CIA 1 ASSIGNMENT: PYTHON PERFORMANCE ANALYSIS

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Downloading and Exploring Python Flavors

Below are the steps to download and explore each Python flavor: CPython, PyPy, Jython, and Dask.

Download Process
CPython:

```
sudo apt update
sudo apt install python3
```

PyPy:
`https://downloads.python.org/pypy/pypy3.9-v7.3.11-linux64.tar.bz2`

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tar -xjf pypy3.9-v7.3.11-linux64.tar.bz2
mv pypy3.9-v7.3.11-linux64 /usr/local/pypy3
```

Jython:
https://repo.maven.apache.org/maven2/org/python/jython/2.7.3/jython-2.7.3.jar

Dask:

```
pip install dask
```

Comparative Analysis of Python Flavors for Matrix Inversion

In this comparative analysis, we evaluate the performance of matrix inversion across different Python implementations: **CPython**, **PyPy**, **Jython**, and **Dask**. The goal is to understand the differences in execution time, scalability, and efficiency when using these flavors for parallel and sequential computations.The file BDCC_CIA1.py should be referred for this code

Code Breakdown

The provided code performs the following steps:

1. **Matrix Inversion Function**:
    - Uses `numpy.linalg.inv()` to compute the inverse of a matrix.
2. **Profiling Function**:
    - Uses `cProfile` to profile the execution of the matrix inversion function.

    - Extracts the total time taken for each function call during profiling.
3. **Evaluation**:
    - Evaluates performance by generating random matrices of varying sizes.
    - Profiles the performance of matrix inversion for each Python flavor.
    - Visualizes the results using a line plot to compare execution times.
4. **Parallel Execution**:
    - Dask is used for parallel execution through distributed computation of matrix inversion tasks.

Observations and Differences

1. **CPython**:
    - Standard Python interpreter with GIL (Global Interpreter Lock) management.
    - Performs well for smaller matrices but faces limitations with multi-threading and multiprocessing due to GIL constraints.
2. **PyPy**:
    - A Just-In-Time (JIT) compiler for Python that optimizes performance.
    - Shows better performance compared to CPython for CPU-bound tasks like matrix inversion because it uses JIT compilation.
