

# Dask arrays

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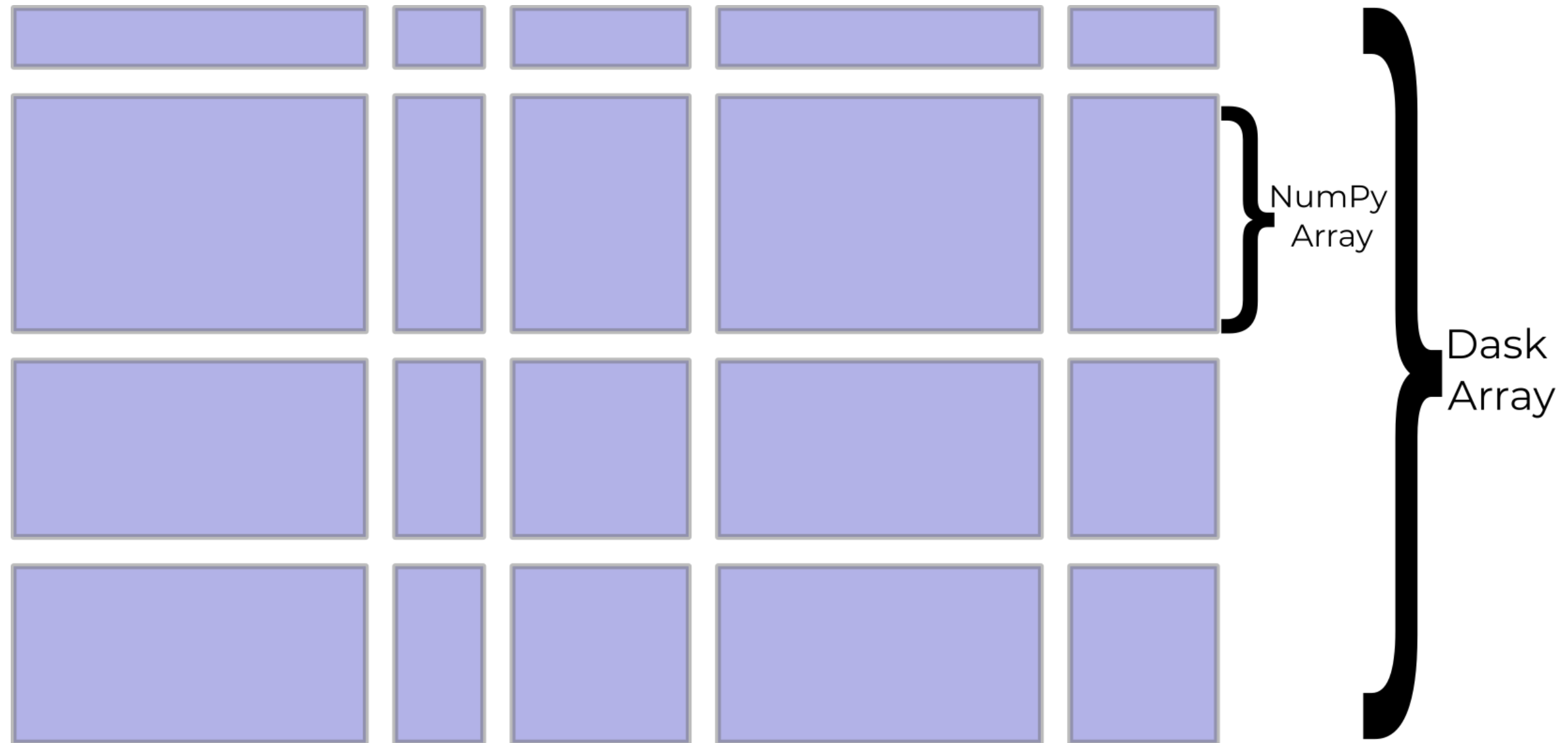
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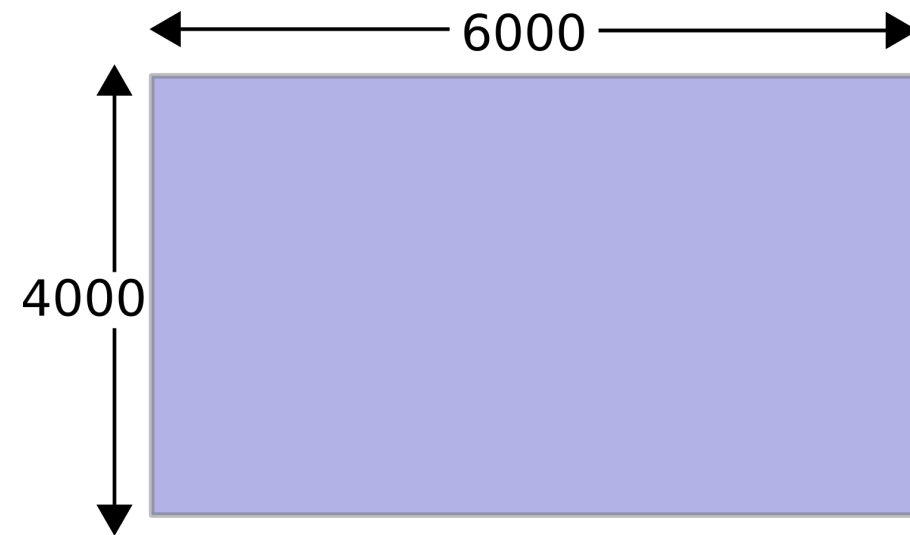
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# NumPy vs. Dask arrays

