

[3.F06.25] You are given the following information about the probability generating function for a discrete distribution:

$$P'(1) = 2 \quad P''(1) = 6$$

Calculate the variance of the distribution.

- A. Less than 1.5
- B. At least 1.5, but less than 2.5
- C. At least 2.5, but less than 3.5
- ☒ D. At least 3.5, but less than 4.5
- E. At least 4.5

$$P'(1) = 2 = EX$$

$$P''(1) = E[X(X-1)] = 6$$

$$E[X^2 - X] = 6$$

$$EX^2 - EX = 6$$

$$EX^2 - 2 = 6$$

$$EX^2 = 8$$

$$\text{Var } X = 8 - 2^2 = 4$$