DistArray Documentation

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DistArray provides general multidimensional NumPy-like distributed arrays to Python. It intends to bring the strengths of NumPy to data-parallel high-performance computing. DistArray has a similar API to NumPy.

The project is currently under heavy development and things are changing quickly!

DistArray is for users who

- know and love Python and NumPy,
- want to scale NumPy to larger distributed datasets,
- want to interactively play with distributed data but also
- want to run batch-oriented distributed programs;
- want an easier way to drive and coordinate existing MPI-based codes,
- have a lot of data that may already be distributed,
- want a global view ("think globally") with local control ("act locally"),
- need to tap into existing parallel libraries like Trilinos, PETSc, or Elemental,
- want the interactivity of IPython and the performance of MPI.

DistArray is designed to work with other packages that implement the Distributed Array Protocol.

CHAPTER 1

Installation

Dependencies for DistArray:

- NumPy
- IPython
- Mpi4Py

Optional dependencies:

- For HDF5 IO: h5py built against a parallel-enabled build of HDF5
- For plotting: matplotlib

Dependencies to build the documentation:

- Sphinx
- sphinxcontrib.napoleon

If you have the above, you should be able to install this package with:

```
python setup.py install
```

or:

```
python setup.py develop
```

To run the tests, you will need to start an IPython.parallel cluster. You can use `ipcluster`, or you can use the `dacluster` command which comes with DistArray:

```
dacluster start
```

You should then be able to run all the tests with:

```
make test
```

To build this documentation, navigate to the `docs` directory and use the Makefile there. For example, to build the html documentation:

```
make html
```

from the `docs` directory.

CHAPTER 2

Getting Started

To see some initial examples of what distarray can do, check out the `examples` directory and our tests. More usage examples will be forthcoming as the API stabilizes.

CHAPTER 3

History

DistArray was started by Brian Granger in 2008 and is currently being developed at Enthought by a team led by Kurt Smith, in partnership with Bill Spotz from Sandia's (Py)Trilinos project and Brian Granger and Min RK from the IPython project.

CHAPTER 4

Other Documentation

4.1 DistArray API Reference

4.1.1 `distarray` Package

4.1.2 `error` Module

Define error classes.

exception distarray.error.**ContextError**
Bases: distarray.error.DistArrayError

exception distarray.error.**DistArrayError**
Bases: exceptions.Exception

exception distarray.error.**InvalidCommSizeError**
Bases: distarray.error.MPIDistArrayError

exception distarray.error.**InvalidRankError**
Bases: distarray.error.MPIDistArrayError

exception distarray.error.**MPICommError**
Bases: distarray.error.MPIDistArrayError

exception distarray.error.**MPIDistArrayError**
Bases: distarray.error.DistArrayError

4.1.3 `metadata_utils` Module

exception distarray.metadata_utils.**GridShapeError**
Bases: exceptions.Exception

exception distarray.metadata_utils.**InvalidGridShapeError**
Bases: exceptions.Exception

distarray.metadata_utils.**distribute_block_indices**(*dd*)
Fill in *start* and *stop* in dim dict *dd*.

distarray.metadata_utils.**distribute_cyclic_indices**(*dd*)
Fill in *start* in dim dict *dd*.

distarray.metadata_utils.**distribute_indices**(*dd*)
Fill in index related keys in dim dict *dd*.

distarray.metadata_utils.**make_grid_shape**(*shape*, *dist*, *comm_size*)
Generate a *grid_shape* from *shape* tuple and *dist* tuple.

Does not assume that *dim_data* has *proc_grid_size* set for each dimension.

Attempts to allocate processes optimally for distributed dimensions.

Parameters

- **shape** (*tuple of int*) – The global shape of the array.
- **dist** (*tuple of str*) – dist_type character per dimension.
- **comm_size** (*int*) – Total number of processes to distribute.

Returns **dist_grid_shape**

Return type tuple of int

Raises GridShapeError – if not possible to distribute *comm_size* processes over number of dimensions.

distarray.metadata_utils.**normalize_dim_dict**(*dd*)
Fill out some degenerate dim_dicts.

distarray.metadata_utils.**normalize_dist**(*dist*, *ndim*)
Return a tuple containing dist-type for each dimension.

Parameters **dist** (*str, list, tuple, or dict*) –

Returns Contains string distribution type for each dim.

Return type tuple of str

Examples

```
>>> normalize_dist({0: 'b', 3: 'c'}, 4)
('b', 'n', 'n', 'c')
```

distarray.metadata_utils.**normalize_grid_shape**(*grid_shape*, *ndims*, *dist*, *comm_size*)
Adds 1s to grid_shape so it has *ndims* dimensions. Validates *grid_shape* tuple against the *dist* tuple and *comm_size*.

distarray.metadata_utils.**normalize_reduction_axes**(*axes*, *ndim*)

distarray.metadata_utils.**positivify**(*index*, *size*)

4.1.4 testing Module

Functions used for tests.

class distarray.testing.**CommNullPasser**
Bases: type

Metaclass.

Applies the *comm_null_passes* decorator to every method on a generated class.

class distarray.testing.**ContextTestCase**(*methodName='runTest'*)
Bases: unittest.case.TestCase

Base test class for test cases that use a Context.

Overload the *ntargets* class attribute to change the default number of engines required. A *cls.context* object will be created with *targets=range(cls.ntargets)*. Tests will be skipped if there are too few targets.

ntargets int or 'any', default=4
If an int, indicates how many engines are required for this test to run. If the string 'any', indicates that any number of engines may be used with this test.

ntargets = 4

classmethod setUpClass()

classmethod tearDownClass()

class distarray.testing.**MpiTestCase**(*methodName='runTest'*)
Bases: unittest.case.TestCase

Base test class for MPI test cases.

Overload the *comm_size* class attribute to change the default number of processes required.

comm_size int, default=4
Indicates how many MPI processes are required for this test to run. If fewer than *comm_size* are available, the test will be skipped.

comm_size = 4

classmethod setUpClass()

classmethod tearDownClass()

distarray.testing.**assert_localarrays_allclose**(*l0*, *l1*, *check_dtype=False*, *rtol=1e-07*, *atol=0*)
Call np.testing.assert_allclose on *l0* and *l1*.

Also, check that LocalArray properties are equal.

distarray.testing.**assert_localarrays_equal**(*l0*, *l1*, *check_dtype=False*)
Call np.testing.assert_equal on *l0* and *l1*.

Also, check that LocalArray properties are equal.

distarray.testing.**check_targets**(*required*, *available*)
If available < required, raise a SkipTest with a nice error message.

distarray.testing.**comm_null_passes**(*fn*)
Decorator. If *self.comm* is COMM_NULL, pass.

This allows our tests to pass on processes that have nothing to do.

distarray.testing.**import_or_skip**(*name*)
Try importing *name*, raise SkipTest on failure.

Parameters **name** (*str*) – Module name to try to import.

Returns **module** – Module object imported by importlib.

Return type module object

Raises unittest.SkipTest – If the attempted import raises an ImportError.

Examples

```
>>> h5py = import_or_skip('h5py')
>>> h5py.get_config()
<h5py.h5.H5PYConfig at 0x103dd5a78>
```

distarray.testing.**raise_typeerror**(*fn*)
Decorator for protocol validator functions.