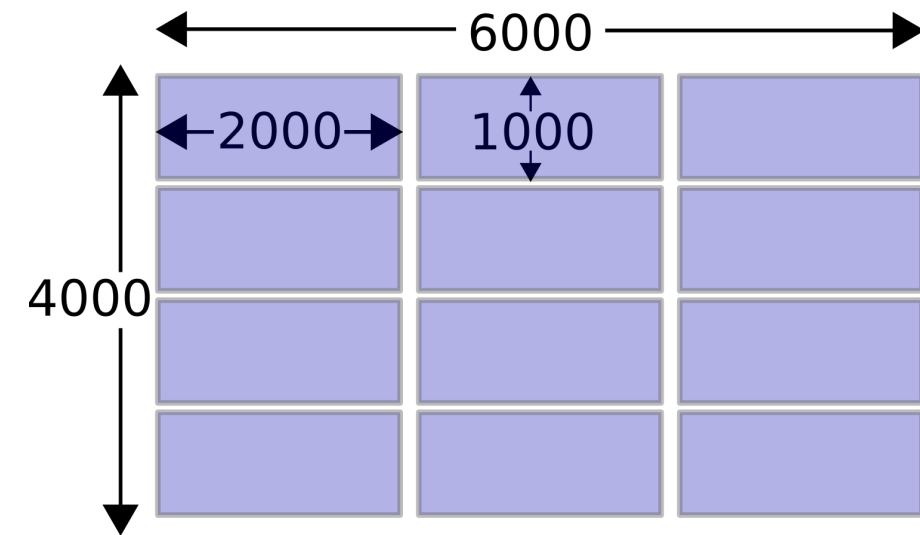


```
import numpy as np
x = np.ones((4000, 6000))

print(x.sum())
```

24000000.0

- Takes 740 milliseconds to run



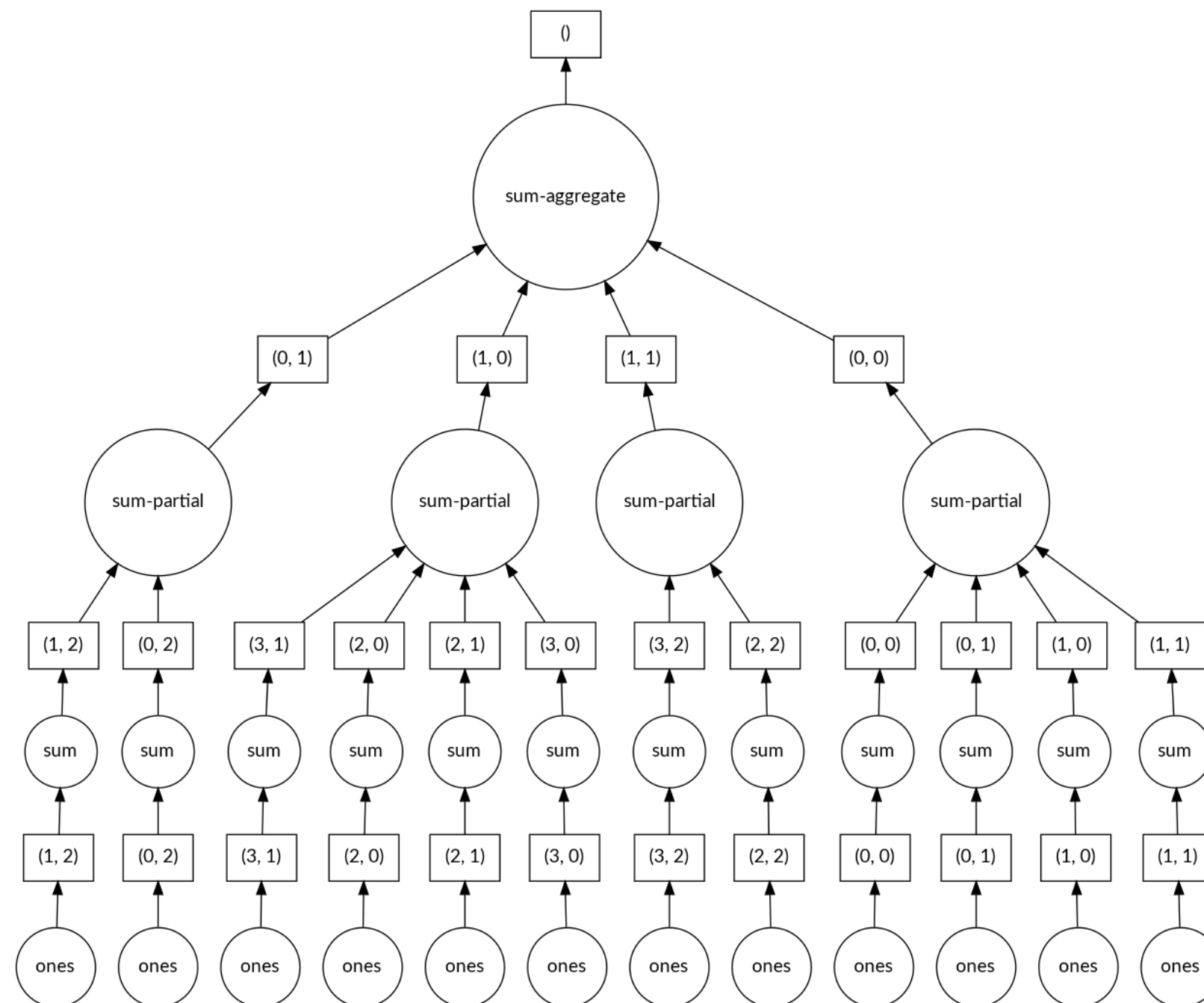
```
import dask.array as da
x = da.ones((4000, 6000),
            chunks=(1000, 2000))

print(x.sum().compute())
```

24000000.0

- Takes 60 milliseconds to run

# Dask array task graph



# Dask array methods

Dask arrays have almost all the methods that NumPy arrays have.

