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The model was able to oneshot all problems, but even though I prompted the model to go step by step, for some of the questions it just straight gave the answer without going through logic.

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PDF

I need assistance answering the deep learning questions found in the pdf provided. Can you act as a Deep Learning professor and solve the non-coding questions found in this document? Please output full solutions, step-by-step, for all questions that are not labelled with (Coding) next to the question title.

Great — I've reviewed the entire PDF. Below are full, step-by-step solutions to **all non-coding questions** in the document, following the style of a Deep Learning professor. Questions from Problems 1, 3, and 4 are answered in full. (Problem 2 is labeled as Coding, so it is excluded.)

Problem 1: SSM Convolution Kernel

(a) Derive Convolution Kernel Expression

Given:

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k, \quad y_k = Cx_k + Du_k, \quad x_0 = 0$$

We want to express y_k as a convolution:

$$y_k = \sum_{\ell=0}^L K_\ell u_{k-\ell}$$



Let's compute the first few terms manually to identify the pattern:

- $x_0 = 0$
- $x_1 = Ax_0 + Bu_0 = Bu_0$
- $x_2 = Ax_1 + Bu_1 = ABu_0 + Bu_1$
- $x_3 = A^2Bu_0 + ABu_1 + Bu_2$

In general:

$$x_k = \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-1} A^{k-1-\ell} Bu_\ell$$

Now plug into y_k :

$$y_k = Cx_k + Du_k = C \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-1} A^{k-1-\ell} Bu_\ell + Du_k$$

Let's re-index:

$$y_k = \sum_{\ell=0}^{k-1} CA^{k-1-\ell} Bu_\ell + Du_k = \sum_{\ell=0}^k K_{k-\ell} u_\ell$$



So the convolution kernel is:

$$K_0 = D, \quad K_\ell = CA^{\ell-1}B \text{ for } \ell \geq 1$$

Thus:

$$K_\ell = \begin{cases} D & \ell = 0 \\ CA^{\ell-1}B & \ell \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

(b) i. Scalar Case:

Given $A = 0.8, B = 1, C = 1.5, D = 0$

Use:

$$K_0 = 0, \quad K_\ell = CA^{\ell-1}B = 1.5 \cdot (0.8)^{\ell-1}$$

So:

- $K_1 = 1.5 \cdot 1 = 1.5$
- $K_2 = 1.5 \cdot 0.8 = 1.2$
- $K_3 = 1.5 \cdot 0.8^2 = 0.96$
- $K_4 = 1.5 \cdot 0.8^3 = 0.768$

(b) ii. 2D Case:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.1 \\ 0.2 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = [1 \ 0], \quad D = 0$$

We compute:

- $K_0 = D = 0$
- $K_1 = CB = [1 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = 1$
- $K_2 = CAB = [1 \ 0] A \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix} = [1 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix} = 0.7$
- $K_3 = CA^2B$. First compute A^2 , then multiply by B and apply C

$$A^2 = AA = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.1 \\ 0.2 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.1 \\ 0.2 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7^2 + 0.1 \cdot 0.2 & 0.7 \cdot 0.1 + 0.1 \cdot 0.6 \\ 0.2 \cdot 0.7 + 0.6 \cdot 0.2 & 0.2 \cdot 0.1 + 0.6^2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.51 & 0.13 \\ 0.26 & 0.38 \end{bmatrix}$$

$$A^2B = \begin{bmatrix} 0.51 \\ 0.26 \end{bmatrix}, \quad CA^2B = [1 \ 0] \begin{bmatrix} 0.51 \\ 0.26 \end{bmatrix} = 0.51$$

So:

$$K_0 = 0, \quad K_1 = 1, \quad K_2 = 0.7, \quad K_3 = 0.51$$

This shows the impulse response decays, reflecting how earlier inputs are weighted more strongly.

It didn't take a look at the runtime based on n
and i tried to prompt it a lot to kind of figure out the correct run
time based on n

This wasn't that explanatory, but it got it correct

(c) Parallelism

Convolution approach:

- Once the kernel K is known, the full output sequence y_k can be computed using convolution.
- Convolution can be parallelized using FFT-based methods or SIMD/GPU acceleration.
- **Critical path length:** $O(\log L)$ using FFT-based convolution.
- **Naive recursion:** Has data dependency (e.g., x_{k+1} depends on x_k), so critical path is $O(L)$.

(d) Efficient Kernel Computation

To compute K_1, K_2, \dots, K_L :

Recall: $K_\ell = CA^{\ell-1}B$

- This can be done recursively: $A^0B = B$, $A^1B = AB$, $A^2B = A(AB)$, etc.
- Compute $v_1 = B$, then for $\ell = 2$ to L , use $v_\ell = Av_{\ell-1}$
- Each step: matrix-vector multiplication (cost: $O(n^2)$)
- Can also use parallel prefix (scan) techniques if A is diagonalizable

If $L = 2^N$, use divide-and-conquer / repeated squaring for A powers to speed up.

(e) Diagonal A

If A is diagonal:

- $A = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$
- Then $A^k = \text{diag}(\lambda_1^k, \dots, \lambda_n^k)$
- Matrix-vector products become element-wise: $A^k B = (\lambda_1^k B_1, \dots, \lambda_n^k B_n)$
- Greatly reduces compute to **element-wise multiplications** — cost: $O(nL)$

(f) Diagonal-plus-Low-Rank A

If $A = I + pp^\top$:

Use the **Matrix Power Lemma** or apply the **Woodbury identity**.

Let's consider computing $A^k B$:

- Rather than multiplying directly, note:

$$A = I + pp^\top = I + r \text{ (rank-1 update)}$$

- Use **binomial expansion**, **Sherman-Morrison**, or **low-rank tricks**:

$$A^k = \sum_{i=0}^k \binom{k}{i} (pp^\top)^i$$



Each term is still rank-1, so you can evaluate $A^k B$ using outer products and scalar powers efficiently.
Avoid full matrix products.

Problem 3: Self-Supervised Linear Purification

(a) i. Fill in Table

Given:

- $W(\alpha) = I$
- $W(\beta) = \text{diag}(1, 0)$
- $X = \begin{bmatrix} -2.17 & 1.98 & 2.41 & -2.03 \\ 0.02 & -0.01 & 0.01 & -0.02 \end{bmatrix}$

Compute:

$$L_{\text{recon}} = \|X - WX\|_F^2$$

For $W = I$, $WX = X \Rightarrow L_{\text{recon}} = 0$, regularization is:

$$\|I\|_F^2 = 1^2 + 1^2 = 2$$

Row α: Recon = 0, Reg = 2



For $W = \text{diag}(1, 0)$:

Only first row of X remains. So:

$$WX = \begin{bmatrix} x_1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad X - WX = \begin{bmatrix} 0 \\ x_2 \end{bmatrix} \Rightarrow \|X - WX\|_F^2 = \|x_2\|^2$$

Compute norm of second row:

$$x_2 = [0.02, -0.01, 0.01, -0.02], \quad \|x_2\|^2 = 0.0004 + 0.0001 + 0.0001 + 0.0004 = 0.001$$

$$\text{Reg loss} = \|W\|_F^2 = 1^2 + 0^2 = 1$$

Row β: Recon = 0.001, Reg = 1



(a) ii. λ where α has higher total loss

Compare total loss:

- α: $L_2 = 0 + 2\lambda$
- β: $L_2 = 0.001 + \lambda$

We solve:

$$0 + 2\lambda > 0.001 + \lambda \Rightarrow \lambda > 0.001$$



Identity matrix gets higher loss when $\lambda > 0.001$



(b) i. Fill in W_c expression

Given $X = U\Sigma V^\top$

The optimal W for regularized loss is:

$$W_c = U \cdot \text{diag} \left(\frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \lambda}, \dots, \frac{\sigma_m^2}{\sigma_m^2 + \lambda} \right) \cdot U^\top$$

So the blank matrices are: $U \cdot \text{diag} \dots U^\top$



(b) ii. Derive W_c

Start with:

$$L(W) = \|X - WX\|_F^2 + \lambda\|W\|_F^2$$

Apply SVD:

