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(a)  $y = x, y = x^3$

$$x = x^3$$

$$x^3 - x = 0$$

$$x(x^2 - 1) = 0$$

$$x(x+1)(x-1) = 0$$

$$\Rightarrow x = -1, 0, 1$$

$$f(x) = x - x^3$$

$$\begin{aligned} \text{Average } x &= \frac{\int_0^1 x(x - x^3) dx}{\int_0^1 (x - x^3) dx} \\ &= \frac{x^3/3 - x^5/5 \Big|_0^1}{x^2/2 - x^4/4 \Big|_0^1} \\ &= \frac{\frac{5-3}{15}}{1/4} \\ &= \frac{8}{15} \end{aligned}$$

$$(b) P(x > \frac{1}{2}) = \frac{\int_{\frac{1}{2}}^1 x - x^3 dx}{\int_0^1 x - x^3 dx}$$

$$\begin{aligned} &= \frac{\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{4} \Big|_{\frac{1}{2}}^1}{\frac{x^2}{2} - \frac{x^4}{4} \Big|_0^1} \rightarrow \frac{(\frac{1}{2} - \frac{1}{4}) - (\frac{1}{8} - \frac{1}{64})}{1/4} \\ &= \frac{1/4 - 7/64}{1/4} \\ &= \frac{9/64}{1/4} = \frac{9}{16} \end{aligned}$$