

Question

Let X have pdf $f(x) = 42x^5(1-x)$, $0 < x < 1$. Find the pdf of $Y = X^3$. Show that the pdf integrates to 1.

Answer

The range of y is $0 < y < 1$.

Also $x = y^{\frac{1}{3}}$

Therefore $\frac{dx}{dy} = \frac{1}{3}y^{-\frac{2}{3}}$

Therefore the pdf of Y is

$$\begin{aligned}g(y) &= 42y^{\frac{5}{3}}(1-y^{\frac{1}{3}}) \cdot \left| \frac{1}{3}y^{-\frac{2}{3}} \right|, \quad 0 < y < 1. \\ &= 14y(1-y^{\frac{1}{3}}), \quad 0 < y < 1\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^1 g(y) dy &= 14 \int_0^1 (y - y^{\frac{4}{3}}) dy \\ &= 14 \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{7/3} \right) \\ &= 14 \left(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{3}{7} \right) \\ &= 14 \cdot \frac{7-6}{14} \\ &= 1\end{aligned}$$