Package ‘HDF5Array’

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Description  This package implements the HDF5Array class for convenient access and manipulation of HDF5 datasets. In order to reduce memory usage and optimize performance, operations on an HDF5Array object are either delayed or executed using a block processing mechanism. The delaying and block processing mechanisms are independent of the on-disk backend and implemented via the DelayedArray class. They even work on in-memory array-like objects like DataFrame objects (typically with Rle columns), Matrix objects, or ordinary arrays or data frames, where they can improve performance.

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| cbind-methods | Bind DelayedArray objects along their rows or columns |

Description

Methods for binding DelayedArray objects along their rows or columns.

Details

rbind, cbind, arbind, acbind methods are defined for DelayedArray objects. They perform delayed binding along the rows (rbind and arbind) or columns (cbind and acbind) of the objects passed to them.

See Also

• cbind in the base package for rbind/cbind’ing ordinary arrays.
• acbind in the IRanges package for arbind/acbind’ing ordinary arrays.
• DelayedArray-utils for common operations on DelayedArray objects.
• DelayedArray objects.
• HDF5Array objects.
• array objects in base R.

Examples

```r
library(rhdf5)
toy_h5 <- system.file("extdata", "toy.h5", package="HDF5Array")
h5ls(toy_h5)

M1 <- HDF5Array(toy_h5, "M1")
M2 <- HDF5Array(toy_h5, "M2")

M <- rbind(M1, t(M2))
M
colMeans(M)

a1 <- array(1:60, c(3, 5, 4),
dimnames=list(NULL, paste0("M1y", 1:5), NULL))
a2 <- array(101:240, c(7, 5, 4),
dimnames=list(paste0("M2x", 1:7), paste0("M2y", 1:5), NULL))
a3 <- array(10001:10100, c(5, 5, 4),
dimnames=list(paste0("M3x", 1:5), NULL, paste0("M3z", 1:4)))

A1 <- DelayedArray(a1)
A2 <- DelayedArray(a2)
A3 <- DelayedArray(a3)
```
DelayedArray-class

A <- arbind(A1, A2, A3)
A

## Sanity check:
stopifnot(identical(arbind(a1, a2, a3), as.array(A)))

Description

Wrapping an array-like object (typically an on-disk object) in a DelayedArray object allows one to perform common array operations on it without loading the object in memory. In order to reduce memory usage and optimize performance, operations on the object are either delayed or executed using a block processing mechanism.

Usage

DelayedArray(x)  # constructor function

Arguments

x  
An array-like object.

In-memory versus on-disk realization

To realize a DelayedArray object (i.e. to trigger execution of the delayed operations carried by the object and return the result as an ordinary array), call as.array on it. However this realizes the full object at once in memory which could require too much memory if the object is big. A big DelayedArray object is preferably realized on disk e.g. by calling the writeHDF5Dataset function or the HDF5Dataset constructor on it (other on-disk backends can be supported). This uses a block-processing strategy so that the full object is not realized at once in memory. Instead the object is processed block by block i.e. the blocks are realized in memory and written to disk one at a time. See ?writeHDF5Dataset for more information about this.

Accessors

DelayedArray objects support the same set of getters as ordinary arrays i.e. dim(), length(), and dimnames().

Only dimnames() is supported as a setter.

Subsetting

A DelayedArray object can be subsetted like an ordinary object but with the following differences:

- The drop argument of the [ operator is ignored i.e. subsetting a DelayedArray object always returns a DelayedArray object with the same number of dimensions. You need to call drop() on the subsetted object to actually drop its ineffective dimensions (i.e. the dimensions equal to 1).
- Linear subsetting (a.k.a. 1D-style subsetting, that is, subsetting with a single subscript i) is not supported.

Subsetting with [[ is supported but only the linear form of it.

DelayedArray objects don’t support subassignment ([<- or [[<-).
See Also

- `DelayedArray-utils` for common operations on DelayedArray objects.
- `cbind` in this package (`HDF5Array`) for binding DelayedArray objects along their rows or columns.
- `setHDF5DumpFile` to control the location of automatically created HDF5 datasets.
- `HDF5Array` objects.
- `array` objects in base R.