These functions return (success, err_msg), but sometimes we would rather have an exception.

distarray.testing.**temp_filepath**(*extension=''*)
Return a randomly generated filename.

This filename is appended to the directory path returned by *tempfile.gettempdir()* and has *extension* appended to it.

4.1.5 `utils` Module

Utilities.

distarray.utils.**all_equal**(*iterable*)
Return True if all elements in *iterable* are equal.

Also returns True if iterable is empty.

class distarray.utils.**count_round_trips**(*client*)
Bases: object

Context manager for counting the number of roundtrips between a IPython client and controller.

Usage:

```
>>> with count_round_trips(client) as r:
...     send_42_messages()

>>> r.count
42
```

update_count()

distarray.utils.**distarray_random_getstate**()

distarray.utils.**distarray_random_setstate**(*state*)

distarray.utils.**divisors_minmax**(*n*, *dmin*, *dmax*)
Find the divisors of n in the interval (dmin,dmax].

distarray.utils.**flatten**(*seq*, *to_expand=<function list_or_tuple at 0x7faf64acc500>*)
Flatten a nested sequence.

distarray.utils.**get_from_dotted_name**(*dotted_name*)

distarray.utils.**has_exactly_one**(*iterable*)
Does *iterable* have exactly one non-None element?

distarray.utils.**list_or_tuple**(*seq*)

distarray.utils.**mirror_sort**(*seq*, *ref_seq*)
Sort *seq* into the order that *ref_seq* is in.

```
>>> mirror_sort(range(5),[1,5,2,4,3])
[0, 4, 1, 3, 2]
```

distarray.utils.**mult_partitions**(*n*, *s*)
Compute the multiplicative partitions of n of size s

```
>>> mult_partitions(52,3)
[(2, 2, 13)]
>>> mult_partitions(52,2)
[(2, 26), (4, 13)]
```

distarray.utils.**mult_partitions_recurs**(*n*, *s*, *pd=0*)

distarray.utils.**multi_for**(*iterables*)

distarray.utils.**remove_elements**(*to_remove*, *seq*)

distarray.utils.**sanitize_indices**(*indices*)
Check and possibly sanitize indices.

Parameters **indices** (*int, slice, or sequence of ints and slices*) – If an int or slice is passed in, it is converted to a 1-tuple.

Returns ('point', indices) if all *indices* are ints, or ('view', indices) if some *indices* are slices.

Return type 2-tuple

Raises `TypeError` – If *indices* is not all ints or slices.

distarray.utils.**slice_intersection**(*s1*, *s2*)
Compute a slice that represents the intersection of two slices.

Currently only implemented for steps of size 1.

Return type slice object

distarray.utils.**uid**()

4.1.6 Subpackages

apps Package

apps Package

dacluster Module

Start, stop and manage a IPython.parallel cluster. *dacluster* can take all the commands IPython's *ipcluster* can, and a few extras that are distarray specific.

distarray.apps.dacluster.**clear**(***kwargs*)
Removes all distarray-related modules from engines' sys.modules.

distarray.apps.dacluster.**main**()

distarray.apps.dacluster.**restart**(*n=4*, *engines=None*, ***kwargs*)
Convenient way to restart an ipcluster.

distarray.apps.dacluster.**start**(*n=4*, *engines=None*, ***kwargs*)
Convenient way to start an ipcluster for testing.

Doesn't exit until the ipcluster prints a success message.

distarray.apps.dacluster.**stop**(***kwargs*)
Convenient way to stop an ipcluster.

dist Package

dist Package

cleanup Module

distarray.dist.cleanup.**cleanup**(*view*, *module_name*, *prefix*)
Delete Context object with the given name from the given module

distarray.dist.cleanup.**cleanup_all**(*module_name*, *prefix*)
Connects to all engines and runs `cleanup()` on them.

distarray.dist.cleanup.**clear**(*view*)
Removes all distarray-related modules from engines' sys.modules.

distarray.dist.cleanup.**clear_all**()

distarray.dist.cleanup.**get_local_keys**(*view*, *prefix*)
Returns a dictionary of keyname -> target_list mapping for all names that start with `prefix` on engines in `view`.

context Module

Context objects contain the information required for *DistArray*s to communicate with *LocalArray*s.

class distarray.dist.context.**Context**(*client=None*, *targets=None*)
Bases: object

Context objects manage the setup and communication of the worker processes for DistArray objects. A DistArray object has a context, and contexts have an MPI intracommunicator that they use to communicate with worker processes.

Typically there is just one context object that uses all processes, although it is possible to have more than one context with a different selection of engines.

apply(*func*, *args=None*, *kwargs=None*, *targets=None*)
Analogous to IPython.parallel.view.apply_sync

Parameters

- **func** (*function*) –
- **args** (*tuple*) – positional arguments to func
- **kwargs** (*dict*) – key word arguments to func
- **targets** (*sequence of integers*) – engines func is to be run on.

Return type return a list of the results on the each engine.

cleanup()
Delete keys that this context created from all the engines.

close()

delete_key(*key*, *targets=None*)
Delete the specific key from all the engines.

empty(*distribution*, *dtype=<type 'float'>*)
Create an empty Distarray.

Parameters **distribution** (*Distribution object*) –

Returns A DistArray distributed as specified, with uninitialized values.

Return type DistArray

fromarray(*arr*, *distribution=None*)
Create a DistArray from an ndarray.

Parameters **distribution** (*Distribution object, optional*) – If a Distribution object is not provided, one is created with *Distribution.from_shape(arr.shape)*.

Returns A DistArray distributed as specified, using the values and dtype from *arr*.

Return type DistArray

fromfunction(*function*, *shape*, ***kwargs*)
Create a DistArray from a function over global indices.

Unlike numpy's *fromfunction*, the result of distarray's *fromfunction* is restricted to the same Distribution as the index array generated from *shape*.

See numpy.fromfunction for more details.

fromndarray(*arr*, *distribution=None*)
Create a DistArray from an ndarray.

Parameters **distribution** (*Distribution object, optional*) – If a Distribution object is not provided, one is created with *Distribution.from_shape(arr.shape)*.

Returns A DistArray distributed as specified, using the values and dtype from *arr*.

Return type DistArray

load_dnpy(*name*)
Load a distributed array from `.dnpy` files.

The `.dnpy` file format is a binary format inspired by NumPy's `.npy` format. The header of a particular `.dnpy` file contains information about which portion of a DistArray is saved in it (using the metadata outlined in the Distributed Array Protocol), and the data portion contains the output of NumPy's *save* function for the local array data. See the module docstring for *distarray.local.format* for full details.

Parameters **name** (*str or list of str*) – If a str, this is used as the prefix for the filename used by each engine. Each engine will load a file named `<name>_<rank>.dnpy`. If a list of str, each engine will use the name at the index corresponding to its rank. An exception is raised if the length of this list is not the same as the context's communicator's size.

Returns **result** – A DistArray encapsulating the file loaded on each engine.

Return type DistArray

Raises `TypeError` – If *name* is an iterable whose length is different from the context's communicator's size.

See also:

save_dnpy() Saving files to load with with load_dnpy.

load_hdf5(*filename*, *distribution*, *key='buffer'*)
Load a DistArray from a dataset in an `.hdf5` file.

