

### Question 1)

I'll do the analysis with the reduced chi-square which is

$$\chi^2/\nu \text{ where } \nu = \text{\# degree of freedom} = \text{number of data point} - \text{\# of fitted parameters}$$

If the the fit is close to one than it's a good fit if much bigger than it's a bad fit and if it's smaller than our model is overfitting.

For the params dialled by Prof. Siervers I get indicating a fairly poor fit.

$$\chi_r^2 = 6.1 \gg 1$$

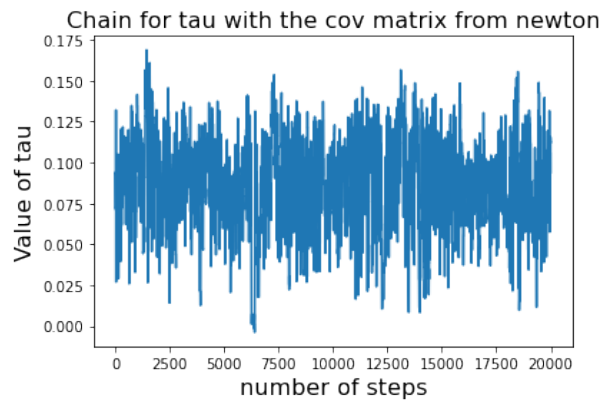
For the set of parameters listed in the question I get  $\chi^2 = 3272.2$ ,  $\chi_r^2 = 1.31$  close to 1 which is could be a an acceptable fit.

### Question 2)

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Parameters from newton
H0 = 68.25672018474549 +/- 1.1178236188569777
omh2 = 0.02240497262888177 +/- 0.0002961743935621618
omch2 = 0.11767675641945229 +/- 0.002296306587742288
tau = 0.0937187371605846 +/- 0.03342057259067247
As = 2.2591952547511157e-09 +/- 1.4373960941937373e-10
ns = 0.9757678152637844 +/- 0.005429224721402755
```

Those are my parameters from newton. The errors where computed by taking the square root of the diagonal entries of the covariance matrix

### Question 3)



As we can see from the plot of my chain for tau, the samples oscillate about one value and don't wander off. This suggests that the chain converged.

I evaluated the parameters by averaging over the samples of the chain. To compute the error I computed the std over the chain and divided by  $\sqrt{n-1}$  where n is the number of samples.

Parameters given by the mcmc

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H0 = 68.348256525103 +/- 0.007580865436914846
omh2 = 0.022351503254201308 +/- 1.6552286963961998e-06
omch2 = 0.11740554230237912 +/- 1.618558065727534e-05
tau = 0.0853650496499402 +/- 0.0002097276175824919
As = 2.220842282480639e-09 +/- 8.82485162274489e-13
ns = 0.9740768880149552 +/- 4.076048097931655e-05
```

Calculating  $\Omega_\Lambda$

$$\Omega_b + \Omega_c + \Omega_\Lambda = 1 \Rightarrow \Omega_\Lambda = 1 - \frac{1}{h^2} (\Omega_b h^2 + \Omega_c h^2)$$

$$\text{where } h = \frac{H_0}{100}$$

$$\Rightarrow 1 - \frac{100^2}{H_0^2} (\Omega_b h^2 + \Omega_c h^2) = 1 - \frac{100^2}{p_0^2} (p_1 + p_2)$$

So for the error

$p_i$  = fitted parameters

$$\frac{\partial \Omega_\Lambda}{\partial p_0} = \frac{100}{p_0^2} (p_1 + p_2), \quad \frac{\partial \Omega_\Lambda}{\partial p_1} = \frac{-100^2}{p_0^2}, \quad \frac{\partial \Omega_\Lambda}{\partial p_2} = \frac{-100^2}{p_0^2}$$

$$\sigma_\Lambda = \sqrt{\left(\frac{\partial \Omega_\Lambda}{\partial p_0} \sigma_{p_0}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \Omega_\Lambda}{\partial p_1} \sigma_{p_1}\right)^2 + \left(\frac{\partial \Omega_\Lambda}{\partial p_2} \sigma_{p_2}\right)^2}$$

$$\Rightarrow \Omega_\Lambda = 0.70083(7)$$

#### Question 4)

```
Parameters given by importance sampling
H0 = 67.89742146356934 +/- 0.018018182362854566
omh2 = 0.022296154798489586 +/- 4.548755138976884e-06
omch2 = 0.11837196183345552 +/- 3.84197610505776e-05
tau = 0.055909991941516475 +/- 0.00014095779724401515
As = 2.096284118154914e-09 +/- 6.016662895811411e-13
ns = 0.971347383243812 +/- 9.091165551842413e-05
```

For the importance sampling I did a weighted average where the weights are computed as follow

$$\text{Weights} = \chi^2_{\text{old}} \cdot \text{Gaussian}(x=\text{tau}, \mu=0.054, \sigma=0.0074)$$

So the samples in the chain that have a value of tau closer to the mean of 0.054 get a bigger weight in the average. I used the fact that `np.average()` already has a "weight" kwarg in my advantage. For the error I made a custom `weighted_std()` function which looks like

```
mean = average(chain_samples, weights)
variance = average((chain_samples-mean)^2, weights)
std = sqrt(variance)
```

Now for the new chain I recalculated the covariance matrix using the fact that `np.cov()` also has a weight kwarg. So I just did `np.cov(chain, aweights=weights)`

To implement the constraint in the mcmc I had to make another chi-square function.

