

You may have seen the plus and minus signs and thought they would make the product real. The factors would need to be conjugates to result in a real product such as 97. Using FOIL shows that this is not the number 97.

$$\begin{aligned}(4 - 9i)(9 + 4i) &= (4)(9) + (4)(4i) - (9i)(9) - (9i)(4i) = \\ &36 + 16i - 81i - 36i^2 = \\ &= 36 - 65i - 36(-1) = 36 - 65i + 36 = 72 - 65i\end{aligned}$$