- `x.max()`
- `x.min()`
- `x.sum()`
- `x.mean()`
- etc.

```
print(sum_down_columns.compute())
```

```
array([1000., 1000., 1000., 1000.,  
       1000., 1000., 1000., 1000., 1000.,  
       1000.])
```

# Treating Dask arrays like NumPy arrays

```
# Lazy mathematics with Dask array
y1 = x**2 + 2*x + 1

# Lazy slicing
y2 = x[:10]

# Applying NumPy functions is lazy too
y3 = np.sin(x)
```

```
print(y1)
```

```
dask.array<add, shape=(1000, 10), ...
```

```
print(y2)
```

```
dask.array<getitem, shape=(10, 10), ...
```

```
print(y3)
```

```
dask.array<sin, shape=(1000, 10), ...
```

# Loading arrays of images

```
import dask.array as da
import da.image

image_array = da.image.imread('images/*.png')

print(image_array)
```

```
dask.array<imread, shape=(40000, 256, 256, 3), dtype=uint8,
      chunksize=(1, 256, 256, 3), chunktype=numpy.ndarray>
```



# Applying custom functions over chunks

```
def instagram_filter(image):  
    ...  
    return pretty_image  
  
# Apply function to each image independently  
pretty_image_array = image_array.map_blocks(instagram_filter)  
  
print(pretty_image_array)
```

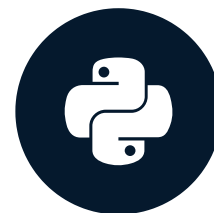
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```

# Let's practice!

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# Dask DataFrames

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# pandas DataFrames vs. Dask DataFrames

```
import pandas as pd
# Read a single csv file
pandas_df = pd.read_csv(
    "dataset/chunk1.csv"
)
```

This reads a single CSV file immediately.

```
import dask.dataframe as dd
# Lazily read all csv files
dask_df = dd.read_csv(
    "dataset/*.csv"
)
```

This reads all the CSV files in the `dataset` folder lazily.

# Dask DataFrames

```
print(dask_df)
```

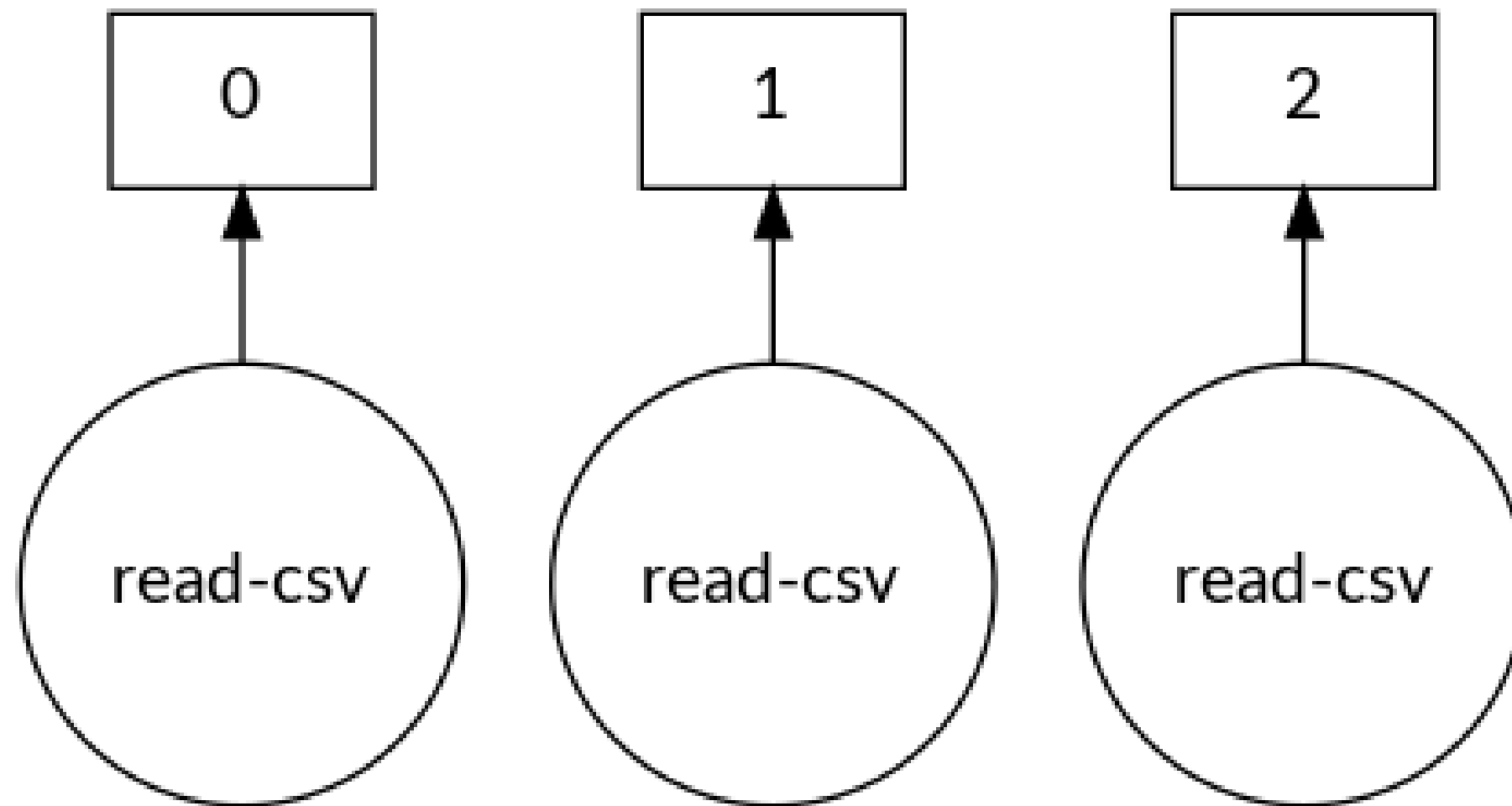
Dask DataFrame Structure:

