Ph 21 Homework 5

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1 Question 1.

I used emcee for MCMC sampling. To get the log of the posterior function, I wrote the following function:

```
def getPosterior(a, nHeads):
    sigma = 0.3
    mu = 0.5
    prior = -(np.log(sigma) + np.log(np.sqrt(2 * np.pi)))\
    - (a - mu)**2 / (2 * sigma**2)
    if a <= 0 or a >=1:
        return -np.inf

    likelihood = np.log(math.factorial(n)) -(np.log((math.factorial(nHeads)) + \
                        np.log (math.factorial(n - nHeads)))) + \
                        nHeads * np.log(a)  + (n - nHeads) * np.log(1 - a)
    return prior + likelihood
```

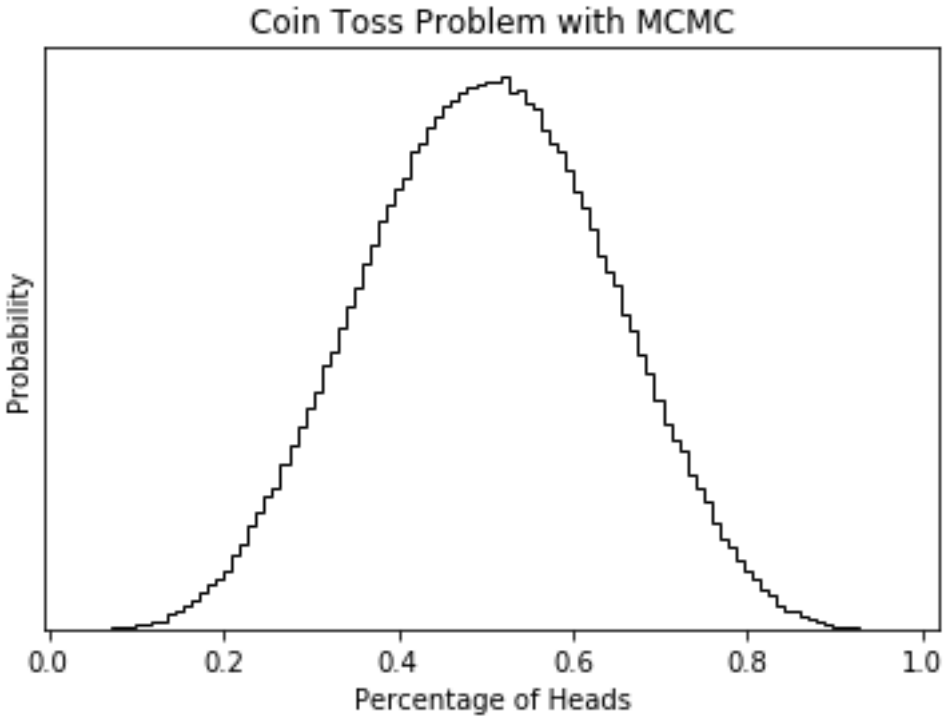
To fun the sampler, I wrote

```
p0 = np.random.rand(nwalkers, ndim)
sampler = emcee.EnsembleSampler(nwalkers, ndim, getPosterior, args = [nHeads])
state = sampler.run_mcmc(p0, 100)
sampler.reset()
sampler.run_mcmc(state, chainLength);
```

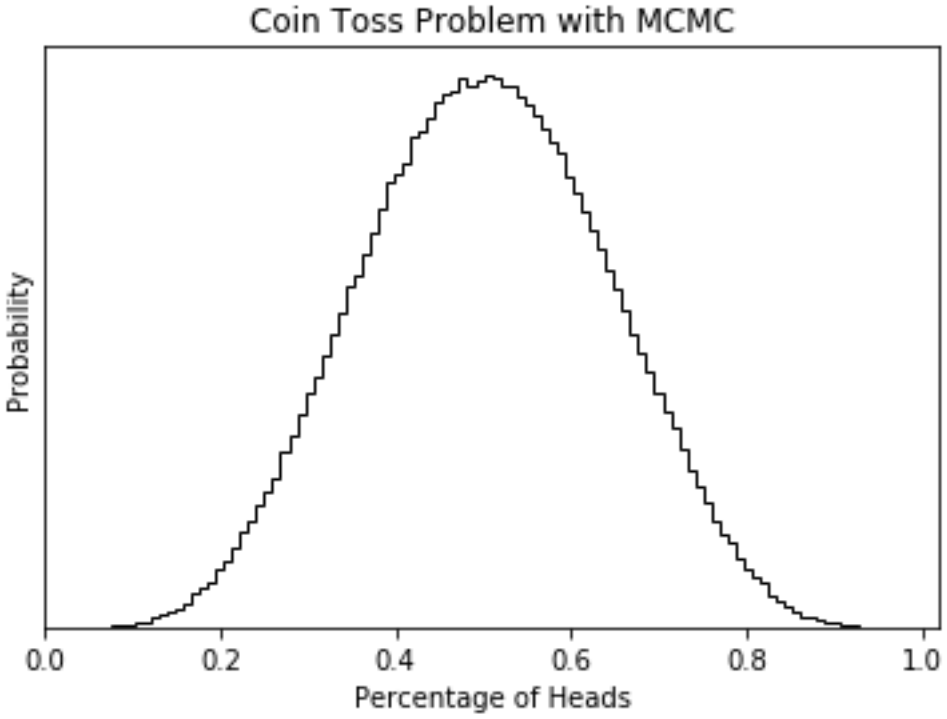
To draw the graphs, I wrote

```
samples = sampler.get_chain(flat=True)
plt.hist(samples[:, 0], 100, color="k", histtype="step")
plt.gca().set_yticks([]);
plt.xlabel(r"Percentage of Heads")
plt.ylabel(r"Probability")
plt.title('Coin Toss Problem with MCMC')
```