Examples

```r
## WRAP AN ORDINARY ARRAY IN A DelayedArray OBJECT
a <- array(runif(1500000), c(10000, 30, 5))
A <- DelayedArray(a)
A
toto <- function(x) (5 * x[, , 1] ^ 3 + 1L) * log(x[, , 2])
b <- toto(a)
head(b)
B <- toto(A)  # very fast! (operations are delayed)
B
B <- drop(B)
B
cs <- colSums(b)
CS <- colSums(B)
stopifnot(identical(cs, CS))

## WRAP A DataFrame OBJECT IN A DelayedArray OBJECT
## Generate random coverage and score along an imaginary chromosome:
cov <- Rle(sample(20, 5000, replace=TRUE), sample(6, 5000, replace=TRUE))
score <- Rle(sample(100, nrun(cov), replace=TRUE), runLength(cov))
DF <- DataFrame(cov, score)
A2 <- DelayedArray(DF)
A2
t(A2)  # delayed transpose is very fast and very memory efficient because
      # the matrix data is not copied
colSums(A2)

## WRAP A HDF5Dataset OBJECT IN A DelayedArray OBJECT
h5a <- HDF5Dataset(a)  # create the dataset
h5a
A3 <- DelayedArray(h5a)  # wrap the dataset in a DelayedArray object
A3
```
DelayedArray-utils

### Description

Common operations on DelayedArray objects.

### Details

The operations currently supported by DelayedArray objects are:

**Delayed operations:**

- all the members of the `Ops`, `Math`, and `Math2` groups
- `!`
- `is.na`, `is.finite`, `is.infinite`, `is.nan`
- `nchar`, `tolower`, `toupper`
- `pmax2` and `pmin2`
- `rbind` and `cbind` (documented in `cbind`)

**Block-processed operations:**

- `anyNA`, `which`
- all the members of the `Summary` group
- `mean`
- `apply`
- `rowSums`, `colSums`, `rowMeans`, and `colMeans` [DelayedMatrix objects only]
- matrix multiplication (`%*%`) of an ordinary matrix by a DelayedMatrix object
HDF5Array-class

HDF5 datasets as array-like objects

Description

We provide 2 classes for representing an (on-disk) HDF5 dataset as an array-like object in R:

- **HDF5Array**: A high-level class HDF5Array that extends DelayedArray. All the operations available on DelayedArray objects work on HDF5Array objects.
• **HDF5Dataset**: A low-level class for pointing to an HDF5 dataset. No operation can be performed directly on an HDF5Dataset object. It needs to be wrapped in a DelayedArray or HDF5Array object first. An HDF5Array object is just an HDF5Dataset object wrapped in a DelayedArray object.

**Usage**

```r
## Constructor functions
HDF5Array(file, name, type=NA)
HDF5Dataset(file, name, type=NA)

## Write an array-like object to an HDF5 file
writeHDF5Dataset(x, file, name)
```

**Arguments**

- `file`: For HDF5Array and HDF5Dataset: The path (as a single character string) to the HDF5 file where the dataset is located. Alternatively `file` can be a DelayedArray object or an ordinary array, in which case the object is written to disk as a new HDF5 dataset by calling writeHDF5Dataset internally. Note that, when given a DelayedArray object, writeHDF5Dataset realizes it on disk, that is, all the delayed operations carried by the object are executed while the object is written to disk. See "On-disk realization of a DelayedArray object as an HDF5 dataset" section below for more information.

- `name`: For HDF5Array and HDF5Dataset: The name of the dataset in the HDF5 file.

- `type`: NA or the `R` atomic type (specified as a single string) corresponding to the type of the HDF5 dataset.

- `x`: The array-like object to write to an HDF5 file. Can be an ordinary array, or a DelayedArray or HDF5Dataset object at the moment. If `x` is a DelayedArray object, writeHDF5Dataset realizes it on disk, that is, all the delayed operations carried by the object are executed while the object is written to disk. See "On-disk realization of a DelayedArray object as an HDF5 dataset" section below for more information.