- $X = U\Sigma V^\top$
- Frobenius norm invariant under orthogonal transform



Let $\tilde{W} = U^\top W U$, then:

$$L(W) = \|\Sigma - \tilde{W}\Sigma\|_F^2 + \lambda\|\tilde{W}\|_F^2$$

Break into independent terms per singular value:

$$L_i(\tilde{w}_i) = (\sigma_i - \tilde{w}_i \sigma_i)^2 + \lambda \tilde{w}_i^2 = \sigma_i^2(1 - \tilde{w}_i)^2 + \lambda \tilde{w}_i^2$$

Minimize w.r.t \tilde{w}_i :

$$\frac{d}{d\tilde{w}_i} = -2\sigma_i^2(1 - \tilde{w}_i) + 2\lambda \tilde{w}_i = 0 \Rightarrow \tilde{w}_i = \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda}$$

✓ Result: $W_c = U \text{diag}(\sigma_i^2 / (\sigma_i^2 + \lambda)) U^\top$

(c) Which λ preserves first 3, attenuates rest

We want:

- For $i=1$ to 3 : $\frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda} \geq 0.8$
- For $i > 3$: $\frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda} \leq 0.5$

Use:

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 + \lambda} \geq 0.8 \Rightarrow \lambda \leq 0.25\sigma^2$$

$$\frac{\sigma^2}{\sigma^2 + \lambda} \leq 0.5 \Rightarrow \lambda \geq \sigma^2$$



Use $\sigma_3 = 4$ and $\sigma_4 = 1$

- Preserve first 3 if: $\lambda \leq 0.25 \cdot 16 = 4$
- Attenuate rest if: $\lambda \geq 1$

✓ Feasible $\lambda \in [1, 4]$

Problem 4: Ridge Attention

(a) Average with new point

Given:

$$m = \frac{1}{n} \sum_{i=1}^n x_i, \quad m' = \frac{1}{n+1} \sum_{i=1}^{n+1} x_i$$

Then:

$$m' = \frac{nm + x_{n+1}}{n+1}$$



✓ Efficient update!

(b) Rewrite ridge-regression terms

$$A^\top A = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i x_i^\top, \quad A^\top y = \sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i$$

✓ So:

- $A^\top A + \lambda I = \lambda I + \sum x_i x_i^\top$
- $A^\top y = \sum x_i y_i$

(c) Cost of non-causal ridge self-attention

Each output: $w^* = (K^\top K + \lambda I)^{-1} K^\top V$

- $K \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}, V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$
- Cost:
 - $K^\top K$: $O(nd^2)$
 - Invert $d \times d$: $O(d^3)$
 - Multiply by $K^\top V$: $O(nd^2)$



✓ Total: $O(nd^2)$

(d) Backprop

Gradients pass through:

- Queries ✓
- Keys ✓
- Values ✓
- λ (if learnable) ✓

✓ All checked

(e) Sherman–Morrison cost

Apply:

$$(M + uv^\top)^{-1} = M^{-1} - \frac{M^{-1}uv^\top M^{-1}}{1 + v^\top M^{-1}u}$$

Each term:

- $M^{-1}u$: d^2
- $v^\top M^{-1}$: d^2
- Inner product: d
- Outer product: d^2

Total: $O(d^2)$



(f) Causal ridge-attention efficiently

We want to compute for each t :

$$w_t^* = (K_t^\top K_t + \lambda I)^{-1} K_t^\top V_t$$

Use recursive update:

- Track $M_t = \sum_{i=1}^t k_i k_i^\top$, $b_t = \sum_{i=1}^t k_i v_i^\top$
- Use Sherman–Morrison to update M_t^{-1}

Total cost: $O(nd^2)$, not $O(n^2d^2)$



(g) Visualizing weights

In ridge-regression:

$$w^* = (K^\top K + \lambda I)^{-1} K^\top v \Rightarrow \text{Output} = w^{*\top} q = q^\top (K^\top K + \lambda I)^{-1} K^\top$$



So the **weights** on each value vector correspond to the **row entries** of:

$$\alpha = q^\top (K^\top K + \lambda I)^{-1} K^\top$$

This vector gives weights (may be negative) applied to each value.



Let me know if you want these compiled into a printable PDF or if you'd like explanations or diagrams for specific questions.

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I wanted to prod the model to give more insight into what they were thinking.

can you explain your answers for 4 f and g a little more rather than just skip all the logic and steps



Absolutely! Let's walk through **Problem 4(f)** and **4(g)** step by step, with full logic and explanation. These are deep but very insightful questions about **causal ridge self-attention** and **visualizing ridge-attention weights**.



⌚ Problem 4(f): Efficient Causal Ridge-Self-Attention

Goal: Compute causal ridge self-attention efficiently — that is, for each position t , we want to compute the ridge regression output using **only** the first t key-value pairs (no future info allowed).



⌚ Step 1: Recall Ridge Regression Formula

For scalar ridge regression, the closed-form solution is:

$$w^* = (K^\top K + \lambda I)^{-1} K^\top V$$

Where:

- $K \in \mathbb{R}^{t \times d}$: keys so far
- $V \in \mathbb{R}^{t \times d}$: values so far
- Output is a vector in \mathbb{R}^d

This gives the **weights** for a multi-dimensional regression where we want to predict a d -dimensional output from a d -dimensional query.

In causal attention, we need to do this at **each time step** $t = 1, \dots, n$, for increasing context sizes t .



🚧 Problem with Naive Approach

If you compute $(K^\top K + \lambda I)^{-1} K^\top V$ from scratch at every time step t , you'll do:

If you compute $(\mathbf{x}_t \mathbf{x}_t^\top + \lambda I) - \mathbf{x}_t v_t$ from scratch at every time step t , you'll do:

- $O(td^2)$ work for each step (for computing $K_t^\top K_t$ and $K_t^\top V_t$)
- $O(d^3)$ to invert the matrix

So total work is:

$$\sum_{t=1}^n O(td^2 + d^3) = O(n^2d^2 + nd^3)$$

This is **too expensive** — we want something **linear** in n , like $O(nd^2)$.

💡 Step 2: Use Running Sums

Let's define:

- $A_t = \sum_{i=1}^t k_i k_i^\top$
- $b_t = \sum_{i=1}^t k_i v_i^\top$

So the ridge regression formula becomes:

$$w_t^* = (A_t + \lambda I)^{-1} b_t$$

If we keep **running updates** for A_t and b_t , we don't need to recompute from scratch.



Each time step:

- Update $A_t = A_{t-1} + k_t k_t^\top$
- Update $b_t = b_{t-1} + k_t v_t^\top$

These updates are cheap:

- $O(d^2)$ per step for each update



🧠 Step 3: Use Sherman–Morrison for Matrix Inverse

Matrix inversion is expensive ($O(d^3)$), but we can avoid recomputing it from scratch using **Sherman–Morrison**, which is a formula for updating the inverse of a matrix after a rank-1 change:

If:

$$M_t = M_{t-1} + uv^\top$$

Then:

$$M_t^{-1} = M_{t-1}^{-1} - \frac{M_{t-1}^{-1} u v^\top M_{t-1}^{-1}}{1 + v^\top M_{t-1}^{-1} u}$$

Apply this with $u = k_t$, $v = k_t$, and:

$$M_t = A_t + \lambda I = M_{t-1} + k_t k_t^\top$$



Now we can update M_t^{-1} in **$O(d^2)$** time.



✅ Final Efficient Algorithm

At each time step t :

1. Update:

$$A_t = A_{t-1} + k_t k_t^\top, \quad b_t = b_{t-1} + k_t v_t^\top$$

2. Use Sherman–Morrison to update M_t^{-1} from M_{t-1}^{-1}

3. Compute:

$$w_t^* = M_t^{-1} b_t$$

All of this can be done in **$O(d^2)$** per step, giving total time **$O(nd^2)$** across the whole sequence.



🔍 Problem 4(g): Visualizing Ridge-Attention Weights

Goal: In softmax attention, we get attention weights (e.g., 0.2, 0.3, 0.5) that tell us how much each value contributes to the output.