ID	col1	col2	col3	col4	...
npartitions=3					
int64	object	object	int64	float64	...
...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...

Dask Name: getitem, 3 tasks

# Dask DataFrame task graph

```
dask.visualize(dask_df)
```



# Controlling the size of blocks

```
# Set the maximum memory of a chunk
dask_df = dd.read_csv("dataset/*.csv", blocksize="10MB")
print(dask_df)
```

Dask DataFrame Structure:

ID	col1	col2	col3	col4	...
npartitions=7					
int64	object	object	int64	float64	...
...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...
...	...	...	...	...	...

Dask Name: getitem, 7 tasks

# Explaining partitions

```
# Set the maximum memory of a chunk  
dask_df = dd.read_csv("dataset/*.csv", blocksize="10MB")
```

Why 7 partitions?

size	file
9M	dataset/chunk1.csv
18M	dataset/chunk2.csv
32M	dataset/chunk3.csv



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```

Why 7 partitions?

size	file	
9M	dataset/chunk1.csv	# becomes 1 partition
18M	dataset/chunk2.csv	# becomes 2 partitions
32M	dataset/chunk3.csv	# becomes 4 partitions

# Analysis with Dask DataFrames

- Select column

```
col1 = dask_df['col1']
```

- Assigning columns

```
dask_df['double_col1'] = 2 * col1
```

- Mathematical operations, e.g.

```
dask_df.std()  
dask_df.min()
```

- Groupby

```
dask_df.groupby(col1).mean()
```

- Even functions you used earlier

```
dask_df.nlargest(n=3, columns='col1')
```

# Datetimes and other pandas functionality

```
import pandas as pd
```

```
# Converting string to datetime format  
pd.to_datetime(pandas_df['start_date'])
```

```
# Accessing datetime attributes  
pandas_df['start_date'].dt.year  
pandas_df['start_date'].dt.day  
pandas_df['start_date'].dt.hour  
pandas_df['start_date'].dt.minute
```

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```

# Making results non-lazy

```
# Show 5 rows  
print(dask_df.head())
```

	ID	double_col1	col1	col2	col3	...
0	543795	20	10	436	0	...
1	874535	24	12	268	0	...
2	781326	62	31	211	0	...
3	112457	18	9	898	1	...
4	103256	142	71	663	0	...

```
# Convert lazy Dask DataFrame to in-memory pandas DataFrame  
results_df = df.compute()
```

# Sending answer straight to file

```
# 7 partitions (chunks) so 7 output files  
dask_df.to_csv('answer/part-*.csv')
```

```
part-0.csv  
part-1.csv  
part-2.csv  
part-3.csv  
part-4.csv  
part-5.csv  
part-6.csv
```

# Faster file formats - Parquet

```
# Read from parquet
dask_df = dd.read_parquet('dataset_parquet')

# Save to parquet
dask_df.to_parquet('answer_parquet')
```

- Parquet format is multiple times faster to read data from than CSV
- Can be faster to write to

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# Multidimensional arrays

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# Types of multi-dimensional data

- Weather forecasts/observations
- 3D biomedical scans
- Satellite images
- Data from other scientific instruments

# HDF5



- Hierarchical Data Format
- Stored in hierarchical format - like (sub)directories