**Details**

The HDF5Array and HDF5Dataset constructor functions can be used either to point to an existing HDF5 dataset or to create a new one (see description of the `file` argument above).

When used to create a new HDF5 dataset, the location where to write the dataset can be controlled with the `setHDF5DumpFile` and `setHDF5DumpName` utility functions.

**Value**

- An HDF5Array object for `HDF5Array()`.
- An HDF5Dataset object for `HDF5Dataset()`.
- An invisible HDF5Dataset object for `writeHDF5Dataset()`.
On-disk realization of a DelayedArray object as an HDF5 dataset

When passed an DelayedArray object, writeHDF5Dataset realizes it on disk, that is, all the delayed operations carried by the object are executed on-the-fly while the object is written to disk. This uses a block-processing strategy so that the full object is not realized at once in memory. Instead the object is processed block by block i.e. the blocks are realized in memory and written to disk one at a time.

In other words, writeHDF5Dataset(x, ...) is semantically equivalent to writeHDF5Dataset(as.array(x), ...), except that as.array(x) is not called because this would realize the full object at once in memory.

See ?DelayedArray for general information about DelayedArray objects.

See Also

- DelayedArray objects.
- DelayedArray-utils for common operations on DelayedArray objects.
- setHDF5DumpFile to control the location of the new HDF5 datasets created by HDF5Array and HDF5Dataset.
- h5ls in the rhdf5 package.
- The rhdf5 package on top of which HDF5Array objects are implemented.
- array objects in base R.

Examples

```r
## CONSTRUCTION
library(rhdf5)
library(h5vcData)
tally_file <- system.file("extdata", "example.tally.hfs5",
    package="h5vcData")
h5ls(tally_file)

## Pick up "Coverages" dataset for Human chromosome 16:
cov0 <- HDF5Array(tally_file, "/ExampleStudy/16/Coverages")
cov0

dim(cov0)
dimnames(cov0)
dimnames(cov0) <- list(paste0("s", 1:6), c("+", "+")
dimnames(cov0)

cov1 <- drop(cov0[ , , 29000001:29000007])
cov1
dim(cov1)
as.array(cov1)
```
setHDF5DumpFile

Control the location of automatically created HDF5 datasets

Description

Utility functions to control the location of automatically created HDF5 datasets.

Usage

setHDF5DumpFile(file=paste0(tempfile(), "\".h5\"))
gethDF5DumpFile()
lsHDF5DumpFile()
setHDF5DumpFile

```r
setHDF5DumpName(name)
getHDF5DumpName()
```

**Arguments**

- `file` The path to the *current output HDF5 file*, that is, to the HDF5 file where all newly created datasets shall be written.
- `name` The name of the *next* dataset to be written to the current output HDF5 file. This is for a one-time use only.

**Note**

`lsHDF5DumpFile()` is a just convenience wrapper for `rhdf5::h5ls(getHDF5DumpFile())`.

**See Also**

- `DelayedArray` objects.
- `DelayedArray-utils` for common operations on `DelayedArray` objects.
- `HDF5Array` objects.
- The `h5ls` function in the `rhdf5` package, on which `lsHDF5DumpFile` is based.

**Examples**

```r
getHDF5DumpFile()

## Use setHDF5DumpFile() to change the current output HDF5 file.
## If the specified file exists, then it must be in HDF5 format or
## an error will be raised. If it doesn’t exist, then it will be
## created.
# setHDF5DumpFile("path/to/some/HDF5/file")

lsHDF5DumpFile()

a <- array(1:600, c(150, 4))
h5a <- HDF5Dataset(a)
lsHDF5DumpFile()
A <- HDF5Array(h5a)  # DelayedArray object

b <- array(runif(6000), c(4, 2, 150))
h5b <- HDF5Dataset(b)
lsHDF5DumpFile()
B <- HDF5Array(h5b)  # DelayedArray object

C <- (log(2 * A + 0.88) - 5)^3 * t(drop(B[, , 1]))
HDF5Dataset(C)     # realize C on disk
lsHDF5DumpFile()

## Matrix multiplication is not delayed:
P <- C %*% matrix(runif(20), nrow=4)
lsHDF5DumpFile()
```
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