Parameters

- **filename** (*str*) – Filename to load.
- **distribution** (*Distribution object*) –

- **key** (*str, optional*) – The identifier for the group to load the DistArray from (the default is 'buffer').

Returns **result** – A DistArray encapsulating the file loaded.

Return type DistArray

load_npy (*filename*, *distribution*)
Load a DistArray from a dataset in a `.npy` file.

Parameters **filename** (*str*) – Filename to load.

Returns **result** – A DistArray encapsulating the file loaded.

Return type DistArray

ones (*distribution*, *dtype=<type 'float'>*)
Create a Distarray filled with ones.

Parameters **distribution** (*Distribution object*) –

Returns A DistArray distributed as specified, filled with ones.

Return type DistArray

save_dnpy (*name*, *da*)
Save a distributed array to files in the `.dnpy` format.

The `.dnpy` file format is a binary format inspired by NumPy's `.npy` format. The header of a particular `.dnpy` file contains information about which portion of a DistArray is saved in it (using the metadata outlined in the Distributed Array Protocol), and the data portion contains the output of NumPy's *save* function for the local array data. See the module docstring for *distarray.local.format* for full details.

Parameters

- **name** (*str or list of str*) – If a str, this is used as the prefix for the filename used by each engine. Each engine will save a file named `<name>_<rank>.dnpy`. If a list of str, each engine will use the name at the index corresponding to its rank. An exception is raised if the length of this list is not the same as the context's communicator's size.
- **da** (*DistArray*) – Array to save to files.

Raises `TypeError` – If *name* is an sequence whose length is different from the context's communicator's size.

See also:

load_dnpy() Loading files saved with save_dnpy.

save_hdf5 (*filename*, *da*, *key='buffer'*, *mode='a'*)
Save a DistArray to a dataset in an `.hdf5` file.

Parameters

- **filename** (*str*) – Name of file to write to.
- **da** (*DistArray*) – Array to save to a file.
- **key** – The identifier for the group to save the DistArray to (the default is 'buffer').

zeros (*distribution*, *dtype=<type 'float'>*)
Create a Distarray filled with zeros.

Parameters **distribution** (*Distribution object*) –

Returns A DistArray distributed as specified, filled with zeros.

Return type DistArray

decorators Module

Decorators for defining functions that use *DistArrays*.

class distarray.dist.decorators.**DecoratorBase**(*fn*)
Bases: object

Base class for decorators, handles name wrapping and allows the decorator to take an optional kwarg.

determine_context(*args*, *kwargs*)
Determine a context from a functions arguments.

key_and_push_args(*args*, *kwargs*, *context=None*, *da_handler=None*)
Push a tuple of args and dict of kwargs to the engines. Return a tuple with keys corresponding to args values on the engines. And a dictionary with the same keys and values which are the keys to the input dictionary's values.

This allows us to use the following interface to execute code on the engines:

```
>>> def foo(*args, **kwargs):
>>>     args, kwargs = _key_and_push_args(args, kwargs)
>>>     exec_str = "remote_foo(*%s, **%s)"
>>>     exec_str %= (args, kwargs)
>>>     context.execute(exec_str)
```

process_return_value(*context*, *result_key*)
Figure out what to return on the Client.

Parameters **key** (*string*) – Key corresponding to wrapped function's return value.

Returns A DistArray (if locally all values are DistArray), a None (if locally all values are None), or else, pull the result back to the client and return it. If all but one of the pulled values is None, return that non-None value only.

Return type Varied

push_fn(*context*, *fn_key*, *fn*)
Push function to the engines.

class distarray.dist.decorators.**local**(*fn*)
Bases: distarray.dist.decorators.DecoratorBase

Decorator to run a function locally on the engines.

class distarray.dist.decorators.**vectorize**(*fn*)
Bases: distarray.dist.decorators.DecoratorBase

Analogous to numpy.vectorize. Input DistArray's must all be the same shape, and this will be the shape of the output distarray.

get_ndarray(*da*, *arg_keys*)

distarray Module

The Distarray data structure.'DistArray' objects are proxies for collections of *LocalArray* objects. They are meant to roughly emulate NumPy *ndarrays*.

class distarray.dist.distarray.**DistArray**(*distribution*, *dtype=<type 'float'>*)
Bases: object

context

dist

dtype

fill(*value*)

classmethod from_localarrays(*key*, *context=None*, *targets=None*, *distribution=None*, *dtype=None*)

The caller has already created the LocalArray objects. *key* is their name on the engines. This classmethod creates a DistArray that refers to these LocalArrays.

Either a *context* or a *distribution* must also be provided. If *context* is provided, a `dim_data_per_rank` will be pulled from the existing `LocalArray`s and a `Distribution` will be created from it. If *distribution* is provided, it should accurately reflect the distribution of the existing `LocalArray`s.

If *dtype* is not provided, it will be fetched from the engines.

get_dist_matrix()

get_localarrays()

Pull the LocalArray objects from the engines.

Returns one localarray per process

Return type list of localarrays

get_localshapes()

get_ndarrays()

Pull the local ndarrays from the engines.

Returns one ndarray per process

Return type list of ndarrays

global_size

grid_shape

itemsize

max(*axis=None*, *dtype=None*, *out=None*)

Return the maximum of array elements over the given axis.

mean(*axis=None*, *dtype=<type 'float'>*, *out=None*)

Return the mean of array elements over the given axis.

min(*axis=None*, *dtype=None*, *out=None*)

Return the minimum of array elements over the given axis.

nbytes

ndim

shape

std(*axis=None*, *dtype=<type 'float'>*, *out=None*)

Return the standard deviation of array elements over the given axis.

sum(*axis=None*, *dtype=None*, *out=None*)

Return the sum of array elements over the given axis.

targets

toarray()

Returns the distributed array as an ndarray.

tondarray()
Returns the distributed array as an ndarray.

var(*axis=None*, *dtype=<type 'float'>*, *out=None*)
Return the variance of array elements over the given axis.

functions Module

Distributed unfuncs for distributed arrays.

distarray.dist.functions.**absolute**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**arccos**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**arccosh**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**arcsin**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**arcsinh**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**arctan**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**arctanh**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**conjugate**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**cos**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**cosh**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**exp**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**expm1**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**invert**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**log**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**log10**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**log1p**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**negative**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**reciprocal**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**rint**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**sign**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**sin**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**sinh**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**sqrt**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**square**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**tan**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**tanh**(*a*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**add**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**arctan2**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**bitwise_and**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**bitwise_or**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**bitwise_xor**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**divide**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**floor_divide**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**fmod**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**hypot**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**left_shift**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**mod**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**multiply**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**power**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**remainder**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**right_shift**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**subtract**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**true_divide**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**less**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**less_equal**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**equal**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**not_equal**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**greater**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.dist.functions.**greater_equal**(*a*, *b*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

ipython_utils Module

The single IPython entry point.

maps Module

Distribution class and auxiliary ClientMap classes.

The Distribution is a multi-dimensional map class that manages the one-dimensional maps for each DistArray dimension. The Distribution class represents the *distribution* information for a distributed array, independent of the distributed array's *data*. Distributions allow DistArrays to reduce overall communication when indexing and slicing by determining which processes own (or may possibly own) the indices in question. Two DistArray objects can share the same Distribution if they have the exact same distribution.

