

2. [8 points] Consider the family of functions given by  $h(x) = ax^{2/3} + bx$  with parameters  $a$  and  $b$ . It may be helpful to recall that  $8^{1/3} = 2$  and  $64^{1/3} = 4$ .
- a. [4 points] Find values of  $a$  and  $b$  so that  $h(x)$  has a critical point at  $(8, 4)$ .

*Solution:*  $h(x)$  will have a critical point when  $h'(x) = 0$  or  $h'(x)$  is undefined. We have  $h'(x) = \frac{2a}{3x^{1/3}} + b$ , which gives us  $h'(8) = \frac{2a}{3 \cdot 8^{1/3}} + b = 0$ , so  $a = -3b$ . We also know that  $h(8) = 4$ , so substituting  $-3b$  for  $a$ , we get the equation

$$-3b(8)^{2/3} + 8b = 4$$

$$-4b = 4$$

$$b = -1.$$

This tells us that  $a = 3$ .

**Answer:**  $a = \underline{\quad 3 \quad}$

$b = \underline{\quad -1 \quad}$

- b. [4 points] Given the values you of  $a$  and  $b$  that you found in the previous part, classify all local extrema of  $h(x)$ . If there aren't any local extrema of a particular type, write NONE. **Be sure you show enough evidence** to support your conclusions.

*Solution:* Using part (a), we have that  $h(x) = 3x^{2/3} - x$  and  $h'(x) = \frac{2}{x^{2/3}} - 1 = \frac{2-x^{1/3}}{x^{1/3}}$ . We then have two critical points:  $x = 8$  and  $x = 0$ . We get the following sign chart:

$$h'(x): \quad \begin{array}{ccc} \frac{+}{-} = - & & \frac{+}{+} = + & & \frac{-}{+} = - \\ \hline & 0 & & 8 & \end{array}$$

We then get that  $x = 0$  is a local minimum and  $x = 8$  is a local maximum.

**Answer:** Local Min(s):  $x = \underline{\quad 0 \quad}$  Local Max(es):  $x = \underline{\quad 8 \quad}$