

## Quiz 5 - Results



### Attempt 1 of 1

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#### Question 1

1 / 1 point

What are the contributions of Flash Attention:

- ☐ Fused kernel implementation
- ☐ Computing the SoftMax without realizing  $N \times N$  Attention matrix A
- ☐ Leveraging the recomputation of the attention matrix in the backward pass
- ☐ Using the tiling technique to chunk the computations of the  $N \times N$  softmax/scores matrix into blocks.
- ☒ All the above

#### Question 2

1 / 1 point

To compute the softmax in Flash attention, these statistics are being tracked:

- ☐ Block size and max score of each block
- ✓ ☒ The maximum score of each block and the sum of the exponent scores
- ☐ The sum of the exponent scores
- ☐ Block size, max score of each block, and the sum of the exponent scores

Question 3

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**What is the primary innovation introduced by FlashAttention, as described in the paper (<https://arxiv.org/pdf/2205.14135>)?**

- ☐ Enhanced gradient descent optimization for faster convergence
- ✗ ☒ Improved memory utilization in neural networks
- ➡ ☐ Exact attention mechanism with reduced computational cost
- ☐ Introduction of a new activation function for better feature extraction

Question 4

1 / 1 point

**Computing softmax in attention requires the entire input, posing a challenge when dealing with large attention matrices ( $n \times n$ ). To address this, FlashAttention uses tiling, where HBM sends each block to SRAM for attention computation, achieved through algorithm restructuring. The large softmax is then decomposed into smaller ones.**

- ✓ ☒ True
- ☐ False

Question 5

1 / 1 point

Which type of knowledge in a neural network focuses on the final output layer of

the teacher model?

- ☒ Response-based knowledge
- ☐ Feature-based knowledge
- ☐ Relation-based knowledge
- ☐ Procedural knowledge

#### Question 6

1 / 1 point

What is the primary difference between offline and online distillation methods?

- ☐ Offline distillation updates both teacher and student models simultaneously.
- ☐ Online distillation requires a pre-trained teacher model.
- ☐ Offline distillation updates the teacher model after the student model.
- ☒ Online distillation updates both teacher and student models simultaneously.

#### Question 7

1 / 1 point

In knowledge distillation, what does the term "soft targets" refer to?

- ☐ The difficulty of training the student model
- ☐ The temperature parameter used in distillation loss
- ☐ The final output layer of the student model
- ☒ The probability distribution over the output classes from the teacher model

**Question 8**

1 / 1 point

**How does increasing the temperature parameter in the softmax function affect the probability distribution?**

- ☐ It makes the distribution sharper.
- ✓ ☒ It makes the distribution smoother.
- ☐ It has no effect on the distribution.
- ☐ It increases the number of classes in the distribution.

**Question 9**

1 / 1 point

**What is the purpose of using KL divergence as a loss function in knowledge distillation?**

- ✓ ☒ To measure the difference between the student and teacher model outputs.
- ☐ To regularize the weights of the student model.
- ☐ To control the learning rate during training.
- ☐ To determine the architecture of the student model.

**Question 10**

1 / 1 point

**How does minimizing the KL divergence loss contribute to the training of the student model?**

- ✓ ☒ It encourages the student model to precisely match the teacher model's outputs.
- ☐ It increases the complexity of the student model.
- ☐

It slows down the convergence of the training process.

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It reduces the capacity of the student model.

### Question 11

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According to the Work-depth cost model, what is the work and depth for calculating the sum of 64 floating-point numbers?

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16 and 63

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6 and 64

☐

16 and 64

☐

16 and 31

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6 and 63

Done