The one-dimensional ClientMap classes keep track of which process owns which index in that dimension. This class has several subclasses for specific distribution types, including *BlockMap*, *CyclicMap*, *NoDistMap*, and *UnstructuredMap*.

class distarray.dist.maps.**BlockCyclicMap**(*size*, *grid_size*, *block_size=1*)

Bases: distarray.dist.maps.MapBase

dist = 'c'

classmethod from_axis_dim_dicts(*axis_dim_dicts*)

classmethod **from_global_dim_dict**(*glb_dim_dict*)

get_dimdicts()

owners(*idx*)

class distarray.dist.maps.**BlockMap**(*size*, *grid_size*)
Bases: distarray.dist.maps.MapBase

dist = 'b'

classmethod **from_axis_dim_dicts**(*axis_dim_dicts*)

classmethod **from_global_dim_dict**(*glb_dim_dict*)

get_dimdicts()

owners(*idx*)

class distarray.dist.maps.**Distribution**(*context*, *global_dim_data*, *targets=None*)
Bases: object

Governs the mapping between global indices and process ranks for multi-dimensional objects.

classmethod **from_dim_data_per_rank**(*context*, *dim_data_per_rank*, *targets=None*)
Create a Distribution from a sequence of *dim_data* tuples.

classmethod **from_shape**(*context*, *shape*, *dist=None*, *grid_shape=None*, *targets=None*)

get_dim_data_per_rank()

has_precise_index
Does the client-side Distribution know precisely who owns all indices?

This can be used to determine whether one needs to use the *checked* version of *__getitem__* or *__setitem__* on LocalArrays.

is_compatible(*o*)

owning_ranks(*idxs*)
Returns a list of ranks that may *possibly* own the location in the *idxs* tuple.

For many distribution types, the owning rank is precisely known; for others, it is only probably known. When the rank is precisely known, *owning_ranks()* returns a list of exactly one rank. Otherwise, returns a list of more than one rank.

If the *idxs* tuple is out of bounds, raises *IndexError*.

owning_targets(*idxs*)
Like *owning_ranks()* but returns a list of targets rather than ranks.

Convenience method meant for IPython parallel usage.

reduce(*axes*)
Returns a new Distribution reduced along *axis*, i.e., the new distribution has one fewer dimension than *self*.

class distarray.dist.maps.**MapBase**
Bases: object

Base class for one-dimensional client-side maps.

Maps keep track of the relevant distribution information for a single dimension of a distributed array. Maps allow distributed arrays to keep track of which process to talk to when indexing and slicing.

Classes that inherit from *MapBase* must implement the *owners()* abstractmethod.

is_compatible(*map*)

owners(*idx*)
Returns a list of process IDs in this dimension that might possibly own *idx*.

Raises *IndexError* if *idx* is out of bounds.

class distarray.dist.maps.**NoDistMap**(*size*, *grid_size*)
Bases: distarray.dist.maps.MapBase

dist = 'n'

classmethod from_axis_dim_dicts(*axis_dim_dicts*)

classmethod from_global_dim_dict(*glb_dim_dict*)

get_dimdicts()

owners(*idx*)

class distarray.dist.maps.**UnstructuredMap**(*size*, *grid_size*, *indices=None*)
Bases: distarray.dist.maps.MapBase

dist = 'u'

classmethod from_axis_dim_dicts(*axis_dim_dicts*)

classmethod from_global_dim_dict(*glb_dim_dict*)

get_dimdicts()

owners(*idx*)

distarray.dist.maps.**choose_map**(*dist_type*)
Choose a map class given one of the distribution types.

distarray.dist.maps.**map_from_global_dim_dict**(*global_dim_dict*)
Given a global_dim_dict return map.

distarray.dist.maps.**map_from_sizes**(*size*, *dist_type*, *grid_size*)
Returns an instance of the appropriate subclass of MapBase.

random Module

Emulate numpy.random

class distarray.dist.random.**Random**(*context*)
Bases: object

normal(*distribution*, *loc=0.0*, *scale=1.0*)
Draw random samples from a normal (Gaussian) distribution.

The probability density function of the normal distribution, first derived by De Moivre and 200 years later by both Gauss and Laplace independently [1], is often called the bell curve because of its characteristic shape (see the example below).

The normal distributions occurs often in nature. For example, it describes the commonly occurring distribution of samples influenced by a large number of tiny, random disturbances, each with its own unique distribution [2].

Parameters

- **loc** (*float*) – Mean ("centre") of the distribution.
- **scale** (*float*) – Standard deviation (spread or "width") of the distribution.

[1] P. R. Peebles Jr., "Central Limit Theorem" in "Probability, Random Variables and Random Signal Principles", 4th ed., 2001, pp. 51, 51, 125.

Notes

The probability density for the Gaussian distribution is

$$p(x) = \frac{1}{\sqrt{2\pi\sigma^2}} e^{-\frac{(x-\mu)^2}{2\sigma^2}},$$

where μ is the mean and σ the standard deviation. The square of the standard deviation, σ^2, is called the variance.

The function has its peak at the mean, and its "spread" increases with the standard deviation (the function reaches 0.607 times its maximum at $x + \sigma$ and $x - \sigma$ [2]). This implies that *numpy.random.normal* is more likely to return samples lying close to the mean, rather than those far away.

References

rand(*distribution*)

Random values over a given distribution.

Create a distarray of the given shape and propagate it with random samples from a uniform distribution over `[0, 1)`.

Returns **out** – Random values.

Return type DistArray

randint(*distribution*, *low*, *high=None*)

Return random integers from *low* (inclusive) to *high* (exclusive).

Return random integers from the "discrete uniform" distribution in the "half-open" interval [*low*, *high*). If *high* is None (the default), then results are from [0, *low*).

Parameters

- **distribution** (*Distribution object*) –
- **low** (*int*) – Lowest (signed) integer to be drawn from the distribution (unless `high=None`, in which case this parameter is the *highest* such integer).
- **high** (*int, optional*) – if provided, one above the largest (signed) integer to be drawn from the distribution (see above for behavior if `high=None`).

Returns **out** – DistArray of random integers from the appropriate distribution.

Return type DistArray of ints

randn(*distribution*)

Return samples from the "standard normal" distribution.

Returns **out** – A DistArray of floating-point samples from the standard normal distribution.

Return type DistArray

seed(*seed=None*)

Seed the random number generators on each engine.

Parameters **seed** (*None, int, or array of integers*) – Base random number seed to use on each engine. If None, then a non-deterministic seed is obtained from the operating system. Otherwise, the seed is used as passed, and the sequence of random numbers will be deterministic.

Each individual engine has its state adjusted so that it is different from each other engine. Thus, each engine will compute a different sequence of random numbers.

local Package

local Package

construct Module

distarray.local.construct.**init_base_comm**(*comm*)
Sanitize an MPI.comm instance or create one.

distarray.local.construct.**init_comm**(*base_comm*, *grid_shape*)
Create an MPI communicator with a cartesian topology.

error Module

exception distarray.local.error.**DistError**
Bases: distarray.error.DistArrayError

exception distarray.local.error.**DistMatrixError**
Bases: distarray.error.DistArrayError

exception distarray.local.error.**IncompatibleArrayError**
Bases: distarray.error.DistArrayError

exception distarray.local.error.**InvalidBaseCommError**
Bases: distarray.error.DistArrayError

exception distarray.local.error.**InvalidDimensionError**
Bases: distarray.error.DistArrayError

exception distarray.local.error.**InvalidMapCodeError**
Bases: distarray.error.DistArrayError

exception distarray.local.error.**NullCommError**
Bases: distarray.error.DistArrayError

format Module

Define a simple format for saving LocalArrays to disk with full information about them. This format, `.dnpy`, draws heavily from the `.npy` format specification from NumPy and from the data structure defined in the Distributed Array Protocol.

