Chunking Arrays in Dask

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What we've seen so far...

- Measuring memory usage
- Reading large files in chunks
- Computing with generators
- Computing with

dask.delayed



Working with Numpy arrays

```
import numpy as np
a = np.random.rand(10000)
print(a.shape, a.dtype)
(10000,) float64
print(a.sum())
5017.32043995
print(a.mean())
0.501732043995
```



Working with Dask arrays

```
import dask.array as da
a_dask = da.from_array(a, chunks=len(a) // 4)
a_dask.chunks
```

```
((2500, 2500, 2500, 2500),)
```

Aggregating in chunks

```
n_chunks = 4
chunk_size = len(a) // n_chunks

result = 0 # Accumulate sum

for k in range(n_chunks):
    offset = k * chunk_size # Track offset
    a_chunk= a[offset:offset + chunk_size] # Slice chunk
    result += a_chunk.sum()

print(result)
```

5017.32043995



Aggregating with Dask arrays

```
a_dask = da.from_array(a, chunks=len(a)//n_chunks)
result = a_dask.sum()
result
```

dask.array<sum-aggregate, shape=(), dtype=float64, chunksize=()>

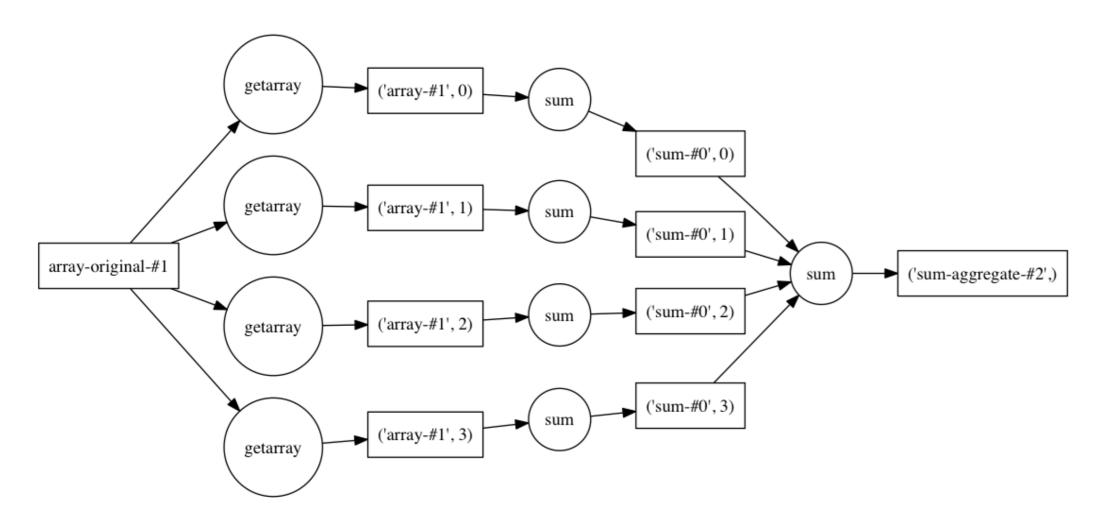
```
print(result.compute())
```

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```
result.visualize(rankdir='LR')
```



Task graph



Dask array methods/attributes

Attributes: shape , ndim , nbytes , dtype , size ,etc.
Aggregations: max , min , mean , std , var , sum , prod ,etc.
Array transformations: reshape , repeat , stack , flatten , transpose , T ,etc.
Mathematical operations: round , real , imag , conj , dot ,etc.

Timing array computations

```
import h5py, time
with h5py.File('dist.hdf5', 'r') as dset:
...: dist = dset['dist'][:]
dist_dask8 = da.from_array(dist, chunks=dist.shape[0]//8)
t_start = time.time(); \
...: mean8 = dist_dask8.mean().compute(); \
...: t_end = time.time()
t_elapsed = (t_end - t_start) * 1000 # Elapsed time in ms
print('Elapsed time: {} ms'.format(t_elapsed))
```

Elapsed time: 180.96423149108887 ms



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Computing with Multidimensional Arrays

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A Numpy array of time series data

```
import numpy as np
time_series = np.loadtxt('max_temps.csv', dtype=np.int64)
print(time_series.dtype)
int64
print(time_series.shape)
(21,)
print(time_series.ndim)
```



Reshaping time series data

```
print(time_series)
[49 51 60 54 47 50 64 58 47 43 50 63 67 68 64 48 55 46 66 51 52]
```

```
table = time_series.reshape((3,7)) # Reshaped row-wise
print(table) # Display the result
```

```
[[49 51 60 54 47 50 64]
[58 47 43 50 63 67 68]
[64 48 55 46 66 51 52]]
```



Reshaping: Getting the order correct!

