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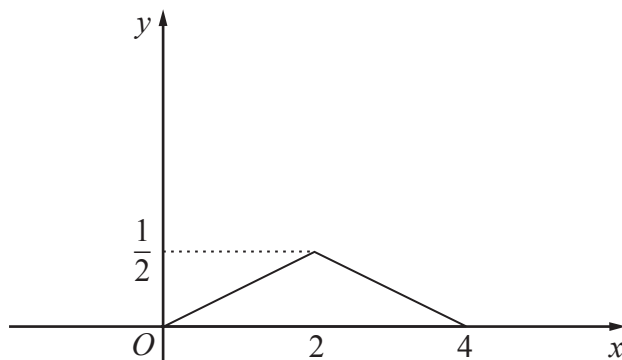


Figure 1

Figure 1 shows a sketch of the probability density function $f(x)$ of the random variable X . The part of the sketch from $x = 0$ to $x = 4$ consists of an isosceles triangle with maximum at $(2, 0.5)$.

(a) Write down $E(X)$. (1)

The probability density function $f(x)$ can be written in the following form.

$$f(x) = \begin{cases} ax & 0 \leq x < 2 \\ b - ax & 2 \leq x \leq 4 \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$

(b) Find the values of the constants a and b . (2)

(c) Show that σ , the standard deviation of X , is 0.816 to 3 decimal places. (7)

(d) Find the lower quartile of X . (3)

(e) State, giving a reason, whether $P(2 - \sigma < X < 2 + \sigma)$ is more or less than 0.5 (2)