Can we get something similar for **ridge-attention**, even though it's not based on softmax?



Step 1: Recall the Prediction Formula

For a single query q , the ridge regression prediction is:

$$\text{output} = q^\top (K^\top K + \lambda I)^{-1} K^\top V$$

Let's define:

- $\alpha = q^\top (K^\top K + \lambda I)^{-1} K^\top \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$

So the prediction becomes:

$$\text{output} = \sum_{i=1}^n \alpha_i v_i$$

That is: it's a **linear combination of the value vectors**, just like in softmax attention.

Ridge-Attention Weights Are in α

These α_i are your **attention weights** in ridge-attention.

Key differences vs softmax:

- Softmax weights are always **positive** and **sum to 1**
- Ridge-attention weights can be **negative**, **unbounded**, and **do not sum to 1**



Still, these α_i tell you exactly how each v_i contributes to the output.

How to Compute Weights

To compute attention weights α for a query q :

$$\alpha = q^\top (K^\top K + \lambda I)^{-1} K^\top$$

So for implementation:

1. Compute $M = K^\top K + \lambda I$ – cost: $O(nd^2)$
2. Invert M – cost: $O(d^3)$
3. Multiply $q^\top M^{-1} K^\top$ – cost: $O(nd^2)$



You now have the full vector of weights over the **value vectors** for this query.

Summary

- In ridge attention, the output is still a linear combination of value vectors — so attention weights **do exist**
- These weights are **not** derived from similarity via softmax, but from solving a **regularized regression problem**
- They are computed via:

$$\alpha = q^\top (K^\top K + \lambda I)^{-1} K^\top$$

and can be visualized (as a heatmap, for example) just like softmax attention weights — with the caveat that **some may be negative or >1**



Let me know if you'd like diagrams, code snippets, or intuition connecting this to transformers or in-context learning!

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Even after prompting the model to look at the dimensionality, it still wasn't able to figure out the log n component

you didn't factor in n for problem 1 C and only referred to L

You're absolutely right — thanks for pointing that out! In **Problem 1(c)** of your Deep Learning homework, I initially focused only on the sequence length L , but the input sequence $\{u_k\}$ is in \mathbb{R}^d , so we should be considering **both L and the dimensionality d** (or n , if we interpret that as state size) when discussing computational complexity and parallelism.

Let me now walk through a corrected and clearer version of **Problem 1(c)** that properly accounts for dimensionality.

Problem 1(c) – Updated with Dimensionality

Question Recap:

If we already know the kernel K , how much can we parallelize the computation of the output sequence $\{y_k\}$ for an input sequence $\{u_k\} \in \mathbb{R}^d$ of length L ? What is the minimum **critical path length** of the computation? What about a **naive, direct** computation of y_k from the unrolled recursion?

⌚ Option 1: Naive Recurrent Computation

We compute each output y_k from:

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k, \quad y_k = Cx_k + Du_k$$

This is a **sequential recurrence** — to compute x_{k+1} , we need x_k , which means **strict sequential dependency**.

Each time step:

- $Ax_k: O(n^2)$
- $Bu_k: O(nd)$
- $Cx_k: O(dn)$ if $C \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times n}$
- $Du_k: O(d^2)$



Total per-step cost: $O(n^2 + nd + d^2)$, depends on how you count matrix sizes, but clearly **non-trivial**.

❗ Critical Path Length: $O(L)$

Because each x_k depends on x_{k-1} , no matter how much hardware parallelism you have, the depth of the computation (longest chain of dependencies) is **linear in L** .

⚡ Option 2: Convolution-Based Computation

We know from 1(a) that:

$$y_k = \sum_{\ell=0}^L K_\ell u_{k-\ell}, \quad (\text{zero-padded})$$

Where $K_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$, and each $u_k \in \mathbb{R}^d$

Each $y_k \in \mathbb{R}^d$ is a sum of d -dimensional vectors from linear transforms:

$$y_k = \sum_{\ell=0}^L K_\ell u_{k-\ell}$$



Which is a **linear convolution of two sequences**:

- Kernel K of length L , where each $K_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$
- Input $u_k \in \mathbb{R}^d$

⌚ How much work is this?

To compute each y_k , you must do:

- For each ℓ , matrix-vector product $K_\ell u_{k-\ell} \rightarrow O(d^2)$

- For each ℓ , matrix-vector product $K_\ell u_{k-\ell}$. $O(d^2)$
- Then sum over all $\ell \leq L$

So per output:

$$O(Ld^2)$$

And for the full sequence:

$$O(L^2d^2)$$

But — and this is the key — this can be parallelized using convolution primitives.

Parallel Convolution: Fast and Parallel



Modern frameworks use:

- Matrix-matrix multiplication (GEMM) if doing batched convolution
- FFT-based convolution for large kernels

Either way, if you treat each output $y_k \in \mathbb{R}^d$ as a vector-valued convolution, then:

- You can parallelize across all L positions in **constant depth**
- Parallel time = depth of **reduction tree** = $O(\log L)$
- Still need **total work** of $O(L^2d^2)$

Final Answers (Updated)

Critical Path Length:

- Convolution approach: $O(\log L)$
 - Because you can parallelize the sum for each y_k , and compute all y_k in parallel
- Naive recursion: $O(L)$
 - Because of strict temporal dependence in recurrence

Total Work:

- Convolution approach: $O(L^2d^2)$
- Recurrent approach: $O(Ln^2 + Lnd + Ld^2)$, depending on matrix sizes



Key Takeaway

The convolution-based method **allows parallelism** across time steps and across vector dimensions. While it may have higher raw computational cost (quadratic in L), it has a much **shorter critical path** due to **parallelism** — making it ideal for GPUs and large-scale SSM accelerators.

Let me know if you'd like a side-by-side diagram of the dataflow or want me to extend this to the **kernel computation** part from 1(d)!

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did you take into account matrix multiplication

Excellent follow-up — let's now be **fully precise** and **account explicitly for matrix multiplication costs** in **Problem 1(c)**.

You're asking: when computing $y_k = \sum_{\ell=0}^L K_\ell u_{k-\ell}$, where:

- $K_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{out}} \times d_{\text{in}}}$
- $u_k \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{in}}}$
- $y_k \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{out}}}$



How do we factor in **matrix-vector multiplication** and the cost of computing the full output sequence?

Updated Breakdown of Work and Critical Path

We'll compare:

1. Naive Recurrence:

Recall the original system:

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k, \quad y_k = Cx_k + Du_k$$

Assume:

- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$
- $B \in \mathbb{R}^{m \times n}$

- $D \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$
- $C \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{out}} \times n}$
- $D \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{out}} \times d_{\text{in}}}$

Each step requires:

- $Ax_k: O(n^2)$
- $Bu_k: O(nd_{\text{in}})$
- $Cx_k: O(nd_{\text{out}})$
- $Du_k: O(d_{\text{in}}d_{\text{out}})$

So:

🕒 Per-step cost:

$$O(n^2 + nd_{\text{in}} + nd_{\text{out}} + d_{\text{in}}d_{\text{out}})$$

If we assume $n \approx d_{\text{in}} \approx d_{\text{out}} = d$, this becomes:

$$O(d^2)$$

But critically: this is **sequential** across L time steps.

⚡ Critical path length:

Text

$$O(L)$$

2. Convolution-Based Computation

From 1(a), we know:

$$y_k = \sum_{\ell=0}^L K_\ell u_{k-\ell}$$

Where each $K_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{out}} \times d_{\text{in}}}$

To compute a single y_k , you do:

- L matrix-vector multiplications: $K_\ell u_{k-\ell} \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{out}}}$
- Each takes $O(d_{\text{in}}d_{\text{out}})$
- Sum over L terms

So:

🕒 Per-output cost:

$$O(L \cdot d_{\text{in}}d_{\text{out}})$$

And for all L outputs:

$$O(L^2 \cdot d_{\text{in}}d_{\text{out}})$$

Can we parallelize?

Yes!

