


Continuous Random Variables (Mean, Variance and Median) (From OCR 4733)

Q1, (Jan 2006, Q8)

(i) $\int_0^1 x^n dx = \left[\frac{x^{n+1}}{n+1} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{n+1}$ $k/(n+1) = 1$ so $k = n+1$	M1 M1 A1 3	Integrate x^n , limits 0 and 1 Equate to 1 and solve for k Answer $n+1$, <i>not</i> 1^{n+1} , c.w.o.
(ii) $\int_0^1 x^{n+1} dx = \left[\frac{x^{n+2}}{n+2} \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{n+2}$ $\mu = \frac{k}{n+2} = \frac{n+1}{n+2}$ AG	M1 A1 A1 3	Integrate x^{n+1} , limits 0 and 1, not just $x.x^n$ Answer $\frac{1}{n+2}$ Correctly obtain given answer
(iii) $\int_0^1 x^5 dx = \left[\frac{x^6}{6} \right]_0^1 = \left[\frac{1}{6} \right]$ $\sigma^2 = \frac{4}{6} - \left(\frac{4}{5} \right)^2 = \frac{2}{75}$	M1 M1 A1 3	Integrate x^5 , limits 0 and 1, allow with n Subtract $\left(\frac{4}{5} \right)^2$ Answer $\frac{2}{75}$ or a.r.t. 0.027
(iv) $N\left(\frac{4}{5}, \frac{2}{7500}\right)$	B1 B1 B1√ 3	Normal stated Mean $\frac{4}{5}$ or $\frac{n+1}{n+2}$ Variance their (iii)/100, a.e.f., allow √
(v) Same distribution, translated Mean 0 Variance $\frac{2}{75}$	M1 A1√ B1√ 3	Can be negative translation; <i>or</i> integration, must include correct method for integral (Their mean) $- \frac{4}{5}$, c.w.d. Variance same as their (iii), or $\frac{2}{75}$ by integration

Q2, (Jun 2007, Q7)

(i) 	B1 B1 B1 3	Horizontal straight line Positive parabola, symmetric about 0 Completely correct, including correct relationship between two Don't need vertical lines or horizontal lines outside range, but don't give last B1 if horizontal line continues past "±1"
(ii) S is equally likely to take any value in range, T is more likely at extremities	B2 2	Correct statement about distributions (<i>not</i> graphs) [<i>Partial statement, or correct description for one only: B1</i>]
(iii) $\int_t^1 \frac{3}{2} x^2 dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{2} \right]_t^1$ $\frac{1}{2}(1 - t^3) = 0.2$ or $\frac{1}{2}(t^3 + 1) = 0.8$ $t^3 = 0.6$ $t = 0.8434$	M1 B1 M1 M1 A1 5	Integrate $f(x)$ with limits $(-1, t)$ or $(t, 1)$ [recoverable if t used later] Correct indefinite integral Equate to 0.2, or 0.8 if $[-1, t]$ used Solve cubic equation to find t Answer, in range $[0.843, 0.844]$

Q3, (Jun 2009, Q7i,ii)

(i)	$\frac{2}{9} \int_0^3 x^3(3-x) dx = \frac{2}{9} \left[\frac{3x^4}{4} - \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_0^3 [= 2.7] - (1\frac{1}{2})^2 = \frac{9}{20} \text{ or } 0.45$	M1 A1 B1 M1 A1	5	Integrate $x^2 f(x)$ from 0 to 3 [<i>not</i> for μ] Correct indefinite integral Mean is $1\frac{1}{2}$, so [not recoverable later] Subtract their μ^2 Answer art 0.450
(ii)	$\frac{2}{9} \int_0^{0.5} x(3-x) dx = \frac{2}{9} \left[\frac{3x^2}{2} - \frac{x^3}{3} \right]_0^{0.5} = \frac{2}{27} \text{ AG}$	M1 A1	2	Integrate $f(x)$ between 0, 0.5, must be seen somewhere Correctly obtain given answer $\frac{2}{27}$, decimals other than 0.5 not allowed, 1 more line needed (eg [] = $\frac{1}{3}$)