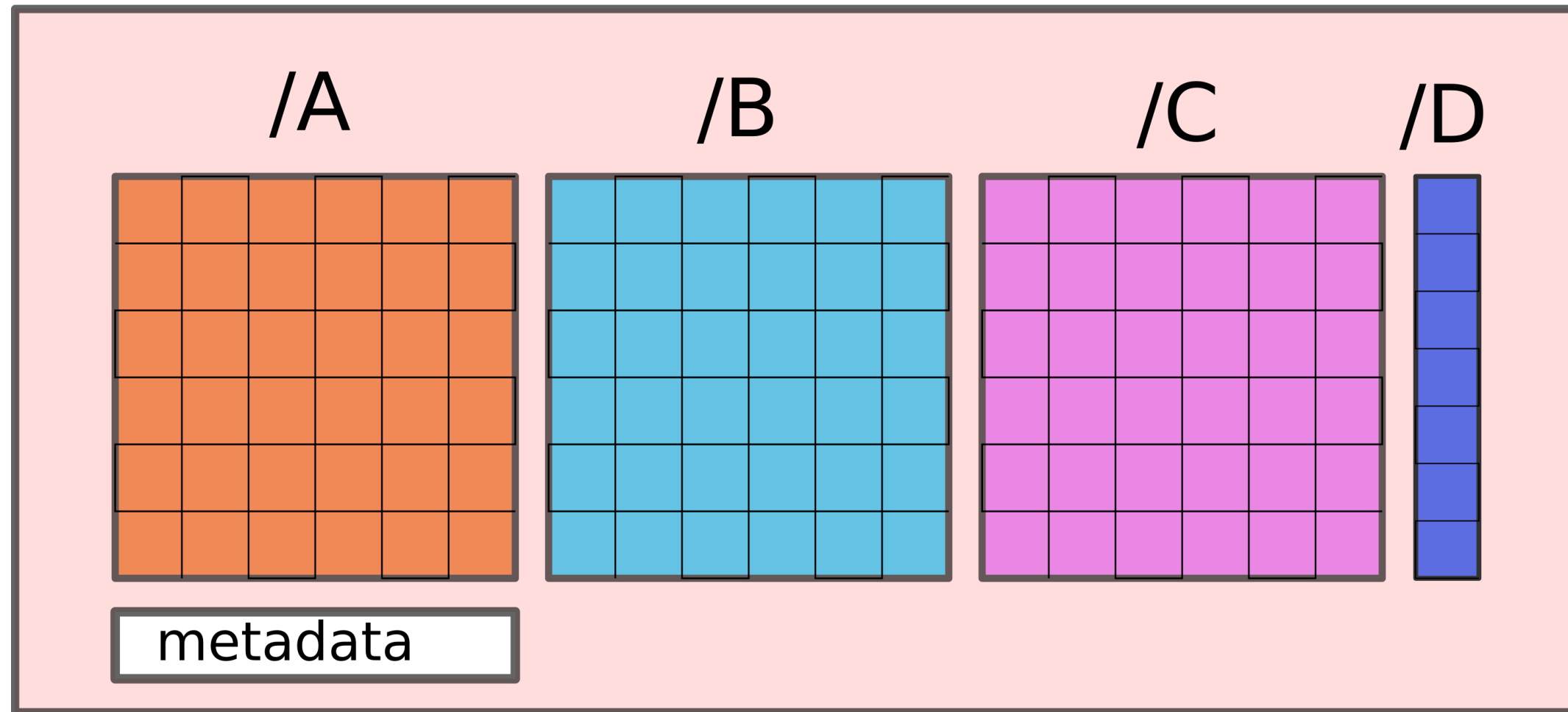
# What does an HDF5 file look like?

HDF5 file



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# Navigating HDF5 files with h5py

```
import h5py

# Open the HDF5 file
file = h5py.File('data.hdf5')

# Print the available datasets inside the file
print(file.keys())
```

```
<KeysViewHDF5 ['A', 'B', 'C', 'D']>
```

# Navigating HDF5 files with h5py

```
import h5py

# Open the HDF5 file
file = h5py.File('data.hdf5')

# Select dataset A
dataset_a = file['/A']

print(dataset_a)
```

```
<HDF5 dataset "A": shape (10000, 100, 100), type "<f4">
```

# Loading from HDF5

```
import dask.array as da

# Load dataset into a Dask array
a = da.from_array(dataset_a, chunks=(100, 20, 20))

print(a)
```

```
dask.array<array, shape=(10000, 100, 100), dtype=float32, chunksize=(100, 20, 20),
chunktype=numpy.ndarray>
```

# Zarr

- Hierarchical dataset like HDF5
- Designed to be chunked
- Good for streaming over cloud computing services like AWS, Google Cloud, etc.
- Navigable file structure



