

08-DaskDelayed

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1 Dask

- process data that doesn't fit into memory by breaking it into blocks and specifying task chains
- parallelize execution of tasks across cores and even nodes of a cluster
- move computation to the data rather than the other way around, to minimize communication overheads

<http://dask.pydata.org/en/latest/>

```
[1]: import dask
import dask.multiprocessing
```

1.1 Define two slow functions

```
[2]: from time import sleep

def slowinc(x, delay=1):
    sleep(delay)
    return x + 1

def slowadd(x, y, delay=1):
    sleep(delay)
    return x + y
```

```
[3]: %%time
x = slowinc(1)
y = slowinc(2)
z = slowadd(x, y)
```

CPU times: user 1.52 ms, sys: 195 µs, total: 1.72 ms
Wall time: 3 s

1.2 Parallelize with dask.delayed

- Functions wrapped by `dask.delayed` don't run immediately, but instead put those functions and arguments into a task graph.

- The result is computed separately by calling the `.compute()` method.

```
[4]: from dask import delayed
```

```
[5]: x = delayed(slowinc)(1)
      y = delayed(slowinc)(2)
      z = delayed(slowadd)(x, y)
```

```
[6]: %%time
      z.compute()
```

```
CPU times: user 6.61 ms, sys: 362 µs, total: 6.97 ms
Wall time: 2.01 s
```

```
[6]: 5
```

1.3 Dask graph

- Contains description of the calculations necessary to produce the result.
- The `z` object is a lazy Delayed object. This object holds everything we need to compute the final result. We can compute the result with `.compute()` as above or we can visualize the task graph for this value with `.visualize()`.

```
[7]: z.visualize()
```

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↳close_fds,
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FileNotFoundError: [Errno 2] No such file or directory: 'dot'

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ExecutableNotFound                                Traceback (most recent call
↳ last)
```

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->Graphviz executables are on your systems' PATH

```

1.4 Parallelize a loop

```
[8]: %%time
data = list(range(8))

results = []

for x in data:
    y = slowinc(x)
    results.append(y)

total = sum(results)
total
```

CPU times: user 3.4 ms, sys: 480 µs, total: 3.88 ms

Wall time: 8.01 s

```
[8]: 36
```

1.4.1 Exercise 8.1

- Parallelize this by appending the delayed `slowinc` calls to the list `results`.
- Display the graph of total computation
- Compute time elapsed for the computation.

```
[9]: from dask import delayed

futures = []

for x in data:
    y = delayed(slowinc)(x)
    futures.append(y)

total = delayed(sum)(futures)
```

```
[10]: total.visualize()
```

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```
[11]: %time total.compute()
```

```

CPU times: user 7.54 ms, sys: 0 ns, total: 7.54 ms
Wall time: 4.01 s

```

```
[11]: 36
```

1.5 Decorator

It is also common to see the delayed function used as a decorator. Same example:

```
[12]: %%time

@dask.delayed
def slowinc(x, delay=1):
    sleep(delay)
    return x + 1

@dask.delayed
def slowadd(x, y, delay=1):
    sleep(delay)
    return x + y

x = slowinc(1)
y = slowinc(2)
z = slowadd(x, y)
z.compute()

```

```

CPU times: user 4.39 ms, sys: 0 ns, total: 4.39 ms
Wall time: 2 s

```

```
[12]: 5
```


1.6 Control flow

- Delay only some functions, running a few of them immediately. This is helpful when those functions are fast and help us to determine what other slower functions we should call.
- In the example below we iterate through a list of inputs. If that input is even then we want to call `half`. If the input is odd then we want to call `odd_process`. This is even decision to call `half` or `odd_process` has to be made immediately (not lazily) in order for our graph-building Python code to proceed.