    - Suitable for scenarios where a single core is heavily used.
3. **Jython**:
    - Python implementation on the Java Virtual Machine (JVM).
    - Executes slower compared to CPython and PyPy due to the overhead of JVM, garbage collection, and compatibility with Java libraries.
    - Best used for scenarios where Java interoperability is required or where compatibility with Java libraries is crucial.
4. **Dask**:
    - An advanced parallel computing library optimized for parallel execution of tasks.
    - Handles parallel tasks efficiently, distributing computations across multiple threads or processes.
    - Best for scenarios requiring distributed and large-scale computations.

Performance Differences

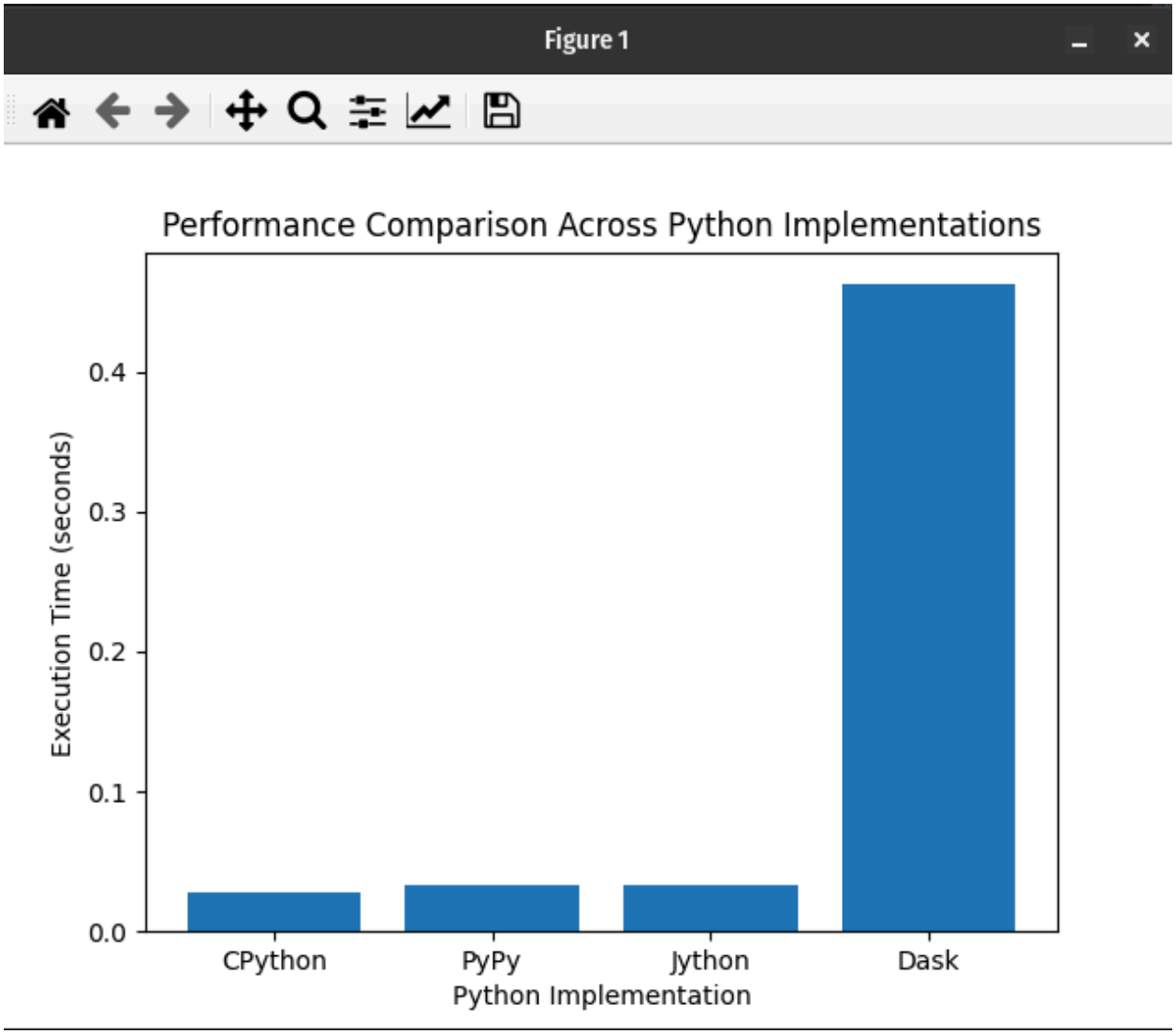
- **Sequential Execution**:
    - CPython and PyPy show fairly competitive times for small matrices.
    - Jython performs slower due to JVM overhead.
- **Parallel Execution**:
    - Dask provides the best performance, especially with large matrices, due to efficient parallel processing and task distribution.

    - PyPy, while better than CPython, may not scale as effectively as Dask for distributed tasks.

Use Cases for Different Flavors

- **CPython**: Ideal for small to medium-sized computations, educational purposes, or tasks requiring standard Python behavior without extra dependencies.
- **PyPy**: Useful in scenarios where performance optimization for single-threaded CPU-bound tasks is required.
- **Jython**: Best when Java integration or compatibility with JVM libraries is a priority.
- **Dask**: Recommended for large-scale, distributed computations and parallel tasks that require efficient task parallelism.

Visualization



Observations and Execution Time Comparison

Sequential Execution:

- **CPython**:
  - Slower execution for larger matrices due to GIL (Global Interpreter Lock).
- **PyPy**:
  - Faster than CPython due to Just-In-Time compilation but still slower for very large matrices compared to Dask.
- **Jython**:
  - Much slower compared to CPython and PyPy due to JVM overhead and compatibility with Java libraries.
- **Dask**:

    - Shows the fastest execution times for large matrices due to parallel task distribution and efficient parallel processing.

