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A line passes through the points $(4a, -a)$ and $(6a, 9a)$

Work out the gradient of the line

$$m = \frac{9a + a}{6a - 4a}$$

$$= \underline{5}$$

Use the factor theorem to show that $(x - 2)$ is a factor of $x^3 - 9x^2 + 20x - 12 = f(x)$

$$f(2) = 8 - 36 + 40 - 12$$

$$= 0$$

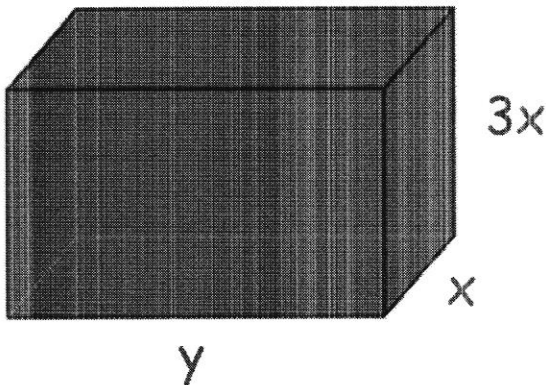
$$\Rightarrow \underline{x - 2 \text{ factor}}$$

Hence, factorise fully

$$x^3 - 9x^2 + 20x - 12$$

$$= (x - 2)(x^2 - 7x + 6)$$

$$= \underline{(x - 2)(x - 1)(x - 6)}$$



Show that the volume of the cuboid is

$$V = 90x - \frac{9}{4}x^3$$

$$V = 3x^2y = 3x^2\left(\frac{30}{x} - \frac{3}{4}x\right)$$

$$= \underline{90x - \frac{9}{4}x^3}$$

The surface area of the cuboid is 240cm^2

$$SA = 6x^2 + 8xy = 240$$

$$8xy = 240 - 6x^2$$

$$y = \frac{30}{x} - \frac{3}{4}x$$

Use differentiation to find the value of x for which V is a maximum

$$\frac{dV}{dx} = 90 - \frac{27}{4}x^2$$

$$\text{At max } 90 - \frac{27}{4}x^2 = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x^2 = \frac{360}{27}$$

$$\Rightarrow x = 3.65\text{cm}$$