```
print(time_series)
```

```
[49 51 60 54 47 ... 46 66 51 52]
```

```
# Incorrect!
time_series.reshape((7,3))
```

```
# Column-wise: correct
time_series.reshape((7,3),
    order='F')
```

Using reshape: Row- & column-major ordering

- Row-major ordering (outermost index changes fastest)
 - order='C' (consistent with C; default)
- Column-major ordering (innermost index changes fastest)
 - order='F' (consistent with FORTRAN)

Indexing in multiple dimensions

```
print(table) # Display the result
[[49 51 60 54 47 50 64]
 [58 47 43 50 63 67 68]
 [64 48 55 46 66 51 52]]
table[0, 4] # value from Week 0, Day 4
47
table[1, 2:5] # values from Week 1, Days 2, 3, & 4
array([43, 50, 63])
```



Indexing in multiple dimensions

```
table[0::2, ::3] # values from Weeks 0 & 2, Days 0, 3, & 6

array([[49, 54, 64],
        [64, 46, 52]])

table[0] # Equivalent to table[0, :]

array([49, 51, 60, 54, 47, 50, 64])
```



Aggregating multidimensional arrays

```
print(table)
[[49 51 60 54 47 50 64]
 [58 47 43 50 63 67 68]
 [64 48 55 46 66 51 52]]
table.mean() # mean of *every* entry in table
54.904761904761905
# Averages for days
daily_means = table.mean(axis=0)
```



Aggregating multidimensional arrays

```
daily_means # Mean computed of rows (for each day)
array([ 57. , 48.66666667, 52.66666667, 50.
       58.66666667, 56. , 61.33333333])
weekly_means = table.mean(axis=1)
weekly_means # mean computed of columns (for each week)
array([ 53.57142857, 56.57142857, 54.57142857])
table.mean(axis=(0,1)) # mean of rows, then columns
54.904761904761905
```



```
table - daily_means # This works!
```

```
table - weekly_means # This doesn't!
```

```
ValueError Traceback (most recent call last)
---> 1 table - weekly_means # This doesn't!

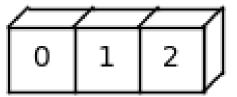
ValueError: operands could not be broadcast together with shapes
(3,7) (3,)
```



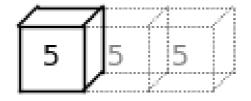
Broadcasting rules

- Compatible Arrays:
 - 1. same ndim : all dimensions same or 1
 - 2. different ndim : smaller shape prepended with ones & #1. applies
- **Broadcasting**: copy array values to missing dimensions, then do arithmetic

np.arange(3)+5

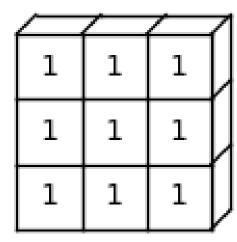


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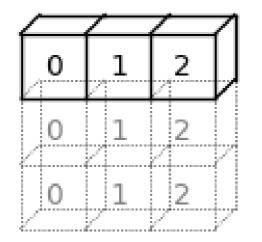


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5	6	7	

np.ones((3,3))+np.arange(3)



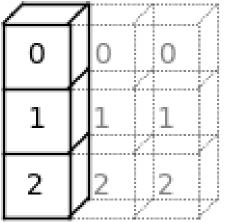
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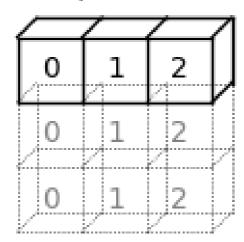
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=			7
1	2	з	
1	2	3	
1	2	3	

np.arange(3).reshape((3,1))+np.arange(3)



+



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0	1	2	
1	2	3	
2	3	4	

