MATH 1914 Hint to Exercise 2.2/56 Fall 2017

In part (b), take any $a \neq 0$ and think of x as being close to a (this is OK because you have to take the limit $x \to a$). You may, for example, write

$$x^{2/3} - a^{2/3} = (\sqrt[3]{x})^2 - (\sqrt[3]{a})^2 = (\sqrt[3]{x} - \sqrt[3]{a})(\sqrt[3]{x} + \sqrt[3]{a}),$$

and, similarly,

$$x - a = (\sqrt[3]{x})^3 - (\sqrt[3]{a})^3 = \cdots,$$

after which you can use the same formula as the one given in the Hint to Exercise 2.2/28.