

4.10.6

a) By the Binomial Formula:

$$1 = 1^N = (x + (1-x))^N = \sum_{k=0}^N \binom{N}{k} x^k (1-x)^{N-k}$$

as wanted,

b) Have  $\frac{k}{N} \binom{N}{k} = \binom{N-1}{k-1}$  for  $k \neq 0$ , and 0 for  $k=0$

$$\sum_{k=0}^N \frac{k}{N} \binom{N}{k} x^k (1-x)^{N-k} = \sum_{k=1}^N \binom{N-1}{k-1} x^k (1-x)^{N-k}$$

Let  $l = k-1$ . Then  $\sum_{k=1}^N \binom{N-1}{k-1} x^k (1-x)^{N-k} = \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \binom{N-1}{l} x^{l+1} (1-x)^{N-l-1}$

$$\text{So } \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{k}{N} \binom{N}{k} x^k (1-x)^{N-k} = x \cdot \sum_{l=0}^{N-1} \binom{N-1}{l} x^l (1-x)^{(N-1)-l}$$

$$= x \cdot 1 \text{ by a)}$$

$$= x.$$

c) Have  $\frac{k(k-1)}{N^2} \binom{N}{k} = \frac{N-1}{N} \binom{N-2}{k-2}$  for  $k \geq 2$ , and 0 for  $k=0, k=1$ .

$$\sum_{k=0}^N \frac{k(k-1)}{N^2} \binom{N}{k} x^k (1-x)^{N-k} = \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{1}{N^2} (k(k-1) + (1-2xN)k + N^2 x^2)$$

$$= \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{k(k-1)}{N^2} \binom{N}{k} x^k (1-x)^{N-k} + \sum_{k=0}^N \frac{1-2xN}{N} \frac{k}{N} \binom{N}{k} x^k (1-x)^{N-k} + \sum_{k=0}^N x^2 \binom{N}{k} x^k (1-x)^{N-k}$$

$$= \sum_{k=2}^N \frac{N-1}{N} \binom{N-2}{k-2} x^k (1-x)^{N-k} + \frac{1-2xN}{N} x + x^2 \quad (\text{choose } l=k-2)$$

$$= \sum_{l=0}^{N-2} \frac{N-1}{N} \binom{N-2}{l} x^2 x^l (1-x)^{N-2-l} + \frac{x}{N} (1-2xN + xN)$$

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$$= \frac{N-1}{N} x^2 + \frac{x}{N} (1-Nx) = \frac{x}{N} (Nx - x + 1 - Nx) = \frac{1}{N} x(1-x)$$

as wanted.

$$\begin{aligned} d) |f(x) - P_n(x)| &= |f(x) \cdot 1 - P_n(x)| = |f(x) \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} - P_n(x)| \\ &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^n f(x) \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} - \sum_{k=0}^n f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right) \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} \right| \\ &= \left| \sum_{k=0}^n (f(x) - f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)) \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} \right| \\ &\leq \sum_{k=0}^n |f(x) - f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)| \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

as  $|x| = x$  and  $|1-x| = 1-x$ .

e) As  $f$  is a continuous function on a compact set  $[0,1]$ , we have that  $f$  is uniformly continuous on  $[0,1]$ , so there exists a  $\delta$  s.t.  $|f(u) - f(v)| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$  whenever  $|u-v| < \delta$ .

We split the sum from d) into the set of  $k$ 's s.t.  $|\frac{k}{n} - x| < \delta$  and the set of  $k$ 's s.t.  $|\frac{k}{n} - x| \geq \delta$ . For the set of  $k$ 's s.t.  $|\frac{k}{n} - x| < \delta$ , we have  $|f(x) - f(\frac{k}{n})| < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ , so we have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\{k: |\frac{k}{n} - x| < \delta\}} |f(x) - f\left(\frac{k}{n}\right)| \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} &\leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} \sum_{\{k: |\frac{k}{n} - x| < \delta\}} \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} \\ &< \frac{\epsilon}{2} \sum_{k=0}^n \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} = \frac{\epsilon}{2} \quad \text{by a).} \end{aligned}$$

as wanted.

f) By the extreme value theorem,  $f$  has a maximum in  $[0,1]$ , and we must therefore have an  $M$  s.t.  $|f(x)| \leq M$  for all  $x \in [0,1]$ .

We have

$$\begin{aligned} \sum_{\{k: |\frac{k}{n} - x| \geq \delta\}} |f(x) - f(\frac{k}{n})| \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} &\leq \sum_{\{k: |\frac{k}{n} - x| \geq \delta\}} (|f(x)| + |f(\frac{k}{n})|) \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} \\ &\leq 2M \sum_{\{k: |\frac{k}{n} - x| \geq \delta\}} \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} \\ &\leq 2M \sum_{k=0}^n \left(\frac{\frac{k}{n} - x}{\delta}\right)^2 \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} \end{aligned}$$

where in the last inequality we use that  $\binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} \stackrel{k=0}{\geq} 0$  for the  $k$ 's in the original sum,  $\left(\frac{\frac{k}{n} - x}{\delta}\right)^2 \geq 1$ , while for the new elements in the sum, we have  $\left(\frac{\frac{k}{n} - x}{\delta}\right)^2 \geq 0$ .

So we use e) on this to get

$$2M \sum_{k=0}^n \frac{\left(\frac{k}{n} - x\right)^2}{\delta^2} \binom{n}{k} x^k (1-x)^{n-k} = \frac{2M}{\delta^2} x(1-x) \leq \frac{M}{2\delta^2}$$

as  $x(1-x) \leq \frac{1}{4}$  when  $x \in [0,1]$ .

g) we can choose  $n$  large enough that  $\frac{M}{2\delta^2} < \frac{\epsilon}{2}$ , and we can combine e) and f) to get

$|f(x) - P_n(x)| \leq \frac{\epsilon}{2} + \frac{\epsilon}{2} = \epsilon$ . As this  $n$  works for all  $x \in [0,1]$ , we have that  $\sup_{x \in [0,1]} |f(x) - P_n(x)| < \epsilon$  when  $n$  is large enough.

Therefore, we have that  $P_n$  converges uniformly to  $f$ .