Version numbering The version numbering of this format is independent of DistArray's and the Distributed Array Protocol's version numberings.

Format Version 1.0 The first 6 bytes are a magic string: exactly `\x93DARRY`.

The next 1 byte is an unsigned byte: the major version number of the file format, e.g. `\x01`.

The next 1 byte is an unsigned byte: the minor version number of the file format, e.g. `\x00`. Note: the version of the file format is not tied to the version of the DistArray package.

The next 2 bytes form a little-endian unsigned short int: the length of the header data HEADER_LEN.

The next HEADER_LEN bytes form the header data describing the distribution of this chunk of the LocalArray. It is an ASCII string which contains a Python literal expression of a dictionary. It is terminated by a newline (`\n`) and

padded with spaces (\x20) to make the total length of magic string + 4 + HEADER_LEN be evenly divisible by 16 for alignment purposes.

The dictionary contains two keys, both described in the Distributed Array Protocol:

"__version__" [str] Version of the Distributed Array Protocol used in this header.

"dim_data" [tuple of dict] One dictionary per array dimension; see the Distributed Array Protocol for the details of this data structure.

For repeatability and readability, the dictionary keys are sorted in alphabetic order. This is for convenience only. A writer SHOULD implement this if possible. A reader MUST NOT depend on this.

Following this header is the output of numpy.save for the underlying data buffer. This contains the full output of save, beginning with the magic number for .npy files, followed by the .npy header and array data.

The .npy format, including reasons for creating it and a comparison of alternatives, is described fully in the "npy-format" NEP and in the module docstring for numpy.lib.format.

distarray.local.format.**magic**(*major*, *minor*, *prefix=<MagicMock name='mock.asbytes()' id='140391284290896'>*)

Return the magic string for the given file format version.

Parameters **major** (*int in [0, 255]*) –

Returns **magic**

Return type str

Raises ValueError – if the version cannot be formatted.

distarray.local.format.**read_array_header_1_0**(*fp*)

Read an array header from a filelike object using the 1.0 file format version.

This will leave the file object located just after the header.

Parameters **fp** (*filelike object*) – A file object or something with a *.read()* method like a file.

Returns

- **__version__** (*str*) – Version of the Distributed Array Protocol used.
- **dim_data** (*tuple*) – A tuple containing a dictionary for each dimension of the underlying array, as described in the Distributed Array Protocol.

Raises ValueError – If the data is invalid.

distarray.local.format.**read_localarray**(*fp*)

Read a LocalArray from an .dnpy file.

Parameters **fp** (*file_like object*) – If this is not a real file object, then this may take extra memory and time.

Returns **distbuffer** – The Distributed Array Protocol structure created from the data on disk.

Return type dict

Raises ValueError – If the data is invalid.

distarray.local.format.**read_magic**(*fp*)

Read the magic string to get the version of the file format.

Returns

- **major** (*int*)
- **minor** (*int*)

distarray.local.format.**write_localarray**(*fp*, *arr*, *version=(1, 0)*)
Write a LocalArray to a .dnpy file, including a header.

The `__version__` and `dim_data` keys from the Distributed Array Protocol are written to a header, then `numpy.save` is used to write the value of the `buffer` key.

Parameters

- **fp** (*file_like object*) – An open, writable file object, or similar object with a `.write()` method.
- **arr** (*LocalArray*) – The array to write to disk.
- **version** (*(int, int), optional*) – The version number of the file format. Default: (1, 0)

Raises

- `ValueError` – If the array cannot be persisted.
- **Various other errors** – If the underlying numpy array contains Python objects as part of its dtype, the process of pickling them may raise various errors if the objects are not picklable.

`localarray` Module

class distarray.local.localarray.**GlobalIndex**(*distribution*, *ndarray*)
Bases: `object`

Object which provides access to global indexing on LocalArrays.

checked_getitem(*global_inds*)

checked_setitem(*global_inds*, *value*)

global_to_local(**global_ind*)

local_to_global(**local_ind*)

class distarray.local.localarray.**GlobalIterator**(*arr*)
Bases: `distarray.externals.six.Iterator`

class distarray.local.localarray.**LocalArray**(*distribution*, *dtype=None*, *buf=None*)
Bases: `object`

Distributed memory Python arrays.

__array_wrap__(*obj*, *context=None*)
Return a LocalArray based on obj.

This method constructs a new LocalArray object using the distribution from self and the buffer from obj.

This is used to construct return arrays for ufuncs.

__distarray__()
Returns the data structure required by the DAP.

DAP = Distributed Array Protocol

See the project's documentation for the Protocol's specification.

__getitem__(*index*)
Get a local item.

__setitem__(*index*, *value*)
Set a local item.

asdist_like(*other*)
Return a version of self that has shape, dist and grid_shape like *other*.

astype(*newdtype*)
Return a copy of this LocalArray with a new underlying dtype.

cart_coords

comm

comm_rank

comm_size

compatibility_hash()

coords_from_rank(*rank*)

copy()
Return a copy of this LocalArray.

dim_data

dist

dtype

fill(*scalar*)

classmethod from_distarray(*comm*, *obj*)
Make a LocalArray from Distributed Array Protocol data structure.

An object that supports the Distributed Array Protocol will have a *__distarray__* method that returns the data structure described here:

https://github.com/enthought/distributed-array-protocol

Parameters **obj** (an object with a *__distarray__* method or a dict) – If a dict, it must conform to the structure defined by the distributed array protocol.

Returns A LocalArray encapsulating the buffer of the original data. No copy is made.

Return type LocalArray

get_localarray()

global_from_local(**local_ind*)

global_limits(*dim*)

global_shape

global_size

grid_shape

itemsize

local_data

local_from_global(**global_ind*)

local_shape

local_size

local_view(*dtype=None*)

nbytes

ndim

pack_index(*inds*)

rank_from_coords(*coords*)

set_localarray(*a*)

sync()

unpack_index(*packed_ind*)

view(*dtype=None*)
Return a new LocalArray whose underlying *ndarray* is a view on *self.ndarray*.

Note: Currently unimplemented for `dtype is not None`.

class distarray.local.localarray.**LocalArrayBinaryOperation**(*numpy_ufunc*)
Bases: object

class distarray.local.localarray.**LocalArrayUnaryOperation**(*numpy_ufunc*)
Bases: object

distarray.local.localarray.**arecompatible**(*a*, *b*)
Do these arrays have the same compatibility hash?

distarray.local.localarray.**compact_indices**(*dim_data*)
Given a *dim_data* structure, return a tuple of compact indices.

For every dimension in *dim_data*, return a representation of the indices indicated by that dim_dict; return a slice if possible, else, return the list of global indices.