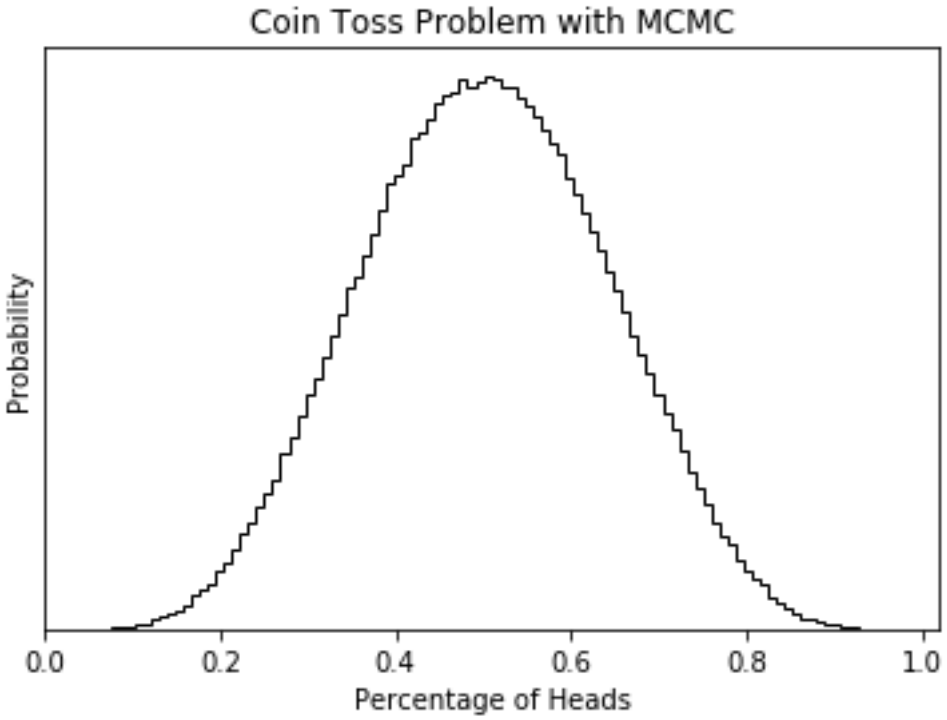
I started with a flat prior of 0.5.
I used n = 10. For 64 walkers and a chain length of 10,000, I got the following graph:



I proceeded to change the number of walkers to 128 walkers and got



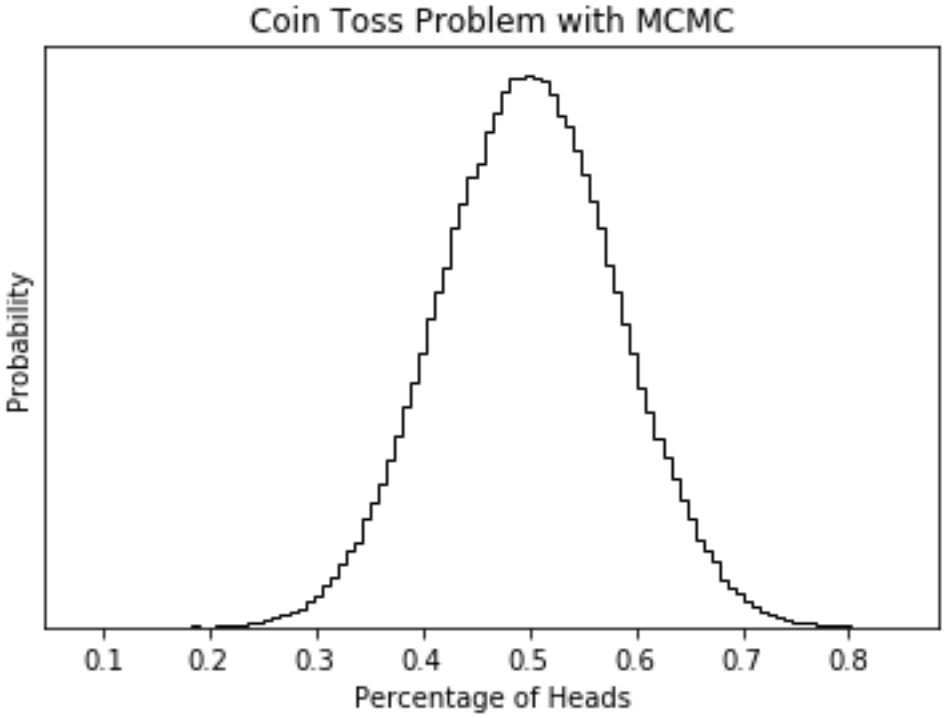
For 64 walkers, but 1,000 chain length, I got



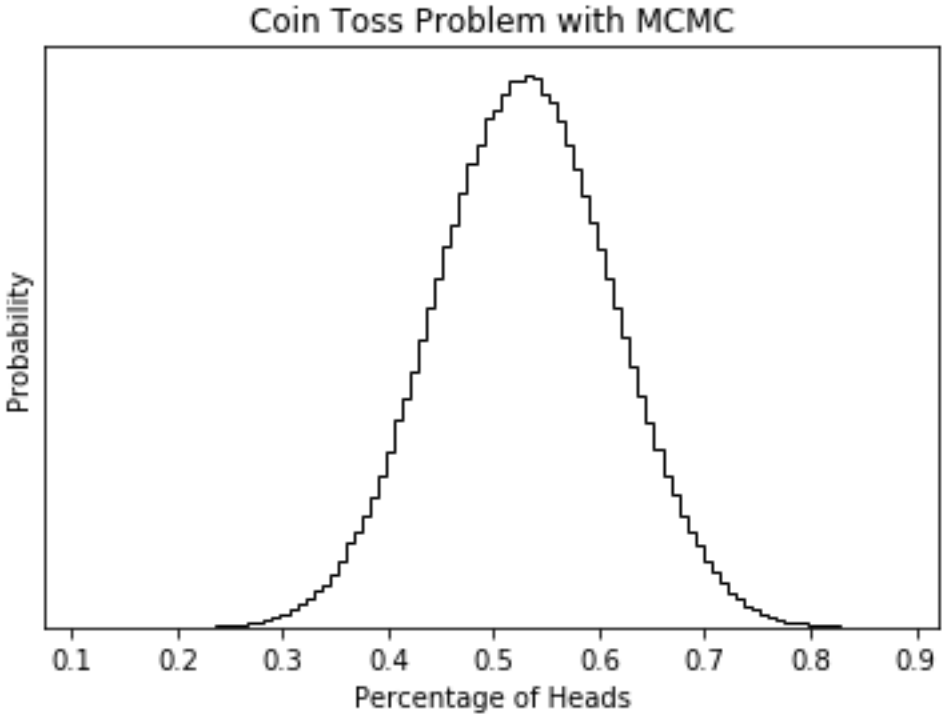
For a prior of a Gaussian distribution, I used the line

```
prior = -(np.log(sigma) + np.log(np.sqrt(2 * np.pi)))\
    - (a - mu)**2 / (2 * sigma**2)
```