# Loading from Zarr

```
import dask.array as da

a = da.from_zarr("dataset.zarr", component="A")

print(a)
```

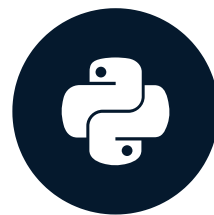
```
dask.array<from-zarr, shape=(10000, 100, 100), dtype=float32,
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# Xarray

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# Xarray - like pandas in more dimensions

## pandas

- Applies index labels to tabular data

## Xarray

- Applies index labels to high dimensional arrays

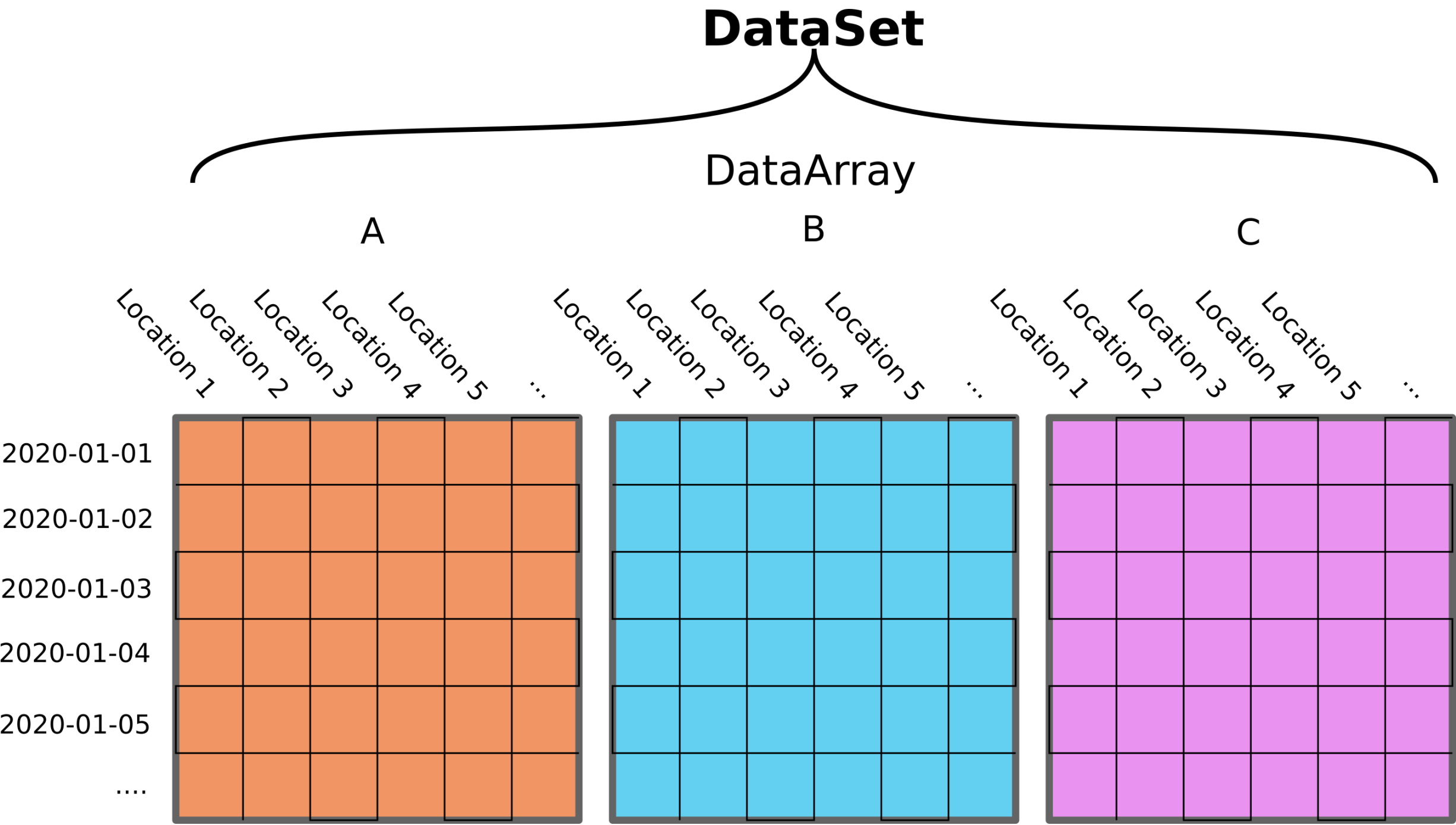
# DataFrame

**DataFrame**

Column

	A	B	C	D
2020-01-01				
2020-01-02				
2020-01-03				
2020-01-04				
2020-01-05				
....				

# DataSet



# Loading a DataSet from Zarr

```
import xarray as xr
ds = xr.open_zarr("data/era_eu.zarr")

print(ds)
```

```
<xarray.Dataset>
Dimensions:  (lat: 30, lon: 45, time: 504)
Coordinates:
  * lat      (lat) float64 35.5 36.5 37.5 38.5 39.5 ... 60.5 61.5 62.5 63.5 64.5
  * lon      (lon) float64 -14.5 -13.5 -12.5 -11.5 -10.5 ... 26.5 27.5 28.5 29.5
  * time     (time) datetime64[ns] 1979-05-31 1979-06-30 ... 2021-04-30
Data variables:
  precip    (time, lat, lon) float32 dask.array<chunksize=(12, 15, 15), ... >
  temp      (time, lat, lon) float32 dask.array<chunksize=(12, 15, 15), ... >
```

# DataFrame vs. DataSet

## pandas DataFrame

```
# Select a particular date
```

```
df.loc['2020-01-01']
```

```
# Select by index number
```

```
df.iloc[0]
```

```
# Select column
```

```
df['column1']
```

## Dask DataSet

```
# Select a particular date
```

```
ds.sel(time='2020-01-01')
```

```
# Select by index number
```

```
ds.isel(time=0)
```

```
# Select variable
```

```
ds['variable1']
```



# DataFrame vs. DataSet

## pandas DataFrame

```
# Perform mathematical operations
df.mean()

# Groupby and mean
df.groupby(df['time'].dt.year).mean()

# Rolling mean
rolling_mean = df.rolling(5).mean()
```

## Dask DataSet

```
# Perform mathematical operations
ds.mean()
ds.mean(dim='dim1')
ds.mean(dim=('dim1', 'dim2'))