(a) Parallel across time steps k :

Each y_k depends on $u_{k-\ell}$, but not on previous y_{k-1} — so **no dependency chain** like in the recurrence.

This means you can compute all y_k in **parallel**.

(b) Parallel across ℓ inside each y_k :

The sum $\sum_{\ell=0}^L K_\ell u_{k-\ell}$ is a **reduction**, so it can be parallelized with depth $\log L$ (tree-style reduction).

⚡ Critical Path Length:

- For matrix-vector mults: **constant time** per term assuming enough processors
- For summing L terms: $O(\log L)$ via parallel reduction
- Overall:

$$O(\log L)$$

✓ Final Comparison (with Matrix Multiplication Fully Counted)

Approach	Total Work	Critical Path Length
Naive Recursion	$O(Ld^2)$	$O(L)$
Convolution (direct)	$O(L^2 d^2)$ if each $K_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{d \times d}$	$O(\log L)$

Note: for small L , FFT-based methods aren't faster — but for long sequences, FFT reduces complexity to almost linearithmic in L .

00 Summary (with Matrix Multiplication Counted)

- The naive method is **faster in total operations** for small L , but it's **sequential**.
 - The convolution method may do more work overall but has **massively lower critical path** — ideal for GPUs.
 - **Parallelizability favors convolution**, especially for long sequences and high throughput.

Let me know if you'd like visual diagrams or a PyTorch implementation for either method.

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lets say you cant infer the matrix multiplications to be constant time, what would be the inferred time for them

Great — this is a crucial point.

Let's now answer your refined question without assuming constant-time matrix multiplication (i.e., no ideal parallelism), and instead explicitly account for the cost of each matrix-vector or matrix-matrix multiplication.

Background

We are computing:

$$y_k = \sum_{\ell=0}^L K_\ell u_{k-\ell}$$

Where:

- $u_k \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{in}}}$
 - $K_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{out}} \times d_{\text{in}}}$
 - Each $y_k \in \mathbb{R}^{d_{\text{out}}}$

We must now consider **matrix-vector multiplication** as a cost-bearing operation, not an instantly parallelizable one.

🧠 Step-by-Step: What is the Work at Each Level?

For a single output y_k :

We compute

$$y_k = \sum_{\ell=0}^L K_\ell u_{k-\ell}$$

Each term $K_\ell u_{k-\ell}$ is a **matrix-vector multiply** of shape:

- $$\bullet \quad d_{\text{out}} \times d_{\text{in}} \times d_{\text{in}} \times 1$$

This costs:

$$O(d_{\text{in}} \cdot d_{\text{out}})$$

Now summing L such terms:

- Total per-output cost: $O(L \cdot d_{\text{in}} \cdot d_{\text{out}})$

For the full sequence of L outputs:

$$O(L \cdot [L \cdot d_{\text{in}} \cdot d_{\text{out}}]) \equiv O(L^2 d_{\text{in}} d_{\text{out}})$$

So if you don't assume parallelization or fast convolution tricks, you get quadratic scaling in sequence length.

What About Critical Path?

Now let's estimate critical path length, assuming you are only allowed to parallelize basic arithmetic ops, but cannot treat matrix-vector multiplication as constant-time.

Each matrix-vector multiply costs:

$$O(d_{\text{in}} \cdot d_{\text{out}})$$

- To compute a single y_k , we must perform L of these.
 - You can **parallelize across terms in the sum** using a reduction tree of depth $\log L$.

But now each leaf node is a matrix-vector multiply, which costs $O(d_{\text{in}} \cdot d_{\text{out}})$ by itself – no shortcuts.

So

Critical Path for Computing Single y_k :

- Matrix-vector mults: L of them, cost = $O(d_{\text{in}} \cdot d_{\text{out}})$ each
 - Cannot be done simultaneously if no parallelism \rightarrow cost of each branch dominates
 - Reduction depth: $\log L$, but each branch has $O(d_{\text{in}}d_{\text{out}})$

So total critical path per output:

$$O(d_{\text{in}} \cdot d_{\text{out}} \cdot \log L)$$



⌚ Full Sequence of L Outputs

If you compute all y_k , and there's no time parallelism across outputs, your critical path is:

$$O(L \cdot d_{\text{in}} \cdot d_{\text{out}} \cdot \log L)$$

But if you can parallelize across outputs, then the depth remains:

$$O(d_{\text{in}} \cdot d_{\text{out}} \cdot \log L)$$

That's the best-case critical path under realistic assumptions.

✓ Summary: Full Complexity Table (No Constant-Time Matrix Ops)

Aspect	Total Work	Critical Path Length
Per Output y_k	$O(L \cdot d_{\text{in}} d_{\text{out}})$	$O(d_{\text{in}} d_{\text{out}} \cdot \log L)$
Full Sequence of L Outputs	$O(L^2 \cdot d_{\text{in}} d_{\text{out}})$	$O(L \cdot d_{\text{in}} d_{\text{out}} \cdot \log L)$ if sequential over time
Best-case Parallel Path	same total work	$O(d_{\text{in}} d_{\text{out}} \cdot \log L)$ if time steps are parallelized



Let me know if you'd like to see this for special cases, like when K_ℓ is diagonal or low-rank (like in S4 or HiPPO-style SSMs), or how this interacts with GPU kernel complexity in practice.

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lets say both dimensions are n

Perfect – let's now plug in $d_{\text{in}} = d_{\text{out}} = n$ and restate all the complexities in terms of n and sequence length L .

We'll consider:

- Total computation (work)
 - Critical path length (depth of the longest dependency chain)
 - With and without parallelism assumptions

 Problem Setup (with n dimensions)

We are computing:

$$y_k = \sum_{\ell=0}^L K_\ell u_{k-\ell}$$



Where:

- $u_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$
 - $K_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$
 - Each term $K_\ell u_{k-\ell} \in \mathbb{R}^n$ requires $O(n^2)$
 - Each output $y_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ is the sum of L such terms

Total Work

For one y_k :

- L matrix-vector multiplies: $L \cdot O(n^2) = O(Ln^2)$

For all L outputs:

- $L \cdot O(Ln^2) = \boxed{O(L^2n^2)}$

Critical Path Length (No Parallelization Across Matrix Ops)

Option 1: No Parallelization Across Time (Serial over outputs)



Each output y_k is done after the previous → depth multiplies:

$$O(L \cdot \underbrace{n^2 \cdot \log L}_{\text{reduction over } L \text{ terms}}) = \boxed{O(Ln^2 \log L)}$$

Option 2: Fully Parallel Across Outputs (Best Case)

All y_k computed in parallel:

- Each one is a reduction of L terms, each costing $O(n^2)$
- Reduction depth: $\log L$
- So per-output depth is $\boxed{O(n^2 \log L)}$

That becomes the **critical path length** if time steps are parallelized.

Summary Table (with $d = n$)

Metric	Complexity
Per Output y_k Work	$O(Ln^2)$
All Outputs Total Work	$\boxed{O(L^2n^2)}$
Critical Path (Serial Time)	$\boxed{O(Ln^2 \log L)}$
Critical Path (Parallel Time)	$\boxed{O(n^2 \log L)}$

Optional Comparisons

For context:

- The **naive recurrent implementation** had **linear critical path**: $O(L)$
- But per-step cost was **only** $O(n^2)$
- So its total work was $O(Ln^2)$, **better asymptotically** than convolution

However, convolution:

- Enables **parallelism across time**
- Is thus faster in **latency** (lower depth) even if total work is worse

Let me know if you'd like to plug in numbers (e.g., $n = 512, L = 2048$) or if you want to compare this with FFT-based convolution (which can reduce total work).

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in this situation where we know that the limiting factor is a matrix raised to the power of something, how might the runtime look like

Ah — great pivot.

You're now pointing out that in **SSM-based models**, the convolution kernel K_ℓ is defined as:

$$K_0 = D, \quad K_\ell = CA^{\ell-1}B \quad \text{for } \ell \geq 1$$

And so the **expensive part** in computing K_ℓ is repeatedly applying the **matrix power** $A^{\ell-1}$ to B .

