

The random variable X is such that $P(X = r) = kr^2$ for $r = 1, 2, 3, 4$, where k is a constant.

(a) Find the value of k . [1]

(b) Find the probability generating function $G_X(t)$ of X . [2]

The random variable Y has probability generating function $G_Y(t) = \frac{1}{4} + \frac{1}{2}t + \frac{1}{4}t^2$.

The random variable Z is the sum of X and Y .

(c) Assuming that X and Y are independent, find the probability generating function $G_Z(t)$ of Z as a polynomial in t . [3]

(d) Given that $E(Z) = \frac{13}{3}$, use $G_Z(t)$ to find $\text{Var}(Z)$. [3]