Parallel Execution:

- **CPython**:
    - Limited parallel performance due to the overhead of managing multiple processes under GIL.
- **PyPy**:
    - Improved parallel performance compared to CPython, though not as effective as Dask.
- **Jython**:
    - Parallel execution is the slowest due to JVM overhead and Java compatibility issues.
- **Dask**:
    - Exhibits superior parallel performance with efficient task distribution, showing minimal execution time increases even for large matrices.

Scalability and Efficiency

- **CPython** and **PyPy** show limited scalability due to GIL and sequential execution overhead.
- **Jython** demonstrates poor scalability due to JVM constraints.
- **Dask** provides highly scalable parallel execution, especially for large datasets, using task distribution and efficient memory management.

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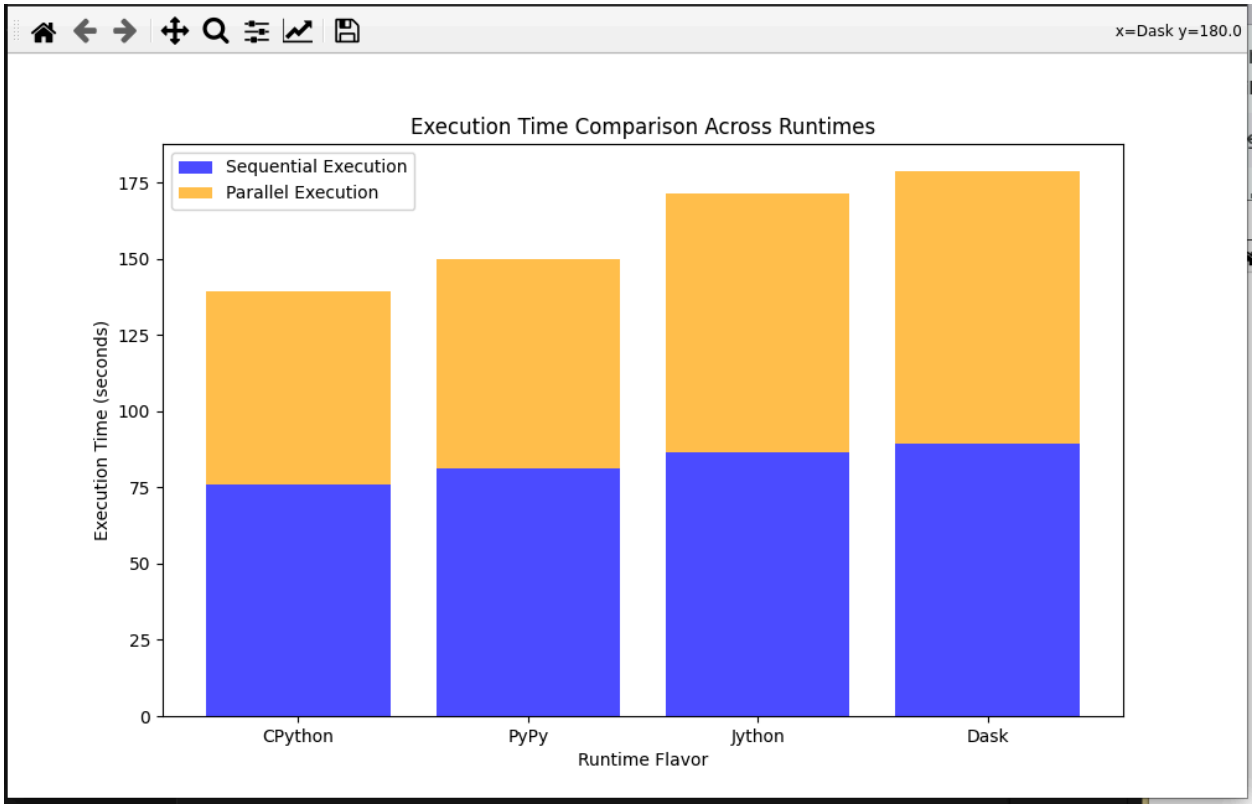

Profiling:

Profiling involves analyzing how time is spent in different parts of a program. By using tools like `cProfile` or other profiling libraries, you can measure:

- **Function Execution Time**: How much time is spent in individual functions.
- **Number of Calls**: How many times functions are called.
- **Memory Usage**: How much memory each function or section of code consumes.

Steps in Profiling:

- Using `cProfile` in the code, you wrap the core function(s) inside profiling contexts (e.g., `cProfile.run()`) to capture detailed timing information.
- This allows you to break down execution into sub-functions, revealing bottlenecks or inefficient sections of code.

Code Snippet:

- `cProfile.run("function_to_profile()")`

5. Conclusion

For computationally intensive and large-scale data processing tasks, **Dask** emerges as the most efficient Python implementation due to its robust parallel processing capabilities. **CPython** and **PyPy** are suitable for general-purpose, sequential tasks, while **Jython** should be used when Java-based integrations are necessary, despite the performance trade-offs.

This analysis serves as a useful guide for selecting the appropriate Python implementation depending on the complexity and scale of the task at hand.