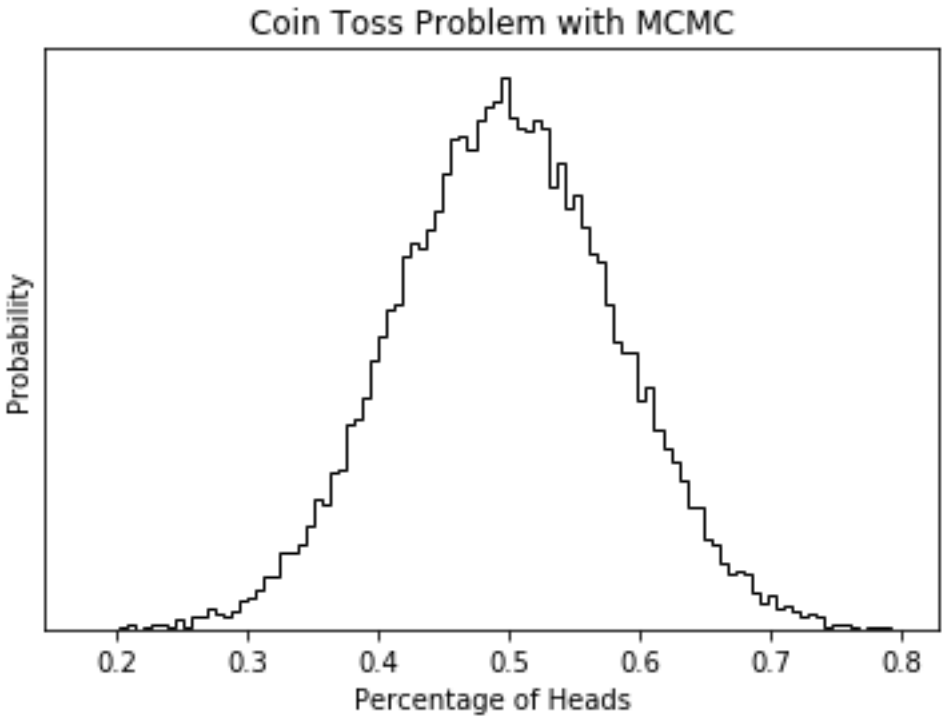
I centered the gaussain at 0.5 with a sigma of 0.1. My resulting graph for 64 walkers and 10,000 chain length was



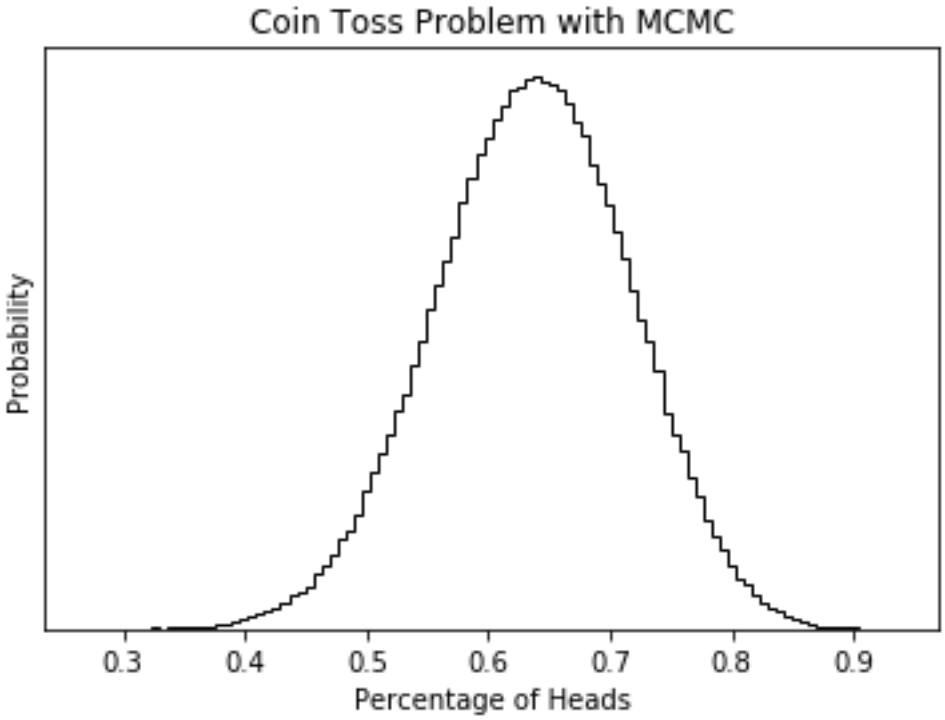
For 128 walkers and 10,000 chain length, it was



