when subtracting.

$$(f-h)(x) = f(x) - h(x) = 8x^3 - 7x + 1 - (-6x^2 + 9x + 4)$$

$$= 8x^3 - 7x + 1 + 6x^2 - 9x - 4 = 8x^3 + 6x^2 - 7x - 9x + 1 - 4$$

$$= 8x^3 + 6x^2 - 16x - 3$$