# Groupby and mean
ds.groupby(ds['time'].dt.year).mean()

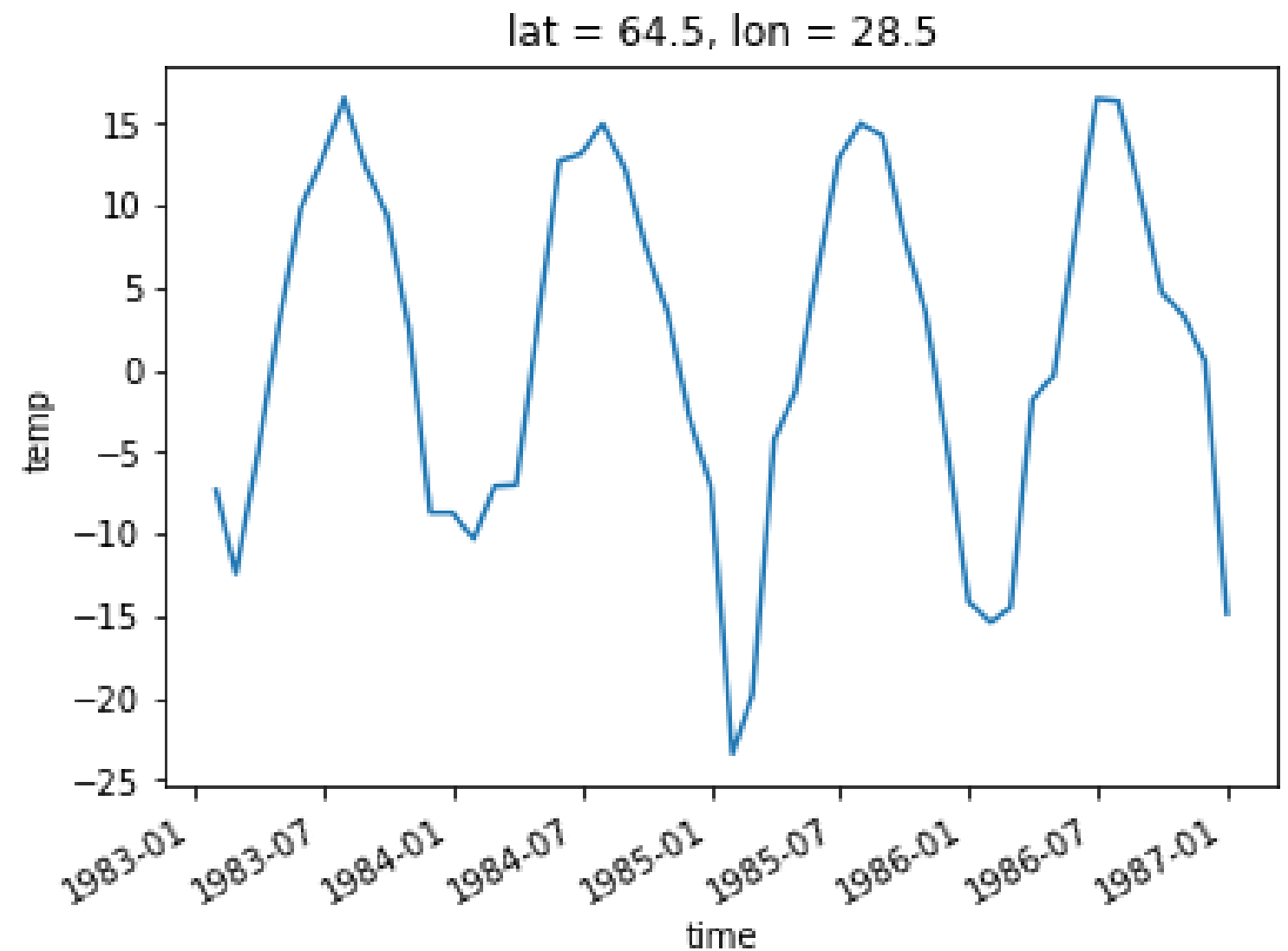
# Rolling mean
rolling_mean = ds.rolling(dim1=5).mean()
rolling_mean.compute()
```

# Plotting