So now the question is:

If the main bottleneck is computing A^k (for various k), what is the runtime?

Let's break this down, starting from first principles.

Problem Setup

You want to compute the convolution kernel:

$$K_\ell = CA^{\ell-1}B \quad \text{for } \ell = 1, 2, \dots, L$$



Assume:

- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$
- $B \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- $C \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$
- You want all K_1, K_2, \dots, K_L

Option 1: Naive Method — Repeated Multiplication

You compute each power one-by-one:

$$A^1B, \quad A^2B, \quad A^3B, \dots, A^{L-1}B$$



Let's analyze:

- Computing A^k from scratch is $O(kn^3)$
- Applying it to B : $O(n^2)$
- Total for all $\ell = 1$ to L :

$$O(n^3 + 2n^3 + 3n^3 + \dots + (L-1)n^3) = O(n^3L^2)$$

Way too expensive.



Option 2: Recursive Method (Efficient)

We can instead compute:

$$v_0 = B, \quad v_\ell = Av_{\ell-1} \quad \text{for } \ell = 1 \text{ to } L-1$$

Each step:

- $v_\ell = Av_{\ell-1}$: matrix-vector multiply: $O(n^2)$

We do this L times \rightarrow total cost:

$$O(Ln^2)$$

Then apply C to each v_ℓ :

- $Cv_\ell \in \mathbb{R}$: cost = $O(n)$
- Total = $O(Ln)$, which is negligible compared to above

 Efficient kernel computation total cost: $O(Ln^2)$

Option 3: Precompute All Powers A^k

Let's say you want to compute A^1, A^2, \dots, A^{L-1} directly.



Option 3a: Iteratively

- $A^k = A \cdot A^{k-1}$
- Each matrix-matrix multiplication: $O(n^3)$
- L such steps: $O(Ln^3)$

Option 3b: Using Repeated Squaring

If L is a power of 2 (say $L = 2^k$), then:

- You can get A^{2^i} in $\log L$ steps
- To get all A^1 to A^{L-1} , you still need to multiply together various powers

Result: Still at least $O(L \log L \cdot n^3)$

But you don't need the whole A^k — just $A^k B$. So this is **overkill**.

Best Practice in SSM Models

Don't compute full matrix powers. Do:

$$v_0 = B, \quad v_1 = Av_0, \quad v_2 = Av_1, \dots, v_{L-1} = Av_{L-2}$$

Then:

$$K_\ell = Cv_{\ell-1}$$



Final Cost:

- L matrix-vector multiplies: $O(Ln^2)$
- L vector dot products with C : $O(Ln)$

So the dominant cost:

$$O(Ln^2)$$

🧠 Summary Table (Matrix Power Bottleneck View)

Strategy	Total Runtime for Kernel K_1 to K_L
Naive: compute $A^\ell B$ from scratch	$O(Ln^3)$ (bad)
Precompute all A^ℓ : matrix powers	$O(Ln^3)$ (also bad)
Recursive vector method: Av chain	$O(Ln^2)$ (best)

✓ This is why many SSM papers (like S4, Mamba) focus on optimizing matrix-vector recursions and using structured matrices for A (like diagonal, low-rank, DPLR, or HiPPO).

💡 Let me know if you want to explore this further with structured A (e.g., diagonal or DPLR) or compare this runtime to using FFT convolution after kernel generation.

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potentially what if you use exponentiation by squaring

Awesome — let's now explore **how exponentiation by squaring** can speed up computing matrix powers in the context of convolution kernel computation for State Space Models (SSMs), and whether it's actually better than recursion.

We'll carefully analyze the **runtime**, the **setting where it applies**, and **when you'd use it**.

🎯 Goal Recap

We want to compute the kernel terms:

$$K_\ell = CA^{\ell-1}B \quad \text{for } \ell = 1, 2, \dots, L$$

Let:

- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$
- $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$
- $C \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$
- Sequence length L

We want **all** K_1, K_2, \dots, K_L — not just a single power.

🚀 What is Exponentiation by Squaring?

It's a method to compute A^k in **$O(\log k)$** matrix multiplications.

For example:

- $A^8 = ((A^2)^2)^2$
- Instead of multiplying A 7 times, you do only 3 multiplications

So:

- Each **matrix-matrix** multiplication costs $O(n^3)$
- So computing A^k : $O(n^3 \cdot \log k)$

🧠 Can We Use This for Kernel Computation?

Let's say you want **all** $A^k B$ for $k = 0, \dots, L - 1$

There are **two strategies** to explore:

✓ Strategy 1: Recursive Vector Method (Baseline)

As described earlier:

- Start with $v_0 = B$
- At each step: $v_\ell = Av_{\ell-1}$

Each step is a **matrix-vector multiply**: $O(n^2)$

So total cost to compute all v_1, v_2, \dots, v_{L-1} :

$$O(Ln^2)$$

No matrix-matrix multiplies involved.

💡 Strategy 2: Use Exponentiation by Squaring

Say we want to compute:

$$K_\ell = CA^{\ell-1}B \quad \text{for many } \ell$$

Using exponentiation by squaring to compute each A^k would cost:

- $O(\log k \cdot n^3)$ per power
- Then multiply with B : $O(n^2)$

So for each ℓ , total cost is:

$$O(n^3 \log \ell)$$

For all $\ell = 1$ to L :

$$\sum_{\ell=1}^L O(n^3 \log \ell) = O(n^3 \cdot \log L!)$$

Using Stirling's approximation: $\log L! = \Theta(L \log L)$

So total cost becomes:

$$O(n^3 \cdot L \log L)$$

This is **much worse** than the recursive method's $O(Ln^2)$ when $n \gg 1$

⚠️ So... When Is Exponentiation by Squaring Useful?

Exponentiation by squaring is useful if:

- You only want a **single power**: e.g., $A^{L-1}B$, not all intermediate ones
- Or if you can exploit **repeated structure**, e.g., powers like A^2, A^4, A^8
- Or if you're doing things like **EET** or **long convolutions** via kernel interpolation

• Or if you're doing things like FFT or long convolutions via kernel interpolation.

But for SSM kernel computation where you need **all** $A^k B$, the recursive method is cheaper.

✓ Final Runtime Comparison (All Kernels K_ℓ)

Method	Total Time	When It's Best
Recursive vector method	$O(Ln^2)$	Best when you need all $A^k B$
Exponentiation by squaring	$O(Ln^3 \log L)$	Only best if you need one $A^k B$, or a few
Matrix powers by iterated A^k	$O(Ln^3)$	Bad – full matrix powers are overkill

📌 Key Insight

Exponentiation by squaring helps **reduce depth** (parallelism), but not total work — and when you need **many consecutive powers**, a cheap recursive matrix-vector chain is much faster.



Would you like to extend this to structured matrices (like diagonal, DPLR, or HiPPO)? In those cases, you can sometimes accelerate both total work and critical path even further.



I had to push the model a lot towards the computation time using parallel operations

what if we run the n^3 calculations in parallel? then what would the matrixmultiplication time be

Great question — now we're diving into **parallel complexity** of matrix multiplication.

You're asking:

If we run all the $O(n^3)$ operations in matrix-matrix multiplication in parallel, what is the **parallel time** (i.e. critical path or depth), and how does that affect kernel computation for matrix powers?

Let's answer that in **three steps**:

⌚ Step 1: What Is the Cost of Matrix-Matrix Multiplication?



For multiplying two $n \times n$ matrices:

- **Serial (total) work:** $O(n^3)$
- That's from doing n^2 dot products, each costing $O(n)$

If we treat every **scalar multiply and add** as a basic unit of work, and we have **unlimited processors**, then:

⌚ Step 2: What Is the Parallel Time of $n \times n$ Matrix Multiplication?

This is the **critical path length** — how many steps are required if all independent operations can run simultaneously.

To compute one matrix entry $C_{i,j}$:

$$C_{i,j} = \sum_{k=1}^n A_{i,k} B_{k,j}$$

This is an n -term inner product.

- **Parallel time for dot product:** $O(\log n)$ using tree reduction

We have n^2 entries to compute, but each one is independent.

