

Numerical Scientific Computing – Mini Project Part 2

Optimization of data types

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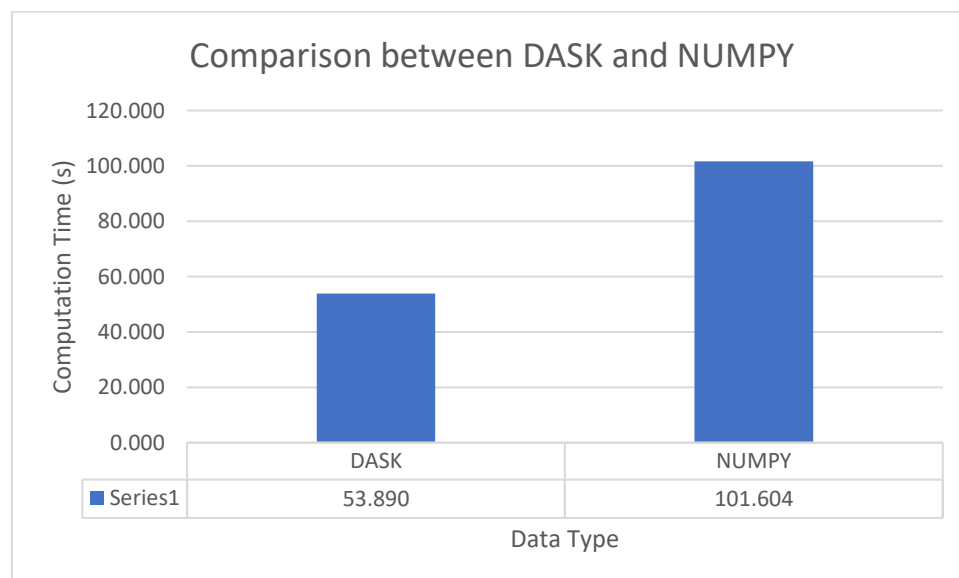
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	Complex64	Complex128
Float16	155.1	193.18
Float32	157.76	199.54
Float64	199.08	223.37

Execution time between NUMPY and DASK version

Size: 8000

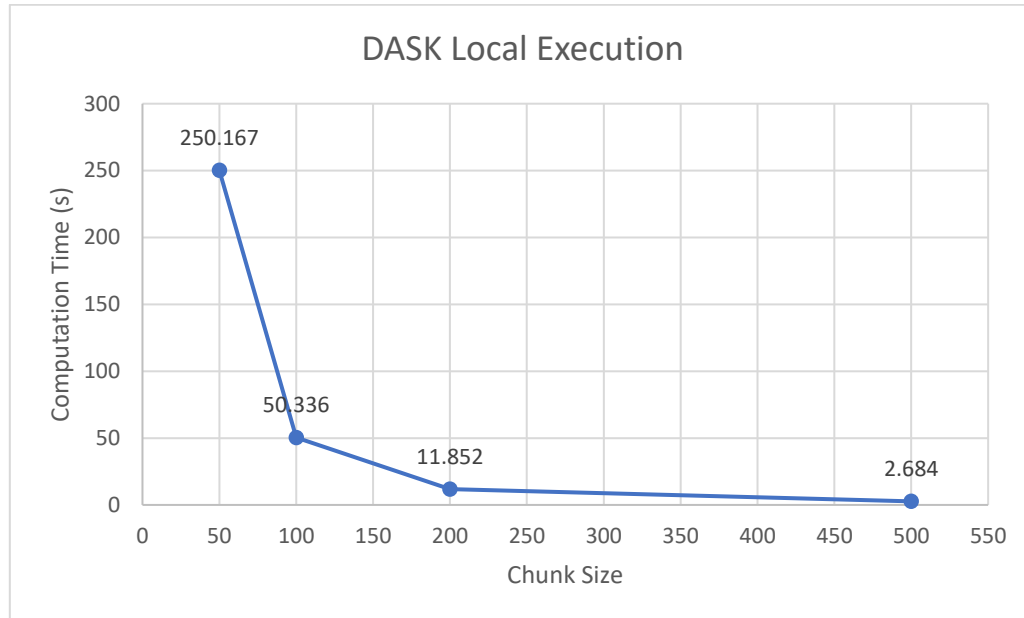
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Local DASK execution