```
ds['variable'].plot()
```

- Makes a line plot if 1D
- Makes a heatmap if 2D
- Makes a histogram if 3D+

## Example

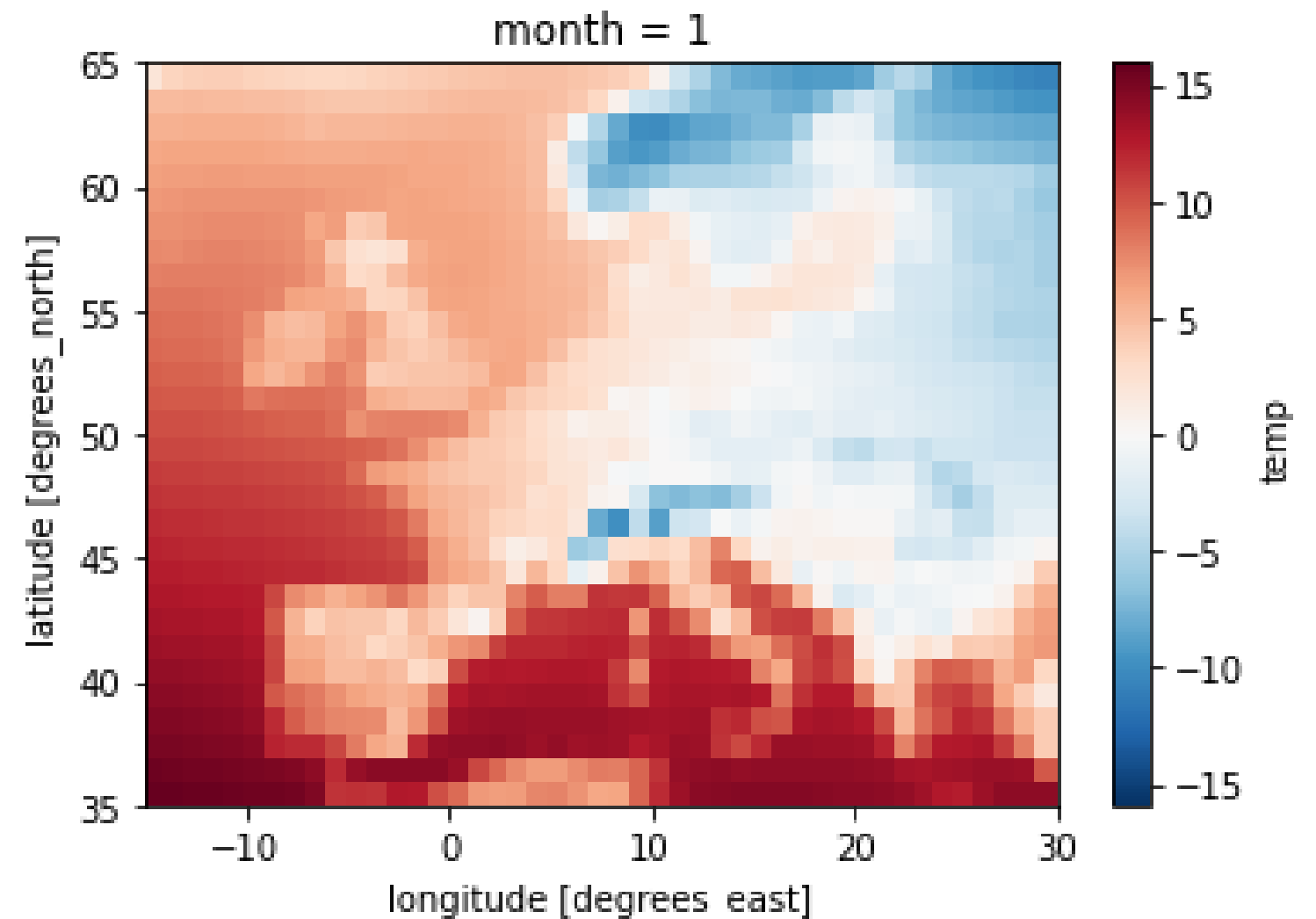


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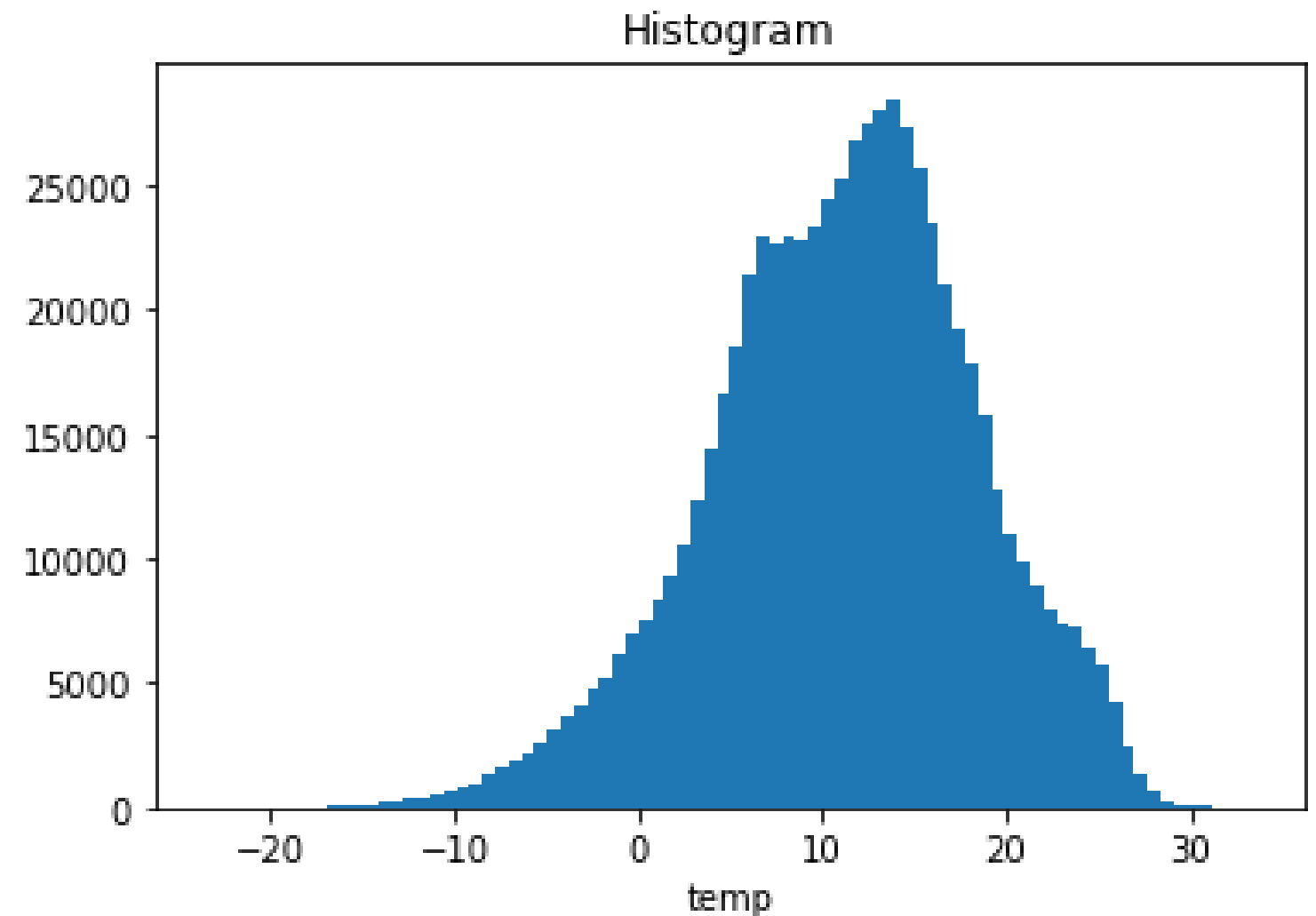


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