

Total Marks: 15

Time Duration: 45 minutes

**Question 1** (5 marks)

A continuous random variable  $X$  has the following PDF:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} 2x & 0 \leq x \leq 1 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

Calculate:

- (a) [2 marks]  $E[X]$   
 (b) [3 marks]  $E[X^2]$  and hence  $\text{Var}(X)$

**Solution:**

- (a)  $E[X] = \int_0^1 x(2x)dx = \left. \frac{2}{3}x^3 \right|_0^1 = \frac{2}{3}$   
 (b)  $E[X^2] = \int_0^1 x^2(2x)dx = \left. \frac{1}{2}x^4 \right|_0^1 = \frac{1}{2}$   
 $\text{Var}(X) = \frac{1}{2} - \left(\frac{2}{3}\right)^2 = \frac{1}{18}$

**Question 2** (4 marks)

A continuous random variable  $X$  has the following PDF:

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} kx^3 & -2 \leq x \leq 0 \\ 0 & \text{else} \end{cases}$$

- (a) [2 marks] Find the value of  $k$   
 (b) [2 marks] Find  $P(-1.5 \leq X \leq 0.5)$

**Solution:**

- (a) For a valid PDF, it must integrate to 1. So:  
 $\int_{-2}^0 kx^3 = 1$  which gives us  $k = -\frac{1}{4}$   
 (b)  $P(-1.5 \leq X \leq 0.5) = \int_{-1.5}^0 f(x)dx$   
 $= -\frac{1}{4} \int_{-1.5}^0 x^3 dx = \frac{81}{256} = 0.3164$

**Question 3** (6 marks)

A movie theatre claims that the mean time to buy a ticket on their website is 60 seconds with a standard deviation of 30 seconds. A random sample of 36 customers attempted to buy a ticket on the website. The mean time to buy was 75 seconds, suggesting that the company's claim might be false.

- (a) [1 mark] Write down the null hypothesis  $H_0$  and alternate hypothesis  $H_a$  associated with this scenario.  
 (b) [1 mark] Compute  $z$ -statistic for this scenario.  
 (c) [2 marks] Determine the P-value for this scenario.  
 (d) [2 marks] Determine what conclusion can be drawn from the P-value for the following significance levels:

- i  $\alpha = 0.0050$   
 ii  $\alpha = 0.0010$

**Solution:**

(a)  $H_0 : \mu = 60$   
 $H_a : \mu > 60$

(b)  $Z_{stat} = \frac{75-60}{30/\sqrt{36}} = 3$

(c) Using the z-table, we have  $P(Z > Z_{stat}) = 1 - P(Z \leq Z_{stat}) = 1 - 0.9987 = 0.0013$ . Hence, P-value = 0.0013.

(d) i  $0.0013 < \alpha = 0.0050$ : reject  $H_0$ . The company's claim might be false.

ii  $0.0013 > \alpha = 0.0010$ : fail to reject  $H_0$ . The company's claim might be true.

