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Consider a random variable X whose probability mass function (PMF) is given as:

$$P(X = x) = \begin{cases} k & \text{if } x = -3 \\ 0.1 & \text{if } x = 0 \\ 0.1 & \text{if } x = 2.2 \\ 0.3 & \text{if } x = 3 \\ 0.3 & \text{if } x = 4 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

x_i	x_i^2	$P(X=x_i)$	$x_i P(X=x_i)$	$x_i^2 P(X=x_i)$
-3	9	0.2	-0.6	1.8
0	0	0.1	0	0
2.2	4.84	0.1	0.22	0.484
3	9	0.3	0.9	2.7
4	16	0.3	1.2	4.8
Σ			1.72	9.784

- Find the value of k .
- Compute $P(2X - 2 \geq 4)$.
- Find $\text{Var}(X)$.

a) $\sum_{-\infty}^{\infty} P(X=x) = 1 \Rightarrow k + 0.1 + 0.1 + 0.3 + 0.3 + 0 = 1$
 $k = 0.2$

b) $P(2X - 2 \geq 4) = P(2X \geq 6) = P(X \geq 3) = P(X=3) + P(X=4)$
 $= 0.3 + 0.3 = 0.6$

c) $\text{Var}(X) = \sigma_x^2 = E[(X - \mu_x)^2]$ or

$\sigma_x^2 = E[X^2] - \mu_x^2 = 9.784 - (1.72)^2$
 $\sigma_x^2 = 6.8256$

① $\mu_x = \sum x_i P(X=x_i) = (-3)(0.2) + (0)(0.1) + (2.2)(0.1) + 3(0.3) + 4(0.3)$
 $= 1.72$

② $\sigma_x^2 = E[(X - 1.72)^2] = \sum (x_i - 1.72)^2 P(X=x_i)$
 $= (-3 - 1.72)^2 (0.2) + (0 - 1.72)^2 (0.1) + (2.2 - 1.72)^2 (0.1) + (3 - 1.72)^2 (0.3) + (4 - 1.72)^2 (0.3)$

$\sigma_x^2 = 6.8256$