



# Calculating FLOPS, TFLOPS, and PFLOPS

## Formula:

- **FLOPS (Floating Point Operations Per Second)** = Total Floating Point Operations  $\div$  Total Execution Time (in seconds)
- **TFLOPS (TeraFLOPS)** = FLOPS  $\div$  1e12
- **PFLOPS (PetaFLOPS)** = FLOPS  $\div$  1e15

## Steps:

1. **Determine the Total Floating Point Operations (FLO):**
  - This is the total number of floating-point calculations your model performs. It depends on the architecture and the operations used.
2. **Measure the Total Execution Time:**
  - The total time taken to perform all the floating-point operations (in seconds).
3. **Calculate FLOPS:**
  - Use the formula above to compute FLOPS.
4. **Convert FLOPS to TFLOPS or PFLOPS:**
  - Divide FLOPS by 1e12 for TFLOPS.
  - Divide FLOPS by 1e15 for PFLOPS.

## Example Calculation:

Suppose you have:

- Total Floating Point Operations (FLO) =  **$9 \times 10^{14}$**
- Total Execution Time = **300 seconds**

## Compute FLOPS:

- FLOPS = FLO  $\div$  Time
- FLOPS =  $(9 \times 10^{14}) \div 300$
- FLOPS =  **$3 \times 10^{12}$  FLOPS**

**Convert to TFLOPS:**

- $\text{TFLOPS} = \text{FLOPS} \div 1\text{e}12$
- $\text{TFLOPS} = (3 \times 10^{12}) \div 1\text{e}12$
- $\text{TFLOPS} = \mathbf{3\ TFLOPS}$

**Convert to PFLOPS:**

- $\text{PFLOPS} = \text{FLOPS} \div 1\text{e}15$
- $\text{PFLOPS} = (3 \times 10^{12}) \div 1\text{e}15$
- $\text{PFLOPS} = \mathbf{0.003\ PFLOPS}$

**Summary:**

- **FLOPS:**  $3 \times 10^{12}$  FLOPS
- **TFLOPS:** 3 TFLOPS
- **PFLOPS:** 0.003 PFLOPS

**Note on Prefixes:**

- **Kilo (K)** =  $1\text{e}3$
- **Mega (M)** =  $1\text{e}6$
- **Giga (G)** =  $1\text{e}9$
- **Tera (T)** =  $1\text{e}12$
- **Peta (P)** =  $1\text{e}15$

Prefix	Symbol	Power of 10	Decimal Multiplier	Power of 2	
Kilo	k	$10^3$	1,000	$2^{10}$	1,024
Mega	M	$10^6$	1,000,000	$2^{20}$	1,048,576
Giga	G	$10^9$	1,000,000,000	$2^{30}$	1,073,741,824
Tera	T	$10^{12}$	1,000,000,000,000	$2^{40}$	1,099,511,627,776
Peta	P	$10^{15}$	1,000,000,000,000,000	$2^{50}$	1,125,899,906,842,624
Exa	E	$10^{18}$	1,000,000,000,000,000,000	$2^{60}$	1,152,921,504,606,846,976

Prefix	Symbol	Power of 10	Decimal Multiplier	Power of 2	
Zetta	Z	$10^{21}$	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	$2^{70}$	1,180,591,630,718,496
Yotta	Y	$10^{24}$	1,000,000,000,000,000,000,000,000	$2^{80}$	1,208,925,819,519,920,000,000

## Key Notes

- **Power of 10:** Used in SI units (e.g., 1 km = 1,000 meters) and decimal-based storage (e.g., hard drives, where 1 GB =  $10^9$  bytes).
- **Power of 2:** Used in computing for binary storage/memory (e.g., 1 GiB =  $2^{30}$  bytes). Binary prefixes (kibi, mebi, etc.) were introduced by the IEC to distinguish from decimal.
- **Formula:**
  - Decimal:  $\text{Value} = \text{Base} \times 10^n$  (e.g., 1k =  $1 \times 10^3 = 1,000$ ).
  - Binary:  $\text{Value} = \text{Base} \times 2^n$  (e.g., 1Ki =  $1 \times 2^{10} = 1,024$ ).
- In practice, "k", "M", etc., may be used for binary values (e.g., 1 MB =  $2^{20}$  bytes in some contexts), which can cause confusion. Always check the context (e.g., storage vs. RAM).