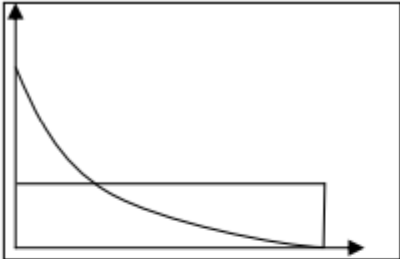
Q4, (Jun 2010, Q8)


(i)	$\int_1^\infty kx^{-a} dx = \left[k \frac{x^{-a+1}}{-a+1} \right]_1^\infty$ <p>Correctly obtain $k = a - 1$ AG</p>	M1 B1 A1	3	Integrate $f(x)$, limits 1 and ∞ (at some stage) Correct indefinite integral Correctly obtain given answer, don't need to see treatment of ∞ but mustn't be wrong. Not k^{-a+1}
(ii)	$\int_1^\infty 3x^{-3} dx = \left[3 \frac{x^{-2}}{-2} \right]_1^\infty = 1\frac{1}{2}$ $\int_1^\infty 3x^{-2} dx = \left[3 \frac{x^{-1}}{-1} \right]_1^\infty = (1\frac{1}{2})^2$ <p>Answer $\frac{3}{4}$</p>	M1 M1 A1 M1 A1	5	Integrate $xf(x)$, limits 1 and ∞ (at some stage) [x^4 is <i>not</i> MR] Integrate $x^2 f(x)$, correct limits Either $\mu = 1\frac{1}{2}$ or $E(X^2) = 3$ stated or implied, allow k , $k/2$ Subtract their numerical μ^2 , allow letter if subs later Final answer $\frac{3}{4}$ or 0.75 only, cwo, e.g. not from $\mu = -1\frac{1}{2}$. [SR: Limits 0, 1: can get (i) B1, (ii) M1M1M1]
(iii)	$\int_1^2 (a-1)x^{-a} dx = \left[-x^{-a+1} \right]_1^2 = 0.9$ $1 - \frac{1}{2^{a-1}} = 0.9, \quad 2^{a-1} = 10$ <p>$a = 4.322$</p>	M1* dep*M1 M1 indept A1	4	Equate $\int f(x) dx$, one limit 2, to 0.9 or 0.1. [Normal: 0 ex 4] Solve equation of this form to get $2^{a-1} = \text{number}$ Use logs or equivalent to solve $2^{a-1} = \text{number}$ Answer, a.r.t. 4.32. T&I: (M1M1) B2 or B0

Q5, (Jan 2012, Q7)

(i)	(a)	$\int_1^4 \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} dx = \left[\frac{1}{3} x^{\frac{3}{2}} \right]_1^4 = 7/3 \text{ or } 2.333\dots$	M1 B1 A1 [3]	Attempt to integrate $xf(x)$, correct limits Correct indefinite integral, a.e.f. Final answer 7/3 or equiv or a.r.t. 2.33
(i)	(b)	$\int_1^m \frac{1}{2\sqrt{x}} dx = 0.5$ $\sqrt{m} - 1 = 0.5$ $m = 2.25$	M1 A1 A1 [3]	This or complementary integral, limits needed [not “-∞”], equated to 0.5, needn't attempt to evaluate This equation, any equivalent simplified form Answer 9/4 or exact equivalent only
(ii)		$1.5 \int_1^\infty y^{-2.5} y^2 dx = 1.5 \left[\frac{y^{0.5}}{0.5} \right]_1^\infty$ Upper limit gives infinite answer	M1 B1 A1 [3]	Attempt to integrate $y^2 f(y)$, limits 1 and ∞, allow any letter Correct indefinite integral [=3√y], ignore μ [=3] Give correct reason, c.w.o. apart from constant, allow “= ∞”

Q6, (Jun 2013, Q5)