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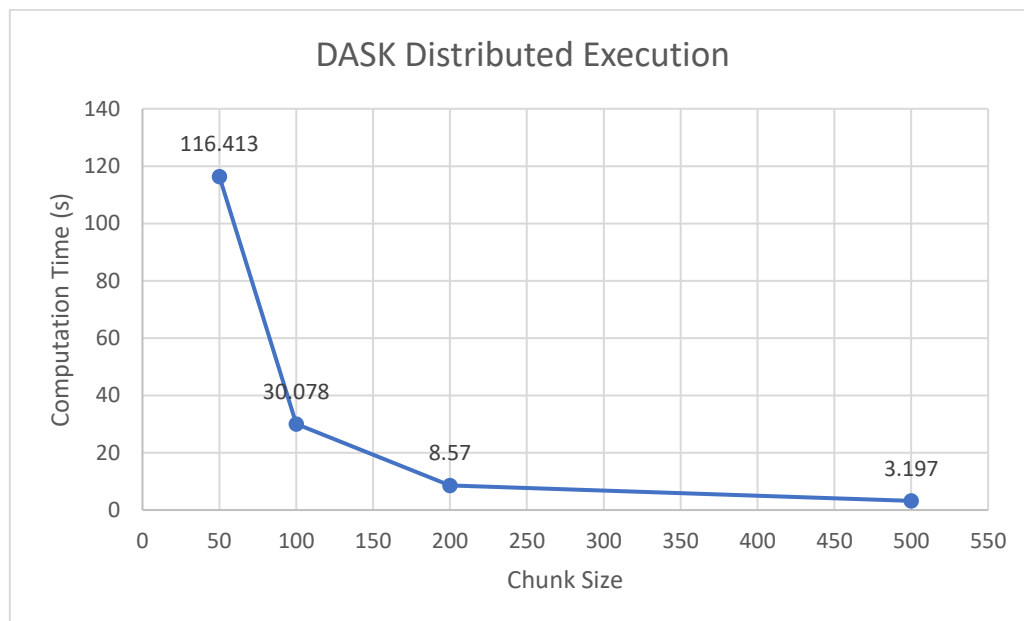
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Distributed DASK execution

Size: 1000

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Chunk Size Performance

In the previous two tests, it was found for both local and distributed that a chunk size of 500 was the best performing.

Improvements/optimizations

1. Stops early if a point is already diverged. See the end of the Mandelbrot function in `mandelbrot_dask.py`, `mandelbrot_vectorized.py` and `mandelbrot_datatypes.py`:

```
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39     # Stops early if the absolute value of z is greater than the threshold (point diverged)
40     mandelbrot_mask[da.abs(z) > threshold] = False
41
```

2. The NumPy and Dask version of the Mandelbrot is optimized to run on the most optimal datatype based on the first computation test. See `mandelbrot_vectorized.py` and `mandelbrot_dask.py`:

```
18
19     divergence_time = numpy.zeros(c.shape, dtype=numpy.float16)
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40
41     # Generates linear spaces with pRE and pIM elements respectively around the plane of the Mandelbrot set
42     x_space = numpy.linspace(-2.3, 0.8, pRE, dtype=numpy.float16).reshape((1, pRE))
43     y_space = numpy.linspace(-1.2, 1.2, pIM, dtype=numpy.float16).reshape((pIM, 1))
44
```

3. Using `dask.abs()` is more optimal than using `numpy.abs()`, since Dask uses lazy evaluation.

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