```
table - daily_means :
print(table.shape)
                                    (3,7) - (7,) \rightarrow
                                    (3,7) - (1,7) : compatible
(3, 7)
                                      table - weekly_means :
print(daily_means.shape)
                                    (3,7) - (3,) \rightarrow
                                    (3,7) - (1,3): incompatible
(7,)
                                    table -
print(weekly_means.shape)
                                    weekly_means.reshape((3,1))
                                  : (3,7) - (3,1) : compatible
(3,)
# This works now!
result = table -
   weekly_means.reshape((3,1))
```

Connecting with Dask

```
data = np.loadtxt('', usecols=(1,2,3,4), dtype=np.int64)
data.shape
```

(366, 4)

type(data)

numpy.ndarray

```
data_dask = da.from_array(data, chunks=(366,2))
result = data_dask.std(axis=0) # Standard deviation down columns
result.compute()
```

```
array([ 15.08196053, 14.9456851 , 15.52548285, 14.47228351])
```



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Analyzing Weather Data

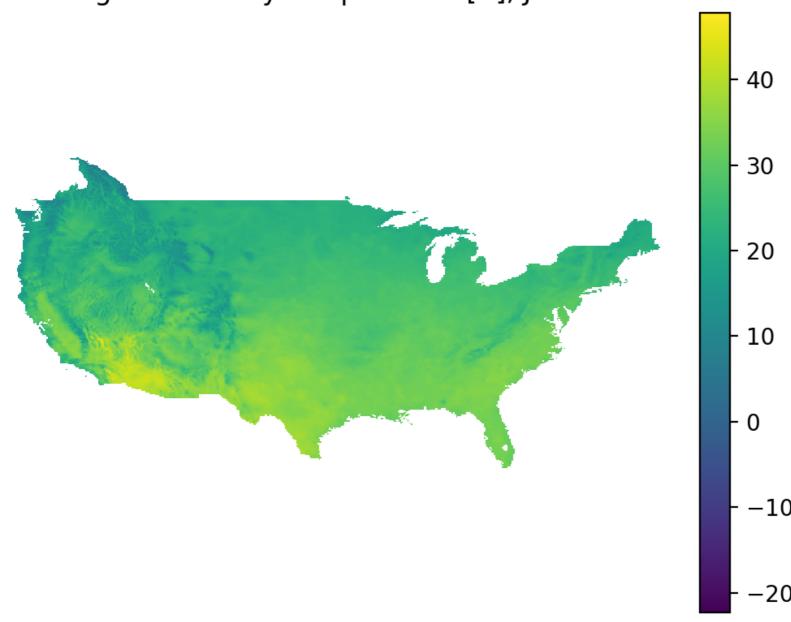
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Average max. daily temperature [C], June 2008





HDF5 format



Using HDF5 files

```
import h5py # import module for reading HDF5 files

# Open HDF5 File object
data_store = h5py.File('tmax.2008.hdf5')

for key in data_store.keys(): # iterate over keys
    print(key)
```

tmax

Extracting Dask array from HDF5

```
data = data_store['tmax'] # bind to data for introspection
type(data)
```

```
h5py._hl.dataset.Dataset
```

```
data.shape # Aha, 3D array: (2D for each month)
```

```
(12, 444, 922)
```

```
import dask.array as da
data_dask = da.from_array(data, chunks=(1, 444, 922))
```



Aggregating while ignoring NaNs