(i)		M1 A1 B1 3	Upwards parabola, not below x-axis Correct place, not extending beyond limits, ignore pointed at a Horizontal straight line, not beyond limits, y-intercept below curve (unless curve makes this meaningless)	[scales/annotations not needed] Touching axes (not asymptotic) Don't need vertical lines i.e., 3/3 only if wholly right
(ii)	$\int_0^a \frac{3}{a^3} x(x-a)^2 dx$ $= \int_0^a \frac{3}{a^3} (x^3 - 2ax^2 + a^2 x) dx$ $= \left[\frac{3}{a^3} \left(\frac{x^4}{4} - \frac{2ax^3}{3} + \frac{a^2 x^2}{2} \right) \right]_0^a$ $= \frac{a}{4}$	M1 M1 A1 B1 A1 5	Attempt this integral, correct limits seen somewhere Method for $\int xf(x)$, e.g. multiply out or parts, independent of first M1 Correct form for integration, e.g. multiplied out correctly, or correct first stage of parts Correct indefinite integral $\frac{a}{4}$ or exact equivalent (e.g. 0.25a) only	Multiplication: needs 3 terms E.g. $\frac{3}{a^3} x \frac{(x-a)^3}{3} - \int \frac{3}{a^3} \frac{(x-a)^3}{3} dx$ E.g. $\frac{3}{a^3} x \frac{(x-a)^3}{3} - \frac{3}{a^3} \frac{(x-a)^4}{12}$ Limits not seen anywhere: can get M0M1A0B1A0

(iii)	S is concentrated more towards 0 Therefore T has bigger variance	M1 A1 2	Reason that shows understanding of PDF Correct conclusion	Not, e.g., " T is constant"
Q7, (Jun 2014, Q5)				
(i)	$\int_0^1 \frac{\pi}{2} \sin(\pi x) dx = \left[-\frac{1}{2} \cos(\pi x) \right]_0^1 = \frac{1}{2} - \left(-\frac{1}{2} \right) = 1$ and function non-negative for all x in range	M1 B1 A1 B1 [4]	Attempt to integrate $f(x)$, limits (0, 1) somewhere, evidence e.g. "from calculator" Correctly integrate $\sin(\pi x)$ to $-\frac{1}{2}\cos(\pi x)$ Fully correct, need to see $-\frac{1}{2}\cos(\pi x)$ and final 1, no wrong working seen Non-negative asserted explicitly, allow positive or equivalent. Not just graph drawn. (Most will not get this mark!)	
(ii)	 $E(X) = \frac{1}{2}$	M1 A1 B1 [3]	Correct shape, through 0, allow below axis outside range. Allow partial curve if clearly part of sine curve. Fully correct including no extension beyond [0, 1]. Don't worry about grads at ends. Ignore labelling of axes $\frac{1}{2}$ or 0.5, needs to be simplified, no working needed, no ft	
(iii)	$\int_q^1 \frac{1}{2} \pi \sin(\pi x) dx = 0.75; \left\{ \left[-\frac{1}{2} \cos(\pi x) \right]_q^1 = 0.75 \right\}$ $\cos(\pi q) = 0.5$ Solve to get $q = \frac{1}{3}$	M1 A1 A1 [3]	Equate integral to correct probability, correct limits somewhere allow complementary probability (= 0.25) only if limits (0, q) $\cos(\pi q) = 0.5$ or exact equivalent $q = \frac{1}{3}$ or a.r.t. 0.333. SR: Numerical (no working needed): 0.333 B3, 0.33 B2	
(iv)	$\int_0^1 \frac{\pi}{2} x^2 \sin(\pi x) dx - \left(\frac{1}{2} \right)^2$	M1 A1 ft [2]	Integral part correct, allow limits omitted, ignore dx Subtract their $[E(X)]^2$, allow μ in form of integral, correct limits needed, not just " μ^2 " {note for scoris zoning – (ii) needs to be visible here}	
(v)	Values of x in range close to $E(X)$ are more likely than those further away	B1 [1]	Need to see "values of x " or equivalent, and probably not "occur" Not "the probability of x is greater when x is close to $E(X)$ " etc. Not "PDF greater ..."	

Q8, (Jun 2015, Q3)

