

How Graphics Cards work - Quiz

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- 1) How many times more calculations per second are required to run Cyberpunk 2077 today vs Mario 64 in 1996?
 - A. 36,000 times
 - B. 50,000 times
 - C. 360,000 times
 - D. 500,000 times
- 2) From the analogy in the video, about how many Earths filled with people, each person doing one calculation per second, would be needed to match the computational power of a graphics card performing 36 trillion calculations per second? (Hint: Earth's population is 8.2 billion people)
 - A. 2,200 Earths
 - B. 3,300 Earths
 - C. 4,400 Earths
 - D. 36 trillion Earths
- 3) How are GPU and CPU architectures different?
 - A. GPUs are highly flexible and CPUs are less flexible
 - B. GPUs have 10,000s Cores and CPUs have 10s of Cores
 - C. CPUs can process thousands of calculations in parallel and a GPU can only process a few calculations
 - D. They are the same
- 4) How do the differences between GPU and CPU architectures inform which workloads are best suited?
 - A. GPUs flexibility make them suited to run operating systems
 - B. CPUs are inflexible and can only run simple arithmetic
 - C. CPUs are slow and not ideal for small calculations
 - D. GPUs many cores make them perfectly suited to run many calculations in parallel

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5) What is the GPU architecture hierarchy?

- A. Graphics Processing Clusters → Streaming Multiprocessors → Warps/Ray Tracing Core → CUDA/Tensor Core
- B. Streaming Multiprocessors → Warps/Ray Tracing Core → CUDA/Tensor Core → Graphics Processing Clusters
- C. CUDA/Tensor Core → Warps/Ray Tracing Core → Streaming Multiprocessors → Graphics Processing Clusters
- D. Warps/Ray Tracing Core → CUDA/Tensor Core → Graphics Processing Clusters → Streaming Multiprocessors

6) The GPU architecture has the highest quantity of which Core?

- A. It has the same quantity of each Core
- B. CUDA Cores
- C. Ray Tracing Cores
- D. Tensor Cores

7) What is the primary function of the CUDA Cores?

- A. Matrix multiplications
- B. Geometric transformations
- C. Execute ray tracing algorithms
- D. Binary calculations

8) How are the GPUs used in the NVIDIA RTX 3080 and NVIDIA RTX 3090ti different? Choose the best answer.

- A. They have a different number of working cores
- B. They have a different clock speed
- C. Both A and B
- D. Neither A and B

9) What operation is known as fused multiply and add?

- A. $A + B + C$
- B. $A \times B + C$
- C. $A \times B \times C$
- D. $\text{sqrt}(A \times B + C)$

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- 10) The Cuda cores in the RTX 3090 use what precision for FMA operations?
- A. 32-bit floating point and 32-bit integers
 - B. 16-bit floating point and 16-bit integers
 - C. 8-bit floating point and 8-bit integers
 - D. 32-bit floating point and 16-bit integers
- 11) How many mathematical functions are performed by the Cuda core each clock cycle?
- A. 2 multiply and 2 add
 - B. 1 multiply and 1 add
 - C. 1 multiply
 - D. 1 add
- 12) Which component of the GPU manages the graphics processing clusters and the streaming multiprocessors?
- A. PCIe Interface
 - B. NVLink Controller
 - C. Graphic Memory Controller
 - D. Gigathread Engine
- 13) What is the technical name for the 24 gigabytes of graphics memory chips mentioned in the video?
- A. DDR4 SDRAM
 - B. GDDR5 SDRAM
 - C. GDDR6X SDRAM
 - D. LPDDR5 SDRAM
- 14) Who designs and manufactures the memory chips inside the graphics card mentioned in the video?
- A. Micron
 - B. Intel
 - C. AMD
 - D. NVIDIA
- 15) What is typically happening during a loading screen on a video game?
- A. Moving all 3D models from storage into graphics memory
 - B. Managing network connections
 - C. Cooling the GPU
 - D. Resetting the Cuda cores

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- 16) What is the definition of the bus width of a graphic card?
- A. The number of Cuda Cores
 - B. The number of GDDR6X SDRAM components
 - C. The number of bits transferred at a time in parallel
 - D. The bandwidth of the card
- 17) How have PAM-3 used in GDDR7 and PAM-4 used in GDDR6X graphic memory improved performance of graphic cards?
- A. By having a higher number of Cores
 - B. By using multiple voltage levels to send multiple bits of data at a time
 - C. By having a higher bus width
 - D. By using binary data transfer
- 18) What are the benefits of using PAM-3 encoding over PAM-4?
- A. Reduce encoder complexity
 - B. Improve signal to noise ratio
 - C. Improve power efficiency
 - D. All of the above
- 19) Why are GPUs ideal for running video game graphics, bit coin mining, neural networks, and AI?
- A. These workloads are easily broken down into parallel tasks
 - B. Because GPUs are flexible for many workloads
 - C. Because complex problems require expensive solutions
 - D. Being able to run an operating system is key for these workloads
- 20) Why are the millions of SIMD, single instruction multiple data, calculations for displaying a 3D scene well suited for a GPU? Choose the best answer.
- A. They are simple calculations and GPUs can only perform simple calculations
 - B. Every calculation has no dependency on any other calculation and thus can be distributed to the many Cores
 - C. Ray tracing cores can perform SIMD calculations
 - D. L2 Cache is needed to perform SIMD calculations

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