```
data_dask.min() # Yields unevaluated Dask Array
```

```
dask.array<amin-aggregate, shape=(), dtype=float64, chunksize=()>
```

```
data_dask.min().compute() # Force computation
```

nan



Aggregating while ignoring NaNs

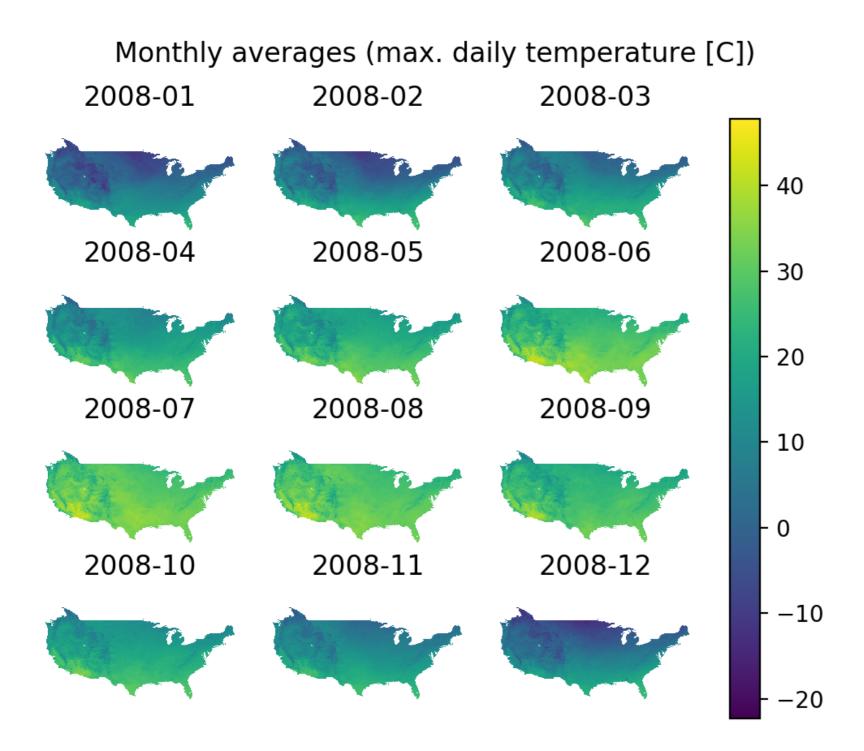
```
da.nanmin(data_dask).compute() # Ignoring nans
```

-22.329354809176536

```
lo = da.nanmin(data_dask).compute()
hi = da.nanmax(data_dask).compute()
print(lo, hi)
```

-22.3293548092 47.7625806255





Producing a visualization of data_dask

```
N_months = data_dask.shape[0] # Number of images
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
fig, panels = plt.subplots(nrows=4, ncols=3)
for month, panel in zip(range(N_months), panels.flatten()):
     im = panel.imshow(data_dask[month, :, :],
                        origin='lower',
                        vmin=lo, vmax=hi)
     panel.set_title('2008-{:02d}'.format(month+1))
     panel.axis('off')
plt.suptitle('Monthly averages (max. daily temperature [C])');
plt.colorbar(im, ax=panels.ravel().tolist()); # Common colorbar
plt.show()
```

Stacking arrays

```
import numpy as np
a = np.ones(3); b = 2 * a; c = 3 * a
print(a, '\n'); print(b, '\n'); print(c)
```

```
[ 1. 1. 1.]
[ 2. 2. 2.]
[ 3. 3. 3.]
```

```
np.stack([a, b]) # Makes 2D array of shape (2,3)
array([[ 1., 1., 1.],
      [ 2., 2., 2.]])
np.stack([a, b], axis=0) # Same as above
array([[ 1., 1., 1.],
      [ 2., 2., 2.]])
np.stack([a, b], axis=1) # Makes 2D array of shape (3,2)
array([[ 1., 2.],
      [ 1., 2.],
      [ 1., 2.]])
```



Stacking one-dimensional arrays

```
X = np.stack([a, b]); \
Y = np.stack([b, c]); \
Z = np.stack([c, a])
print(X, '\n'); print(Y, '\n'); print(Z, '\n')
```

```
[[ 1. 1. 1.]
 [ 2. 2. 2.]]
 [[ 2. 2. 2.]
 [ 3. 3. 3.]]
 [[ 3. 3. 3.]
 [ 1. 1. 1.]]
```

Stacking two-dimensional arrays

```
np.stack([X, Y, Z]) # Makes 3D array of shape (3, 2, 3)
```



Stacking two-dimensional arrays

```
# Makes 3D array of shape (2, 3, 3)
np.stack([X, Y, Z], axis=1)
```



Putting array blocks together





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