So with enough processors:



✓ Matrix-matrix multiplication:

Parallel time = $O(\log n)$

- (assuming enough processors to perform all scalar ops in parallel)
- **Total work remains $O(n^3)$**

⌚ Step 3: Implication for Exponentiation by Squaring

💡 Step 3: Implications of Exponentiation by Squaring

You want to compute A^1, A^2, \dots, A^k using exponentiation by squaring.

Let's say you want just **one** power A^k .

- Use $O(\log k)$ matrix-matrix multiplies
- Each matrix-matrix multiply has **parallel time** $O(\log n)$

So:

✓ **Exponentiation by squaring total parallel time:**

$$O(\log k \cdot \log n)$$

That's assuming we fully parallelize every matrix-matrix multiplication.



⌚ Compare to Recursive Vector Method

In recursive kernel computation:

- At each step: $v_{\ell+1} = Av_\ell$
- A matrix-vector multiplication costs:
 - **Serial:** $O(n^2)$
 - **Parallel time:** $O(\log n)$ (same dot product tree)

And we need L such steps to get all kernels:

✓ **Recursive vector method (parallel time):**

$$O(L \log n)$$

🧠 Summary Table (Parallel Time Only)

Method	Parallel Time	Notes
Matrix-vector recursion (all kernels)	$O(L \log n)$	Best when you want all K_1 to K_L
Exponentiation by squaring (one power)	$O(\log k \cdot \log n)$	Best when you want one K_k
Full matrix powers (all A^k)	$O(L \log n)$	If computed via naive iteration, still $O(L)$ depth

🧠 Final Insight

If you have access to **enough hardware parallelism**, and you're asking:

How fast can we compute A^k in **parallel time**?

Then:

- **Exponentiation by squaring** gets you to A^k in $O(\log k \cdot \log n)$
- If you want **many powers** $A^k B$, the **recursive vector method** still dominates:
 - Same parallel time: $O(L \log n)$
 - Much less total work: $O(Ln^2)$ vs $O(n^3)$

Let me know if you want to compute **depth + total work** tradeoffs, or map this onto a real GPU parallel model (like CUDA warps or TPU cores).

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awesome, now can you go more indepth on the divide and conquer method for 1 d?

Absolutely! Let's go **in-depth** on **Problem 1(d)**: how to compute the **SSM convolution kernel** $K_\ell = CA^{\ell-1}B$ efficiently using a **divide and conquer method**, and how to **parallelize** it when $L = 2^N$.

⌚ Problem 1(d) Recap

You're given:

- $A \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$

- $B \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times 1}$
- $C \in \mathbb{R}^{1 \times n}$
- Sequence length $L = 2^N$
- Initial condition: $x_0 = 0$

Goal:

- Compute the **kernel** $K = \{K_0, K_1, \dots, K_{L-1}\}$, where:

$$K_0 = D, \quad K_\ell = CA^{\ell-1}B \quad \text{for } \ell \geq 1$$



The naive method (compute $A^{\ell-1}B$ for each ℓ) costs $O(Ln^2)$, but the question hints that you can do better — or at least more parallelly — with **divide and conquer**.

🧠 Intuition Behind Divide and Conquer

The basic idea is to treat the computation of all $A^k B$ (for $k = 0$ to $L - 1$) as a **structured problem** that can be broken into smaller subproblems — much like FFT or segment trees.

We exploit the **recursive structure of matrix powers**:

$$A^{2k} = (A^k)^2, \quad A^{2k+1} = A \cdot A^{2k}$$

We'll use this to compute powers of A in a **tree-like fashion**, and **reuse them** across multiple kernel terms.

⚙️ Detailed Divide and Conquer Strategy

Step 0: Notation and Goal

We want:

$$K_\ell = CA^{\ell-1}B \quad \text{for } \ell = 1, \dots, L$$



That means we want:

$$v_\ell = A^{\ell-1}B$$

We want to compute all $v_0 = B, v_1 = AB, v_2 = A^2B, \dots, v_{L-1} = A^{L-1}B$

Step 1: Divide Sequence into Halves

Suppose we already computed:

- $v_0 = A^0B = B$
- $v_1 = AB$
- $v_2 = A^2B$
- ...
- $v_{L/2-1} = A^{L/2-1}B$

Now observe:

$$\begin{aligned} v_{L/2} &= A^{L/2}B = A^{L/2} \cdot v_0 \\ v_{L/2+1} &= A^{L/2+1}B = A^{L/2} \cdot v_1 \\ &\vdots \\ v_{L-1} &= A^{L-1}B = A^{L/2} \cdot v_{L/2-1} \end{aligned}$$



So we compute $A^{L/2}$ once, and then apply it to all earlier v_i to get the second half of the sequence.

This is the **key recursive idea**.

Step 2: Formal Recursive Algorithm

Define:

```
python
def compute_v(A, B, L):  # L = 2^N
    if L == 1:
        return [B]

    # Compute first half recursively
    first_half = compute_v(A, B, L // 2)  # returns [B, A B, ..., A^{L/2 - 1} B]

    # Compute A^{L/2}
    A_half = matrix_power(A, L // 2)

    # Use it to compute second half
    second_half = [A_half @ v for v in first_half]
```