(i)	$\int_{-3}^3 \frac{3}{2a^3} x^2 dx = \left[\frac{x^3}{2a^3} \right]_{-3}^3 = \frac{27}{a^3}$ <p>= 0.125 so a = 6</p>	<p>M1dep*</p> <p>B1</p> <p>*M1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>4</p>	<p>Integrate, attempt at correct seen limits <i>somewhere</i></p> <p>Correct indefinite integral, can be implied by, e.g. $27/a^3$</p> <p>Equate, with limits, to 0.125 and solve</p> <p>Solve to get $a = 6$ exactly</p>	<p>Allow e.g. "< 3" = "≤ -4"</p> <p>Allow also for a^3 on top</p> <p>Allow 6.00 but no other decimals. <i>Not</i> ± 6</p>
(ii)	<p>$\mu = 0$</p> $\int_{-a}^a kx^4 dx = \left[k \frac{x^5}{5} \right]_{-a}^a = \frac{3a^2}{5}$ <p>= 1.35 so a = 1.5</p>	<p>B1</p> <p>M1dep*</p> <p>B1</p> <p>*M1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>5</p>	<p>Stated somewhere or calculated, any a</p> <p>Attempt to integrate $x^2 f(x)$, limits $\pm a$</p> <p>Or exact equivalent, can be implied</p> <p>Equate to 1.35 and solve</p> <p>$a = 1.5 \pm 0.005$, allow ± 1.5, ignore "must be positive"</p>	<p>If $\mu = 0$ not mentioned anywhere, or "$-\mu$" stated [instead of "$-\mu^2$"], B0 but can get remaining 4/5</p> <p>Don't need explicit $-\mu^2$ here</p> <p>NB: $a = 3$ is <i>not</i> MR but can get B1 for $\mu = 0$</p>
(iii)	<p>x is a value [values] that X takes</p>	<p>B1</p> <p>1</p>	<p>Ignore irrelevancies or extra wrong, unless contradictory</p>	<p><i>Not</i> answers just about the <i>function</i></p>

(i)	[x represents a] possible value(s) taken by X	B1 1	Must refer to, or imply, both x and X or “the random variable” Ignore extra unless definitely wrong
(ii)	$\int_2^{\infty} ax^{-3} + bx^{-4} dx = \left[-\frac{a}{2x^2} - \frac{b}{3x^3} \right]_2^{\infty} = \frac{a}{8} + \frac{b}{24}$ <p>or</p> $\int_1^{\infty} ax^{-3} + bx^{-4} dx = \left[-\frac{a}{2x^2} - \frac{b}{3x^3} \right]_1^{\infty} = \frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{3}$ <p>or</p> $\int_1^2 ax^{-3} + bx^{-4} dx = \left[-\frac{a}{2x^2} - \frac{b}{3x^3} \right]_1^2 = \frac{3a}{8} + \frac{7b}{24}$ $\frac{a}{2} + \frac{b}{3} = 1 \text{ or } \frac{a}{8} + \frac{b}{24} = \frac{3}{16} \text{ or } \frac{3a}{8} + \frac{7b}{24} = \frac{13}{16}$ <p>Solve to get</p> $a = 1$ $b = \frac{3}{2}$	<p>B1 M1</p> <p>M1</p> <p>M1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>A1</p> <p>B1 7</p>	<p>Correct indefinite integral [from any set of limits or none]</p> <p>Integrate and substitute limits to obtain one expression</p> <p>Integrate and substitute limits to obtain a second expression</p> <p>The limits must be two of (1, ∞), (1, 2) or (2, ∞), allow (3, ∞) for “≥ 2”</p> <p>Equate two expressions from definite integrals to 1 or $\frac{3}{16}$ or $\frac{13}{16}$ as appropriate, and attempt to solve</p> <p>Both equations correct, any equivalent <u>simplified</u> form, can be implied [“simplified” = one a term, one b term, one number term]</p> <p>Correctly show $a = 1$ AG, www</p> <p>Correct value of b obtained from at least one correct equation</p> <p>SC: One equation only: M1B1 M0M0A0 A0B1, max 3/7</p> <p>Two equations, assume $a = 1$, solve for b, checked in other equation: 7/7</p>
(iii)	$\int_1^{\infty} ax^{-2} + bx^{-3} dx = \left[-\frac{a}{x} - \frac{b}{2x^2} \right]_1^{\infty}$ $\left\{ = a + \frac{b}{2} \right\}$ $= 1\frac{3}{4}$	<p>M1</p> <p>B1ft</p> <p>A1 3</p>	<p>Integrate $xf(x)$, limits 1 and ∞ seen somewhere</p> <p>Correct indefinite integral, their b, can be implied by correct answer</p> <p>Expect to see $\int_1^{\infty} x^{-2} + \frac{3}{2}x^{-3} dx = \left[-\frac{1}{x} - \frac{3}{4x^2} \right]_1^{\infty}$</p> <p>Correctly obtain $1\frac{3}{4}$ or a.r.t. 1.75 www, allow from calculator</p>