Parameters **dim_data** (*tuple of dict*) – A dict for each dimension, with the data described here: https://github.com/enthought/distributed-array-protocol we use only the indexing related keys from this structure here.

Returns **index** – Efficient structure usable for indexing into a numpy-array-like data structure.

Return type tuple of slices and/or lists of int

distarray.local.localarray.**empty**(*distribution*, *dtype=<type 'float'>*)
Create an empty LocalArray.

distarray.local.localarray.**empty_like**(*arr*, *dtype=None*)
Create an empty LocalArray with a distribution like *arr*.

distarray.local.localarray.**fromfunction**(*function*, *distribution*, ***kwargs*)

distarray.local.localarray.**fromndarray_like**(*ndarray*, *like_arr*)
Create a new LocalArray like *like_arr* with buffer set to *ndarray*.

distarray.local.localarray.**get_printoptions**()

distarray.local.localarray.**load_dnpy**(*comm*, *file*)
Load a LocalArray from a `.dnpy` file.

Parameters **file** (*file-like object or str*) – The file to read. It must support `seek()` and `read()` methods.

Returns **result** – A LocalArray encapsulating the data loaded.

Return type LocalArray

distarray.local.localarray.**load_hdf5**(*comm*, *filename*, *dim_data*, *key='buffer'*)
Load a LocalArray from an `.hdf5` file.

Parameters

- **filename** (*str*) – The filename to read.
- **dim_data** (*tuple of dict*) – A dict for each dimension, with the data described here: https://github.com/enthought/distributed-array-protocol, describing which portions of the HDF5 file to load into this LocalArray, and with what metadata.
- **comm** (*MPI comm object*) –
- **key** (*str, optional*) – The identifier for the group to load the LocalArray from (the default is 'buffer').

Returns **result** – A LocalArray encapsulating the data loaded.

Return type LocalArray

Note: For *dim_data* dimension dictionaries containing unstructured ('u') distribution types, the indices selected by the *'indices'* key must be in increasing order. This is a limitation of h5py / hdf5.

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distarray.local.localarray.**load_npy**(*comm*, *filename*, *dim_data*)
Load a LocalArray from a `.npy` file.

Parameters

- **filename** (*str*) – The file to read.
- **dim_data** (*tuple of dict*) – A dict for each dimension, with the data described here: https://github.com/enthought/distributed-array-protocol, describing which portions of the HDF5 file to load into this LocalArray, and with what metadata.

Returns **result** – A LocalArray encapsulating the data loaded.

Return type LocalArray

distarray.local.localarray.**local_reduction**(*out_comm*, *reducer*, *larr*, *ddpr*, *dtype*, *axes*)
Entry point for reductions on local arrays.

Parameters

- **reducer** (*callable*) – Performs the core reduction operation.
- **out_comm** (*MPI Comm instance.*) – The MPI communicator for the result of the reduction. Is equal to MPI.COMM_NULL when this rank is not part of the output communicator.
- **larr** (*LocalArray*) – Input. Defined for all ranks.

Returns When out_comm == MPI.COMM_NULL, returns None. Otherwise, returns the LocalArray section of the reduction result.

Return type LocalArray or None

distarray.local.localarray.**max_reducer**(*reduce_comm*, *larr*, *out*, *axes*, *dtype*)
Core reduction function for max.

distarray.local.localarray.**mean_reducer**(*reduce_comm*, *larr*, *out*, *axes*, *dtype*)
Core reduction function for mean.

distarray.local.localarray.**min_reducer**(*reduce_comm*, *larr*, *out*, *axes*, *dtype*)
Core reduction function for min.

distarray.local.localarray.**ndenumerate**(*arr*)

distarray.local.localarray.**ones**(*distribution*, *dtype=<type 'float'>*)
Create a LocalArray filled with ones.

distarray.local.localarray.**save_dnpy**(*file*, *arr*)
Save a LocalArray to a `.dnpy` file.

Parameters

- **file** (*file-like object or str*) – The file or filename to which the data is to be saved.
- **arr** (*LocalArray*) – Array to save to a file.

distarray.local.localarray.**save_hdf5**(*filename*, *arr*, *key='buffer'*, *mode='a'*)
Save a LocalArray to a dataset in an `.hdf5` file.

Parameters

- **filename** (*str*) – Name of file to write to.
- **arr** (*LocalArray*) – Array to save to a file.
- **key** – The identifier for the group to save the LocalArray to (the default is 'buffer').

distarray.local.localarray.**set_printoptions**(*precision=None*, *threshold=None*, *edgeitems=None*, *linewidth=None*, *suppress=None*)

distarray.local.localarray.**std_reducer**(*reduce_comm*, *larr*, *out*, *axes*, *dtype*)
Core reduction function for std.

distarray.local.localarray.**sum_reducer**(*reduce_comm*, *larr*, *out*, *axes*, *dtype*)
Core reduction function for sum.

distarray.local.localarray.**var_reducer**(*reduce_comm*, *larr*, *out*, *axes*, *dtype*)
Core reduction function for var.

distarray.local.localarray.**zeros**(*distribution*, *dtype=<type 'float'>*)
Create a LocalArray filled with zeros.

distarray.local.localarray.**zeros_like**(*arr*, *dtype=<type 'float'>*)
Create a LocalArray of zeros with a distribution like *arr*.

`maps` Module

Classes to manage the distribution-specific aspects of a LocalArray.

The Distribution class is the main entry point and is meant to be used by LocalArrays to help translate between local and global index spaces. It manages *ndim* one-dimensional map objects.

The one-dimensional map classes BlockMap, CyclicMap, BlockCyclicMap, and UnstructuredMap all manage the mapping tasks for their particular dimension. All are subclasses of MapBase. The reason for the several subclasses is to allow more compact and efficient operations.

class distarray.local.maps.**BlockCyclicMap**(*global_size*, *grid_size*, *grid_rank*, *start*, *block_size*)
Bases: distarray.local.maps.MapBase

One-dimensional block cyclic map class.

dim_dict

dist = 'c'

global_from_local(*lidx*)

global_iter

local_from_global(*gidx*)

size

class distarray.local.maps.**BlockMap**(*global_size*, *grid_size*, *grid_rank*, *start*, *stop*)
Bases: distarray.local.maps.MapBase

One-dimensional block map class.

dim_dict

dist = 'b'

global_from_local(*lidx*)

global_iter

local_from_global(*gidx*)

size

class distarray.local.maps.**CyclicMap**(*global_size*, *grid_size*, *grid_rank*, *start*)
Bases: distarray.local.maps.MapBase

One-dimensional cyclic map class.

dim_dict

dist = 'c'

global_from_local(*lidx*)

global_iter

local_from_global(*gidx*)

size

class distarray.local.maps.**Distribution**(*comm*, *dim_data*)
Bases: object

Multi-dimensional Map class.