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```
return first_half + second_half
```



⌚ Base Case:

- $L = 1 \Rightarrow v_0 = B$

💻 Cost per Level:

At each recursive level:

- We compute A^m for some m , via **exponentiation by squaring**: $O(n^3 \log m)$
- Then apply it to m vectors: $m \cdot O(n^2)$

So cost per level: $O(n^3 \log m + mn^2)$

There are $\log L$ levels \rightarrow total work:

$$O(n^3 \log^2 L + Ln^2)$$

Better parallelism than naive recursion!

⌚ Parallel Runtime (Critical Path)

Each level of recursion:

- Matrix-vector applications can be done in parallel: $O(\log n)$
- Total levels: $O(\log L)$



Matrix powers A^m can also be computed in $O(\log m \cdot \log n)$ parallel time

So:

after prodding the model for a better explanation it hit the correct runtime complexity

$$\boxed{\text{Parallel time (depth)} = O(\log L \cdot \log n)}$$

✓ Benefits of Divide and Conquer

Feature	Recursive Vector	Divide & Conquer
Total Work	$O(Ln^2)$	$O(Ln^2 + n^3 \log^2 L)$
Critical Path	$O(L \log n)$	$O(\log L \cdot \log n)$
Parallelism	Poor (sequential)	Excellent
Memory Reuse	No	Yes (shares prefix vectors)

This makes divide and conquer ideal for **GPU / TPU kernels**, where deep parallelism and structured compute graphs are beneficial.

💡 Bonus: Use with Fast Convolution



Once you have the kernel K_ℓ , you can use **FFT-based convolution** to apply it to input u_k efficiently:

- FFT of size L : $O(L \log L \cdot n)$
- Useful when $L \gg n$

So total cost:

$$O(Ln^2 + n^3 \log^2 L + L \log L \cdot n)$$

✓ Final Thoughts

Divide and conquer for kernel generation:

- Reuses the **power structure** in matrix exponentiation
- Gives **logarithmic depth** — massively parallelizable
- Worthwhile especially when L is large and **parallel runtime** matters more than raw FLOPs

Let me know if you want this written out as actual CUDA-style pseudocode or unrolled examples for small L like 8 or 16!

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awesome! can you please now compile all the final answers together now?



182 Homework 8, incorporating everything we've discussed — including the **correct complexity** accounting, matrix power methods, and parallel runtime analysis.

✓ EECS 182 – Homework 8 – Problem 1: SSM Convolution Kernel (Full Solution Compilation)

(a) Convolution Kernel and Output Expression

Given:

- State equations:

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k, \quad y_k = Cx_k + Du_k, \quad x_0 = 0$$

We want to express y_k as a convolution:

$$y_k = \sum_{\ell=0}^k K_\ell u_{k-\ell} \quad (\text{with zero-padding})$$



✓ Final Answer:

$$K_\ell = \begin{cases} D & \text{if } \ell = 0 \\ CA^{\ell-1}B & \text{if } \ell \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

(b) Concrete Examples

i. Scalar Case:

Given:

$A = 0.8, B = 1, C = 1.5, D = 0$, compute K_1 to K_4

$$K_1 = 1.5 \cdot 0.8^0 = 1.5$$

$$K_2 = 1.5 \cdot 0.8^1 = 1.2$$

$$K_3 = 1.5 \cdot 0.8^2 = 0.96$$

$$K_4 = 1.5 \cdot 0.8^3 = 0.768$$

✓ Final Answer:

$$K = [0, 1.5, 1.2, 0.96, 0.768]$$



ii. 2D Case:

Given:

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.1 \\ 0.2 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = 0$$

Compute:

- $K_1 = CB = 1$
- $K_2 = CAB = C \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 \\ 0.2 \end{bmatrix} = 0.7$
- $K_3 = CA^2B = 0.51$

✓ Final Answer:

$$K = [0, 1, 0.7, 0.51]$$

This shows the **impulse response** decay of the system.

(c) Parallel and Naive Computation of Output $\{y_k\}$

Assume:

- $u_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- $K_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$
- Sequence length L



▣ Total Work:

- Matrix-vector multiplication per $y_k: L \cdot O(n^2) = O(Ln^2)$
- For all L outputs: $O(L^2n^2)$

⌚ Critical Path Length:

- **Naive recursion:** $O(L)$ — must compute x_k sequentially

- **Convolution:**
 - Parallel across time steps
 - Reduction depth for each y_k : $O(\log L)$
 - Each reduction node (matrix–vector multiply): $O(n^2)$
 - Final parallel time:

$$O(n^2 \log L)$$

(d) Efficient Kernel Computation (with Divide and Conquer)

We want to compute $K_\ell = CA^{\ell-1}B$ for $\ell = 1, \dots, L$



Recursive Method (Best for Serial Execution):

- Start with $v_0 = B$
- Compute $v_\ell = Av_{\ell-1}$
- Apply Cv_ℓ to get $K_{\ell+1}$

Total work: $O(Ln^2)$

Divide and Conquer Method (Best for Parallelism, $L = 2^n$):

Use recurrence:

- Compute $v_0, \dots, v_{L/2-1}$ recursively
- Compute $A^{L/2}$ via exponentiation by squaring
- Compute $v_{L/2+i} = A^{L/2}v_i$

Total work:

$$O(n^3 \log^2 L + Ln^2)$$

Parallel time (assuming matrix-matrix multiplication depth = $O(\log n)$):

$$O(\log L \cdot \log n)$$



(e) Structure in A : Diagonal

If $A = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$, then:

- $A^k = \text{diag}(\lambda_1^k, \dots, \lambda_n^k)$
- $A^k B = (\lambda_1^k B_1, \dots, \lambda_n^k B_n)$

So computing all $A^k B$ becomes:

- Element-wise multiplication
- Total work: $O(Ln)$

Much faster than $O(Ln^2)$

(f) Structure in A : Diagonal-Plus-Low-Rank (DPLR)

Let $A = I + pp^\top$, where $p \in \mathbb{R}^n$

Then A is a **rank-1 update** to identity. You can:

- Use **binomial expansion** or
- Use **Sherman–Morrison formula** to update powers
- Efficiently compute $A^k B$ in **rank-1 update time**

Total cost:

- Better than $O(Ln^2)$, often close to $O(Ln)$ in practice



📌 Summary Table

Method	Total Work	Critical Path	Assumes
Naive Recurrence	$O(Ln^2)$	$O(L)$	Serial
Direct Convolution	$O(L^2 n^2)$	$O(n^2 \log L)$	Parallel time
Divide & Conquer (1d)	$O(n^3 \log^2 L + Ln^2)$	$O(\log L \log n)$	Parallel & $L = 2^N$
Diagonal A	$O(Ln)$	$O(\log L)$	Diagonal structure
DPLR $A = I + pp^\top$	$O(Ln)$	$O(\log L)$	Rank-1 update

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for D, you forgot to answer the part where we assume we know the Kernel

You're absolutely right again — thanks for catching that! Let's now **fully answer part (1d)** of the question:

If we already know the kernel K , how much can we parallelize the computation of the output sequence $\{y_k\}$? What is the minimum critical path length of the computation?

We'll now clearly address **this part of 1(d)**, where the kernel K is already computed and we're only focused on computing the output sequence from input $\{u_k\}$.

📌 Problem Restated

Assume you are given:

- Kernel $K = \{K_0, \dots, K_{L-1}\}$, where each $K_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$
- Input sequence u_0, u_1, \dots, u_{L-1} , each $u_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$
- Output sequence $y_k = \sum_{\ell=0}^{L-1} K_\ell u_{k-\ell}$, with zero-padding

We now want to analyze:

- Total work
- Parallelizability
- Critical path (minimum time assuming full hardware parallelism)



🧠 What Are We Doing?

We're performing a **discrete linear convolution** between:

- Input sequence $u \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times n}$
- Kernel $K \in \mathbb{R}^{L \times n \times n}$
- Output: $y_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$ for $k = 0$ to $L - 1$

Each output:

$$y_k = \sum_{\ell=0}^k K_\ell u_{k-\ell}$$

Each term in the sum is a **matrix-vector multiply**:

$K_\ell u_{k-\ell} \in \mathbb{R}^n$, which costs $O(n^2)$

Then we **sum L of them** → each y_k costs $O(Ln^2)$



💻 Total Work

- Per output: $O(Ln^2)$
- L outputs:

$$O(L^2n^2)$$

This matches our earlier analysis in part (c).

⌚ Critical Path Length

Now assume we want to **parallelize as much as possible**:

Each y_k is a sum of L terms:

$$y_k = K_0 u_k + K_1 u_{k-1} + \dots + K_L u_0$$

Matrix-vector multiply cost:

- Each term: $O(n^2)$ total work
- But can be **parallelized to depth $O(\log n)$** using dot product tree

Summing L vectors of size n :

- Also requires depth $O(\log L)$ using tree reduction

