

The random variable  $X$  has probability generating function  $G_X(t)$  given by

$$G_X(t) = k(1 + 3t + 4t^2),$$

where  $k$  is a constant.

- (a)** Show that  $E(X) = \frac{11}{8}$ . [3]

The random variable  $Y$  has probability generating function  $G_Y(t)$  given by

$$G_Y(t) = \frac{1}{3}t^2(1 + 2t).$$

The random variables  $X$  and  $Y$  are independent and  $Z = X + Y$ .

- (b)** Find the probability generating function of  $Z$ , expressing your answer as a polynomial in  $t$ . [2]

- (c)** Use your answer to part **(b)** to find the value of  $\text{Var}(Z)$ . [3]

- (d)** Write down the most probable value of  $Z$ . [1]