```
[13]: from random import randint
import dask.delayed

@dask.delayed
def half(x):
    sleep(1)
    return x // 2

@dask.delayed
def odd_process(x):
    sleep(1)
    return 3*x+1

def is_even(x):
    return not x % 2

data = [randint(0,100) for i in range(8)]
data
```

```
[13]: [52, 94, 61, 91, 54, 14, 17, 68]
```

1.6.1 Exercise 8.2

- Parallelize the sequential code above using `dask.delayed`
- You will need to delay some functions, but not all
- Visualize and check the computed result

```
[14]: results = []
for x in data:
    if is_even(x):
        y = half(x)
    else:
        y = odd_process(x)
    results.append(y)

total = delayed(sum)(results)
total.visualize()
```

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      8
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```

```

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1.6.2 Exercise 8.3

- Parallelize the hdf5 conversion from json files
- Create a function `convert_to_hdf`
- Use `dask.compute` function on delayed calls of the function created list
- Is it really faster as expected ?

Hint: Read [Delayed Best Practices](#)

```

[15]: import os # library to get directory and file paths
import tarfile # this module makes possible to read and write tar archives

def extract_data(name, where):
    datadir = os.path.join(where, name)
    if not os.path.exists(datadir):
        print("Extracting data...")
        tar_path = os.path.join(where, name+'.tgz')
        with tarfile.open(tar_path, mode='r:gz') as data:
            data.extractall(where)

extract_data('daily-stock', 'data') # this function call will extract json files

```

```
[16]: import os, sys
      from glob import glob
      import pandas as pd
      import json

      here = os.getcwd() # get the current directory
      filenames = sorted(glob(os.path.join(here, 'data', 'daily-stock', '*.json')))
```

```
[17]: def read( fn ):
      with open(fn) as f:
          return [json.loads(line) for line in f]

      def convert(data):
          df = pd.DataFrame(data)

          out_filename = fn[:-5] + '.h5'
          df.to_hdf(out_filename, os.path.join(here, 'data'))
          return

      for fn in filenames:
          data = read( fn)
          convert(data)
```

```
/usr/share/miniconda3/envs/big-data/lib/python3.8/site-
packages/tables/path.py:155: NaturalNameWarning: object name is not a valid
Python identifier: 'big-data'; it does not match the pattern ``^[a-zA-
Z_][a-zA-Z0-9_]*$``; you will not be able to use natural naming to access this
object; using ``getattr()`` will still work, though
    check_attribute_name(name)
```

```
[18]: %ls data/daily-stock/*.h5
```

```
data/daily-stock/aet.h5    data/daily-stock/bwa.h5    data/daily-stock/jpm.h5
data/daily-stock/afl.h5    data/daily-stock/ge.h5     data/daily-stock/luv.h5
data/daily-stock/aig.h5    data/daily-stock/hal.h5    data/daily-stock/met.h5
data/daily-stock/al.h5     data/daily-stock/hp.h5     data/daily-stock/pcg.h5
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data/daily-stock/avy.h5    data/daily-stock/ibm.h5    data/daily-stock/usb.h5
data/daily-stock/b.h5     data/daily-stock/jbl.h5    data/daily-stock/xom.h5
```

```
[19]: @dask.delayed
      def read( fn ):
          " read json file "
          with open(fn) as f:
              return [json.loads(line) for line in f]
```

```

@dask.delayed
def convert(data, fn):
    "convert json file to hdf5 file"
    df = pd.DataFrame(data)
    out_filename = fn[:-5] + '.h5'
    df.to_hdf(out_filename, '/data')
    return fn[:-5]

results = []
for filename in filenames:
    data = read(filename)
    results.append(convert(data, filename))

```

```
[20]: %time dask.compute(*results)
```

CPU times: user 8.54 s, sys: 1.07 s, total: 9.61 s

Wall time: 9.06 s

```

[20]: ('/home/runner/work/big-data/big-data/notebooks/data/daily-stock/aet',
'/home/runner/work/big-data/big-data/notebooks/data/daily-stock/afl',
'/home/runner/work/big-data/big-data/notebooks/data/daily-stock/aig',
'/home/runner/work/big-data/big-data/notebooks/data/daily-stock/al',
'/home/runner/work/big-data/big-data/notebooks/data/daily-stock/amgn',
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