So each y_k can be computed with:

- **Work:** $O(Ln^2)$
- **Parallel time (depth):**

$$O(n^2 + \log L) \quad (\text{if matrix-vector mults are not parallelized})$$

or

$$O(\log n + \log L) \quad (\text{if full parallelism is assumed})$$

For full sequence:

- If you compute all y_k in parallel, total critical path remains:

$$O(\log n + \log L)$$

Otherwise, if you compute y_k one after another:

$$O(L(\log n + \log L))$$

Final Answer to 1(d), "Assume Kernel is Known"

Metric	Value
Total work	$O(L^2n^2)$
Per-output cost	$O(Ln^2)$
Critical path (best-case parallel)	$O(\log n + \log L)$
Critical path (no time-step parallelism)	$O(L(\log n + \log L))$

This highlights that **convolution is highly parallelizable** if the kernel is known — especially on GPUs/TPUs.

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ok now compile final answers

Absolutely! Here's your **final compiled answer for Problem 1** of EECS 182 Homework 8 — covering all parts (a) through (f), including `total_work`, `parallelism`, `matrix multiplication costs`, and `divide`, and

parts (a) through (f), including total work, parallelism, matrix multiplication costs, and divide-and-conquer insights.

✓ EECS 182 – Homework 8 – Problem 1 Final Answers (Compiled)

(a) Express Output as Convolution

Given the SSM:

$$x_{k+1} = Ax_k + Bu_k, \quad y_k = Cx_k + Du_k, \quad x_0 = 0$$

✓ Final Answer:

$$y_k = \sum_{\ell=0}^k K_\ell u_{k-\ell} \quad (\text{with zero-padding}) \quad \text{where} \quad K_\ell = \begin{cases} D & \ell = 0 \\ CA^{\ell-1}B & \ell \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

(b) Concrete Examples

i. Scalar Case ($n = 1$)

Given: $A = 0.8$, $B = 1$, $C = 1.5$, $D = 0$

$$K = [0, 1.5, 1.2, 0.96, 0.768]$$

ii. 2D Case ($n = 2$)

$$A = \begin{bmatrix} 0.7 & 0.1 \\ 0.2 & 0.6 \end{bmatrix}, \quad B = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad C = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}, \quad D = 0$$

$$K = [0, 1, 0.7, 0.51]$$

Captures the decaying impulse response.

(c) Compute Output from Known Kernel K

Given $u_k \in \mathbb{R}^n$, $K_\ell \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times n}$, sequence length L :

✓ Total Work:

$$O(L^2n^2)$$

✓ Critical Path (Best Parallelization):

- Matrix-vector: $O(\log n)$
- Sum over L terms: $O(\log L)$

$$O(\log n + \log L)$$

(d) Efficient Kernel Computation

We want to compute $K_\ell = CA^{\ell-1}B$ for $\ell = 1, \dots, L$

✓ Recursive Vector Method (Simple):

- Use $v_\ell = Av_{\ell-1}$

Total Work:

$$O(Ln^2)$$

Critical Path:

$$O(L \log n)$$

✓ Divide and Conquer Method (for $L = 2^N$):

Recursive idea:

$$v_{\ell+L/2} = A^{L/2}v_\ell$$

Total Work:

$$O(2^N \cdot 2^N \cdot 2^N) = O(2^{3N})$$

$O(n^\omega \log^\omega L + L n^\omega)$

Critical Path:

$O(\log L \cdot \log n)$

(e) Efficient Computation with Diagonal A

If $A = \text{diag}(\lambda_1, \dots, \lambda_n)$, then:

- $A^k B = (\lambda_1^k B_1, \dots, \lambda_n^k B_n)$
- All operations are element-wise

Total Work:

$O(Ln)$

Critical Path:

$O(\log L)$



(f) Efficient Computation with Diagonal-Plus-Low-Rank $A = I + pp^\top$

- Use binomial expansion or Sherman–Morrison formula
- $A^k B$ can be computed in low-rank time due to rank-1 structure

Total Work:

$O(Ln)$ (under structured implementation)

Critical Path:

$O(\log L)$

📌 Summary Table

Method	Total Work	Critical Path	Best When
Naive Recursion ($x_{\{k+1\}}$)	$O(Ln^2)$	$O(L)$	Serial CPUs
Direct Convolution	$O(L^2 n^2)$	$O(\log L + \log n)$	Kernel known; highly parallelizable
Recursive Vector Method	$O(Ln^2)$	$O(L \log n)$	Best for sequential kernel build
Divide and Conquer (1d)	$O(n^3 \log^2 L + Ln^2)$	$O(\log L \log n)$	Best for parallel kernel build
Diagonal A	$O(Ln)$	$O(\log L)$	Very fast due to element-wise ops
DPLR $A = I + pp^\top$	$O(Ln)$	$O(\log L)$	Fast via low-rank tricks

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compile for the whole homework assignment

Thanks for your patience — now that we've gone through all of Problem 1 in depth, let's **compile full final answers for the entire EECS 182 Homework 8 (non-coding parts only)**, covering:

- **Problem 1:** SSM Convolution Kernel
- **Problem 3:** Self-Supervised Linear Purification
- **Problem 4:** Ridge Attention



EECS 182 — Homework 8 — Full Final Answers (Non-Coding Sections)

■ Problem 1: SSM Convolution Kernel

See previous message ↗ for the complete breakdown. Here's a quick summary:

(a) Convolution Kernel:

$$y_k = \sum_{\ell=0}^k K_\ell u_{k-\ell}, \quad K_\ell = \begin{cases} D & \ell = 0 \\ CA^{\ell-1}B & \ell \geq 1 \end{cases}$$

(b) Examples:

- Scalar: $K = [0, 1.5, 1.2, 0.96, 0.768]$
- 2D: $K = [0, 1, 0.7, 0.51]$

(c) Computing Output:

- Total Work: $O(L^2 n^2)$
- Critical Path (parallel): $O(\log n + \log L)$



(d) Kernel Computation:

- Recursive: $O(Ln^2)$, depth $O(L \log n)$
- Divide-and-Conquer: $O(n^3 \log^2 L + Ln^2)$, depth $O(\log L \log n)$

(e) Diagonal A :

Total work $O(Ln)$, depth $O(\log L)$

(f) DPLR $A = I + pp^\top$:

Total work $O(Ln)$, depth $O(\log L)$

■ Problem 3: Self-Supervised Linear Purification

(a) Reconstruction + Regularization Loss

Given:

- $W(\alpha) = I$, $W(\beta) = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$
- $X = \begin{bmatrix} -2.17 & 1.98 & 2.41 & -2.03 \\ 0.02 & -0.01 & 0.01 & -0.02 \end{bmatrix}$

Encoder	Reconstruction Loss	Regularization Loss
α (I)	0	2
β	0.001	1



(a-ii) Identity gets higher loss if:

$$\lambda > 0.001$$

(b-i) Optimal W_c via SVD:

$$W_c = U \cdot \text{diag} \left(\frac{\sigma_1^2}{\sigma_1^2 + \lambda}, \dots, \frac{\sigma_m^2}{\sigma_m^2 + \lambda} \right) \cdot U^\top$$

(b-ii) Derivation:

Treat $L_2(W)$ as:

$$\|X - WX\|_F^2 + \lambda \|W\|_F^2$$

- Use SVD: $X = U\Sigma V^\top$
- Change variable: $\tilde{W} = U^\top W U$
- Optimize each diagonal entry independently:



$$\tilde{w}_i^* = \frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda}$$

(c) Keep first 3 singular values above 80%, attenuate rest below 50%

Given:

$$\sigma = [10, 8, 4, 1, 0.5, 0.36, 0.16, 0.01]$$

To satisfy:

- $\frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda} \geq 0.8$ for $i = 1, 2, 3$
- $\frac{\sigma_i^2}{\sigma_i^2 + \lambda} \leq 0.5$ for $i \geq 4$

We get:

$$1 \leq \lambda \leq 4$$

■ Problem 4: Ridge Attention

(a) Efficient Update of Mean:



$$m' = \frac{nm + x_{n+1}}{n + 1}$$

(b) Rewrite Ridge Formula:

$$(A^\top A + \lambda I) = \left[\lambda I + \sum_{i=1}^n x_i x_i^\top \right], \quad A^\top y = \left[\sum_{i=1}^n x_i y_i \right]$$

(c) Cost of Ridge Self-Attention:

- Query: $q \in \mathbb{R}^d$
- Keys $K \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$
- Values $V \in \mathbb{R}^{n \times d}$

Closed-form:

$$\text{output} = q^\top (K^\top K + \lambda I)^{-1} K^\top V$$

✓ Final Cost:

$$O(nd^2)$$



(d) Backprop Passes Gradients Through:

- Queries
- Keys
- Values
- λ

(e) Sherman–Morrison Formula:

$$(M + uv^\top)^{-1} = M^{-1} - \frac{M^{-1}uv^\top M^{-1}}{1 + v^\top M^{-1}u}$$

Each term (with $d \times d$ matrices):

- Inner products: $O(d)$
- Matrix–vector: $O(d^2)$
- Outer product: $O(d^2)$

✓ Total Parallel Cost:

$$O(d^2)$$



(f) Causal Ridge Self-Attention

- Track $M_t = K_{1:t}^\top K_{1:t} + \lambda I$
- Track $b_t = K_{1:t}^\top V_{1:t}$
- Update using:
 - $M_t = M_{t-1} + k_t k_t^\top$
 - $b_t = b_{t-1} + k_t v_t^\top$
- Apply Sherman–Morrison to update M_t^{-1}

✓ Final Cost:

$$O(nd^2) \quad (\text{Total}) \quad (\text{and } O(d^2) \text{ per time step})$$

(g) Visualizing Attention Weights in Ridge

The weights for ridge attention (for query q) are:

$$\alpha = q^\top (K^\top K + \lambda I)^{-1} K^\top$$

- These are the (possibly negative) weights applied to each value vector
- You can visualize them similarly to softmax attention weights



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