

MTH 451 Quiz 4

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Question 1.

(a) Applying the definition gives

$$E(X) = \sum_{x \in X} xf(X) = 0 * 7/17 + 1 * 5/17 + 2 * 3/17 + 3 * 2/17 = 1$$

(b) Since E is linear $E(2x + 3) = 2E(X) + 3 = 2 + 3 = 5$

(c) We use the LOTUS.

$$E(X^2) = \sum_{x \in X} x^2 f(X)$$

$$= 0^2 * 7/17 + 1^2 * 5/17 + 2^2 * 3/17 + 3^2 * 2/17 = 35/17$$

(d) By definition $V(X) = E[x - E[X]^2]$, Then we have $V(X) = E(X^2) - E(X)^2 = 35/17 - 1 = 18/17$

(e) Since $V(aX + b) = a^2V(X)$ we have

$$V(2X + 3) = 4V(X) = 4(18/17) = 72/17$$