Manages one or more one-dimensional map classes.

cart_coords

comm_rank

comm_size

coords_from_rank(*rank*)

dim_data

dist

classmethod from_shape(*comm*, *shape*, *dist=None*, *grid_shape=None*)
Create a Distribution from a *shape* and optional arguments.

global_from_local(**local_ind*)
Given *local_ind* indices, translate into global indices.

global_shape

global_size

grid_shape

local_from_global(**global_ind*)
Given *global_ind* indices, translate into local indices.

local_shape

local_size

ndim

rank_from_coords(*coords*)

class distarray.local.maps.**MapBase**
Bases: object

Base class for all one dimensional Map classes.

class distarray.local.maps.**UnstructuredMap**(*global_size*, *grid_size*, *grid_rank*, *indices*)
Bases: distarray.local.maps.MapBase

One-dimensional unstructured map class.

dim_dict

dist = 'u'

global_from_local(*lidx*)

global_iter

local_from_global(*gidx*)

size

distarray.local.maps.**map_from_dim_dict**(*dd*)
Factory function that returns a 1D map for a given dimension dictionary.

mpiutils Module

Entry point for MPI.

distarray.local.mpiutils.**create_comm_of_size**(*size=4*)
Create a subcommunicator of COMM_PRIVATE of given size.

distarray.local.mpiutils.**create_comm_with_list**(*nodes*, *base_comm=None*)
Create a subcommunicator of base_comm with a list of ranks.

If base_comm is not specified, defaults to COMM_PRIVATE.

distarray.local.mpiutils.**mpi_type_for_ndarray**(*a*)

proxyize Module

class distarray.local.proxyize.**Proxyize**(*context_key*)
Bases: object

next_name()

set_state(*state*)

str_counter()

random Module

distarray.local.random.**beta**(*a*, *b*, *distribution=None*)

distarray.local.random.**label_state**(*comm*)
Label/personalize the random generator state for the local rank.

distarray.local.random.**normal**(*loc=0.0*, *scale=1.0*, *distribution=None*)

distarray.local.random.**rand**(*distribution=None*)

distarray.local.random.**randint**(*low*, *high=None*, *distribution=None*)

distarray.local.random.**randn**(*distribution=None*)

plotting Package

plotting Package

Plotting functions for distarrays.

plotting Module

Plotting functions for distarrays.

distarray.plotting.plotting.**cmap_discretize**(*cmap*, *N*)
Create a discrete colormap from the continuous colormap cmap.

Parameters

- **cmap** (*colormap instance, or string*) – The continuous colormap, as object or name, to make discrete. For example, matplotlib.cm.jet, or 'jet'.
- **N** (*int*) – The number of discrete colors desired.

Returns The desired discrete colormap.

Return type colormap

Example

```
>>> x = resize(arange(100), (5,100))
>>> djet = cmap_discretize(cm.jet, 5)
>>> pyplot.imshow(x, cmap=djet)
```

distarray.plotting.plotting.**create_discrete_colormaps**(*num_values*)
Create colormap objects for a discrete colormap.

Returns **cmap, norm, text_colors** – The matplotlib colormap, norm, and recommended text colors. text_colors is an array of length num_values, with each entry being a nice color for text drawn on top of the colormap selection.

Return type tuple

distarray.plotting.plotting.**plot_array_distribution**(*darray*, *process_coords*, *title=None*, *xlabel=None*, *ylabel=None*, *yflip=False*, *cell_label=True*, *legend=False*, *global_plot_filename=None*, *local_plot_filename=None*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Plot a distarray's memory layout. It can be 1D or 2D. Elements are colored according to the process they are on.

Parameters

- **darray** (*DistArray*) – The distributed array to plot.
- **process_coords** (*List of tuples.*) – The process grid coordinates.
- **title** (*string*) – Text label for the plot title, or None.
- **xlabel** (*string*) – Text label for the x-axis, or None.
- **ylabel** (*string*) – Text label for the y-axis, or None.
- **yflip** (*bool*) – If True, then the y-axis increases downwards, to match the layout when printing the array itself.
- **cell_label** (*bool*) – If True, then each cell in the plot is labeled with the array value. This can look cluttered for large arrays.
- **legend** (*bool*) – If True, then a colorbar legend is drawn to label the colors.
- **global_plot_filename** (*string*) – Output filename for the global array plot image.
- **local_plot_filename** (*string*) – Output filename for the local array plot image.

Returns The process assignment array, as a DistArray.

Return type out

distarray.plotting.plotting.**plot_local_array_subfigure**(*subfig*, *local_array*, *process*, *coord*, *colormap_objects*, **args*, ***kwargs*)

Plot a single local_array into a matplotlib subfigure.

distarray.plotting.plotting.**plot_local_arrays**(*darray*, *process_coords*, *colormap_objects*, *filename*)

Plot the local arrays as a multi-figure matplotlib plot.

4.2 Building HDF5 and h5py for DistArray

These are notes from trying to build HDF5 1.8.12 and h5py 2.2.1 against mpi4py 1.3 and openmpi-1.6.5 on OS X 10.8.5.

4.2.1 HDF5

Download the HDF5 source (1.8.12) and configure it with parallel support. From the source directory:

```
$ CFLAGS=-O0 CC=/Users/robertgrant/localroot/bin/mpicc ./configure --enable-shared --enable-parallel
```

The CFLAGS setting is to get around a known problem with the tests on OS X 10.8 (http://www.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/release/known_problems/).

Build it:

```
$ make
```

Test it:

```
$ make check
```

This produced some errors related to ph5diff, which the website claims are "not valid errors", so I ignored them (http://www.hdfgroup.org/HDF5/faq/parallel.html#ph5difftest).

Install HDF5:

```
$ make install
```

4.2.2 h5py

Build h5py against this version of HDF5. Without setting `HDF5_DIR`, on my system the build found Canopy's serial version of HDF5. In the h5py source directory:

```
$ HDF5_DIR=/Users/robertgrant/localroot/ CC=mpicc python setup.py build --mpi
```

This gives me an error about "MPI Message" addressed here:

```
https://github.com/h5py/h5py/issues/401
```

After patching api_compat.h as suggested, it builds. One could also use the `master` version of h5py from GitHub instead of the latest release.

Run the tests:

```
$ python setup.py test
```

and install h5py:

```
$ python setup.py install
```

You should now be able to run the example code listed here:

```
http://docs.h5py.org/en/latest/mpi.html#using-parallel-hdf5-from-h5py
```

4.3 Notes on building environment-modules

environment-modules is a tool, written with Tcl, that makes it convenient to switch environment settings. It is not required to use distarray, but we find it useful in development. It is a difficult name to google. I had to build it from source, and made some notes of my steps, which will hopefully be helpful for others that build this.

There seems to be some version available to `apt-get` for Debian. But I read suggestions not to mix Debian and Ubuntu packages, and as I have Ubuntu, I did not try and configure my `apt-get` to look at the Debian packages. So I installed from source, with notes as follows.

These specific notes are from an installation from source for Linux Mint (Ubuntu), done by Mark Kness. These actions were based on the INSTALL document in the modules source and the Geoghegan link.

```
$ sudo apt-get install tcl tcl8.4-dev
```

This seemed to run ok.

```
$ tar xvvf modules-3.2.10.tar.gz
```

I had already downloaded this. Double v means extra verbose.

```
$ cd modules-3.2.10
$ gedit README
$ gedit INSTALL
$ gedit INSTALL.RH7x
```

Read the installation notes!

```
$ ./configure
```

First step is to run this and see how far it gets. Tcl is the likely problem here.