I did the following `chi-square = (data-get_spectrum(parms)**2/errs + (pars[3]-0.054)**2/0.0074`.

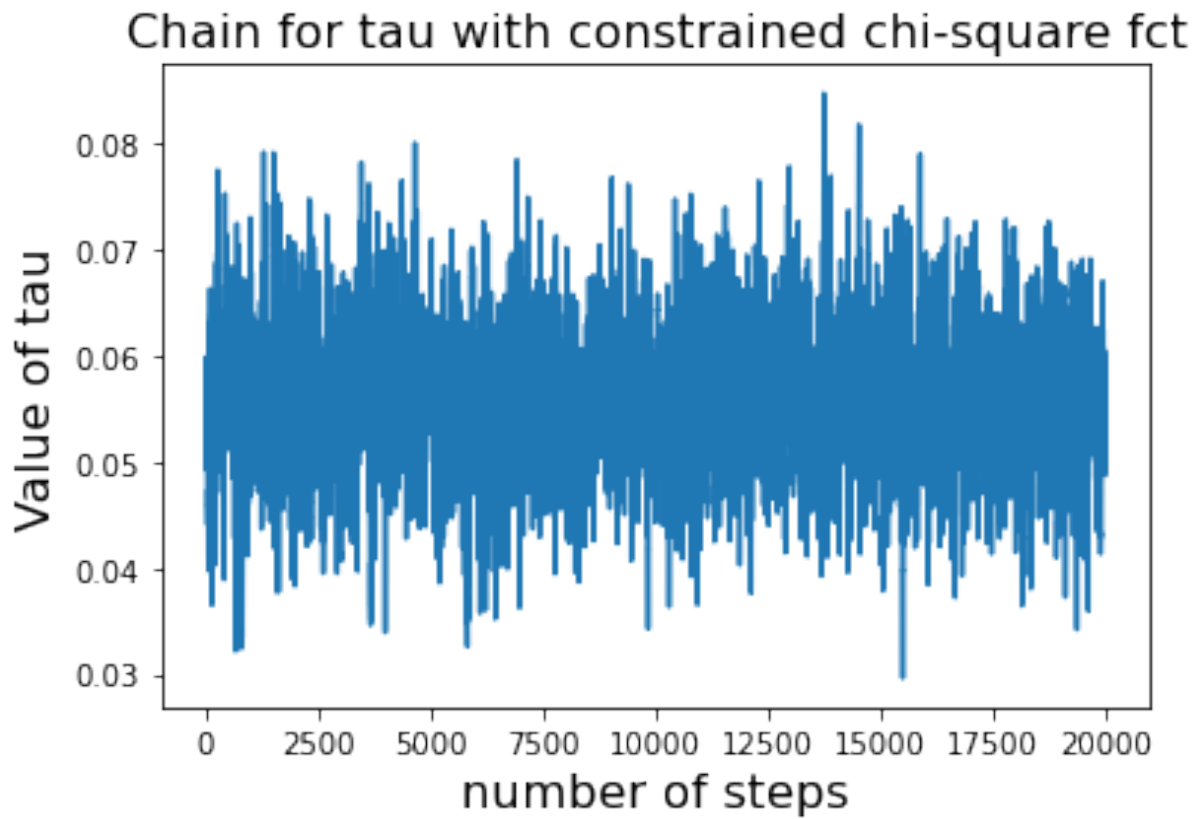
So I essentially just added another chi-square term to our old chi square function accordingly with our new constraint on tau.

I got the following params

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Parameters given by constrained
H0 = 67.72246602873166 +/- 0.019415139644339476
omh2 = 0.022289497112099634 +/- 4.276946584617312e-06
omch2 = 0.11884210031908733 +/- 4.372976234845353e-05
tau = 0.056046795156113306 +/- 0.00014150690269914092
As = 2.099679828289975e-09 +/- 6.149781193344319e-13
ns = 0.9700726926016747 +/- 0.00010705773915309634
```

Just looking at them with the naked eye we see that they are essentially the same as the one we got with the importance sampling.

Now a plot of the chain



which again doesn't wander off, suggesting that it converged