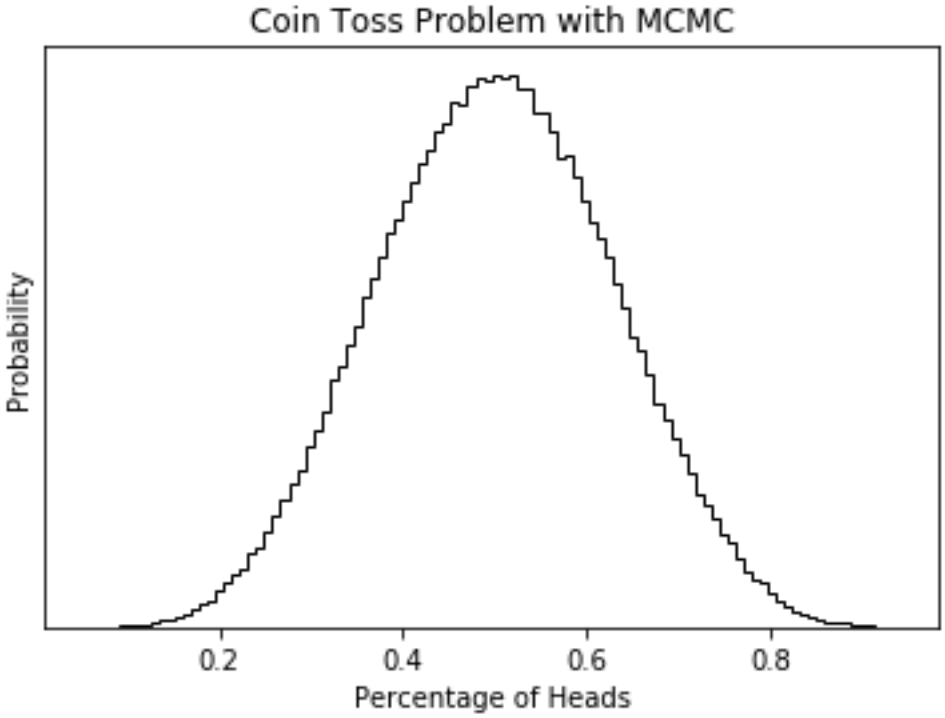
For 64 walkers and 1,000 chain length, it was



I then proceeded to shift the center of the gaussian to 0.7 while keeping the standard 64 walkers and 10,000 chain length.



Then, I changed the mean back to 0.5, but increased the sigma to 0.3.



Shifting the mean slightly shifted the center of the posterior towards 0.7. Increasing the sigma widened the posterior.

2 Question 2.

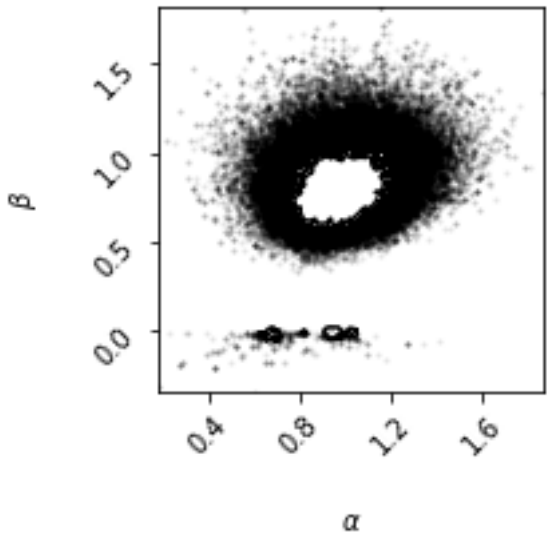
The getPosterior function for this was very similar to last assignment. It was

```
def getPosterior(params, data):
    logB = 0
    if (params[1] > 0):
        logB = math.log(params[1])

    likelihood = np.ones(len(data)) * logB - np.ones(len(data)) * \
    math.log(math.pi) - np.log(params[1]**2 + (data - params[0]) ** 2)

    return np.sum(likelihood)
```

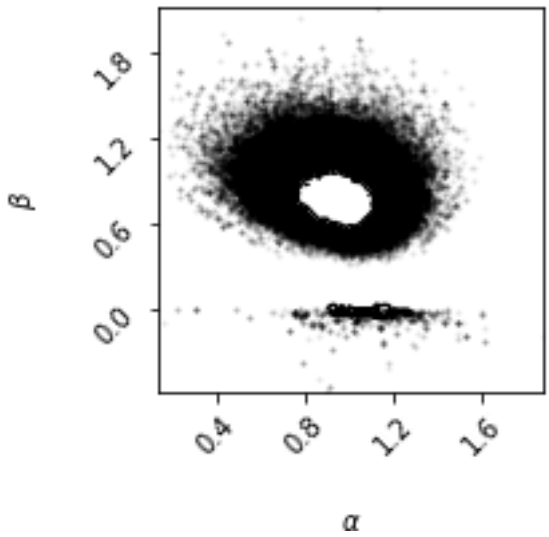
I got data in the exact same way as the previous assignment. For this part, I set the number of dimensions to 2 since there are 2 unknown variables. I plotted the 2D contour graph using the corner package with the line

```
fig = corner.corner(sampler.flatchain, labels=[r"$\alpha$", r"$\beta$"], bins=100)
```

My resulting graph for n = 50, 64 walkers, and 10,000 chain length was



It is centered at about (1,1) which is expected. For 128 walkers and 10,000 chain length, I got



For 64 walkers and 1,000 chain length, I got