I got the following messages from ./configure...:

```
checking for Tcl configuration (tclConfig.sh)... found /usr/lib/tcl8.4/tclConfig.sh
checking for existence of tclConfig.sh... loading
checking for Tcl version... 8.5
checking TCL_VERSION... 8.5
checking TCL_LIB_SPEC... -L/usr/lib -ltcl8.4
checking TCL_INCLUDE_SPEC... -I/usr/include/tcl8.4
checking for TclX configuration (tclxConfig.sh)... not found
checking for TclX version... using 8.5
checking TCLX_VERSION... 8.5
checking TCLX_LIB_SPEC... TCLX_LIB_SPEC not found, need to use --with-tclx-lib
checking TCLX_INCLUDE_SPEC... TCLX_INCLUDE_SPEC not found, need to use --with-tclx-inc
configure: WARNING: will use MODULEPATH=/usr/local/Modules/modulefiles : rerun configure using --with
configure: WARNING: will use VERSIONPATH=/usr/local/Modules/versions : rerun configure using --with-v
```

It seems that TCL_VERSION, TCL_LIB_SPEC, and TCL_INCLUDE_SPEC were all found ok. (The TCLX variants are not found but that is different and not a problem.) Generally it seems like Tcl is ok, except perhaps for some 8.4 vs 8.5 version inconsistency. A non-default path for the module files themselves seems recommended, so...

```
$ cd ~
$ mkdir modules
```

This created `/home/mkness/modules` on my machine. The install notes suggest that one make a non-default location for these. This directory name was an arbitrary choice.

```
$ cd modules-3.2.10
$ ./configure --with-module-path=~/modules
```

Seemed ok. I ignored the version and prefix path options.

```
$ make
```

Seemed basically ok, a few warnings.

```
$ ./modulecmd sh
```

I got the usage instructions, and NOT any Tcl messages. Ok!

```
$ sudo make install
```

Seemed to run ok. Got permission errors without sudo.

```
$ cd /usr/local/Modules
$ sudo ln -s 3.2.10 default
```

Setup symbolic link named 'default' to point to the installed version.

```
$ cd ~
$ /usr/local/Modules/default/bin/add.modules
```

This script is supposed to update my local .bashrc and similar files to have access to the Modules stuff. For me, it modified .bashrc and .profile. But if I say 'module', I get an error about an invalid path. It seems that MODULE_VERSION is not defined, so I added `export MODULE_VERSION=default` to the top of my .bashrc.

At this point I can say 'module' at the command line and I get the usage instructions. But 'module avail' dislikes the lack of an environment variable MODULEPATH. So I also add `export MODULEPATH=~/modules` to my .bashrc. This path matches the –with-module-path argument to ./configure.

Now it works!

4.3.1 References

http://modules.sourceforge.net/ The main page for the modules package. It provides a source download: modules-3.2.10.tar.gz

http://sourceforge.net/p/modules/wiki/FAQ/ FAQ for the modules package.

http://nickgeoghegan.net/linux/installing-environment-modules Build instructions for environment-modules. I partially followed these but with several changes.

http://packages.debian.org/wheezy/environment-modules http://packages.debian.org/wheezy/amd64/environment-modules/download http://packages.debian.org/unstable/main/environment-modules Debian package for environment-modules. Note that this is two different places.

http://packages.debian.org/search?keywords=tcl&searchon=names&suite=stable&section=all Debian package for Tcl.

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CHAPTER 5

Release Notes

5.1 DistArray 0.2: development release

Documentation: http://distarray.readthedocs.org License: Three-clause BSD Python versions: 2.7 and 3.3 OS support: *nix and Mac OS X

DistArray aims to bring the strengths of NumPy to data-parallel high-performance computing. It provides distributed multi-dimensional NumPy-like arrays and distributed ufuncs, distributed IO capabilities, and can integrate with external distributed libraries, like Trilinos. DistArray works with NumPy and builds on top of it in a flexible and natural way.

Brian Granger started DistArray as a NASA-funded SBIR project in 2008. Enthought picked it up as part of a DOE Phase II SBIR [0] to provide a generally useful distributed array package. It builds on IPython, IPython.parallel, NumPy, MPI, and interfaces with the Trilinos suite of distributed HPC solvers (via PyTrilinos) [1].

Distarray:

- has a client-engine (or master-worker) process design – data resides on the worker processes, commands are initiated from master;
- allows full control over what is executed on the worker processes and integrates transparently with the master process;
- allows direct communication between workers bypassing the master process for scalability;
- integrates with IPython.parallel for interactive creation and exploration of distributed data;
- supports distributed ufuncs (currently without broadcasting);
- builds on and leverages MPI via MPI4Py in a transparent and user-friendly way;
- supports NumPy-like structured multidimensional arrays;
- has basic support for unstructured arrays;
- supports user-controllable array distributions across workers (block, cyclic, block-cyclic, and unstructured) on a per-axis basis;
- has a straightforward API to control how an array is distributed;
- has basic plotting support for visualization of array distributions;
- separates the array's distribution from the array's data – useful for slicing, reductions, redistribution, broadcasting, all of which will be implemented in coming releases;
- implements distributed random arrays;

- supports .npy-like flat-file IO and hdf5 parallel IO (via h5py); leverages MPI-based IO parallelism in an easy-to-use and transparent way; and
- supports the distributed array protocol [2], which allows independently developed parallel libraries to share distributed arrays without copying, analogous to the PEP-3118 new buffer protocol.
- This is the first public development release. DistArray is not ready for real-world use, but we want to get input from the larger scientific-Python community to help drive its development. The API is changing rapidly and we are adding many new features on a fast timescale. For that reason, DistArray is currently implemented in pure Python for maximal flexibility. Performance improvements are coming.

The 0.2 release's goals are to provide the components necessary to support upcoming features that are non-trivial to implement in a distributed environment.

Planned features for upcoming releases:

- Distributed reductions
- Distributed slicing
- Distributed broadcasting
- Distributed fancy indexing
- Re-distribution methods
- Integration with Trilinos [1] and other packages [3] that subscribe to the distributed array protocol [2]
- Lazy evaluation and deferred computation for latency hiding
- Out-of-core computations
- Extensive examples, tutorials, documentation
- Support for distributed sorting and other non-trivial distributed algorithms
- MPI-only communication for non-interactive deployment on clusters and supercomputers
- End-user control over communication and temporary array creation, and other performance aspects of distributed computations

[0] http://www.sbir.gov/sbirsearch/detail/410257 [1] http://trilinos.org/ [2] http://distributed-array-protocol.readthedocs.org/en/rel-0.10.0/ [3] http://www.mcs.anl.gov/petsc/

5.2 DistArray 0.3: development release

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Python versions: 2.7 and 3.3

OS support: *nix and Mac OS X

5.2.1 What is DistArray?

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5.2.2 0.3 Release

This is the second development release.

Noteworthy improvements in 0.3 include:

- support for distributions over a subset of processes;
- distributed reductions with a simple NumPy-like API: `da.sum(axis=3)`;
- an `apply()` function for easier computation with process-local data;
- performance improvements and reduced communication overhead;
- cleanup, renamings, and refactorings;
- test suite improvements for parallel testing; and
- start of a more frequent release schedule.

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5.2.3 Existing features

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5.2.4 Planned features and roadmap

- Distributed slicing
- Re-distribution methods
- Integration with Trilinos [Trilinos] and other packages [petsc] that subscribe to the distributed array protocol [protocol]
- Distributed broadcasting
- Distributed fancy indexing
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