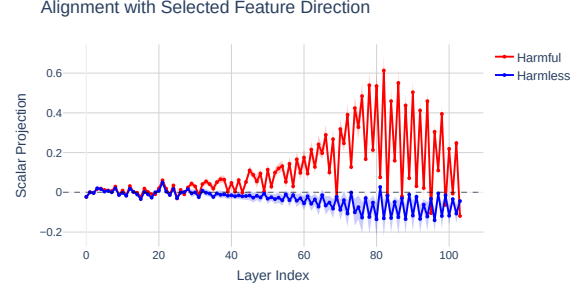
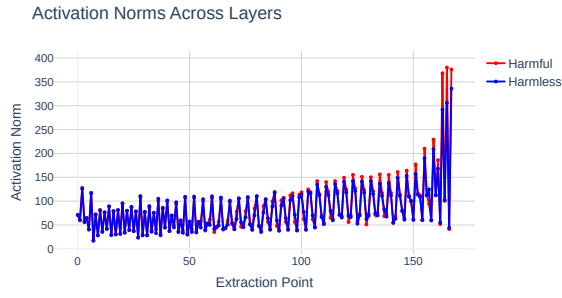


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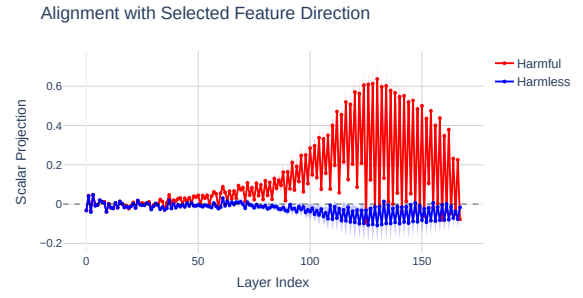


(b) Projections on local candidate directions

Figure 5: Layer-wise heterogeneity in gemma-2-2b-it.

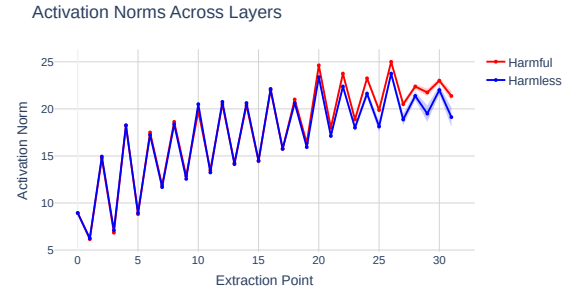


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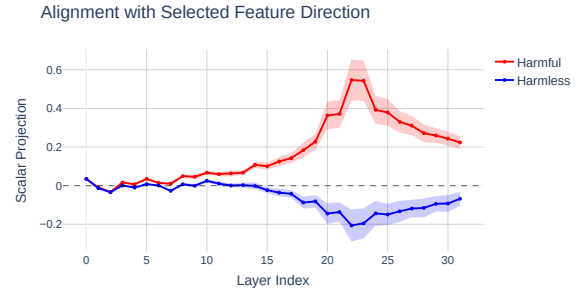


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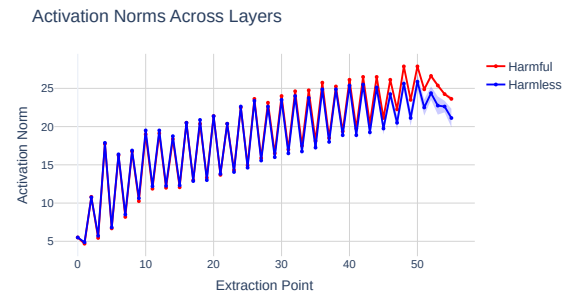


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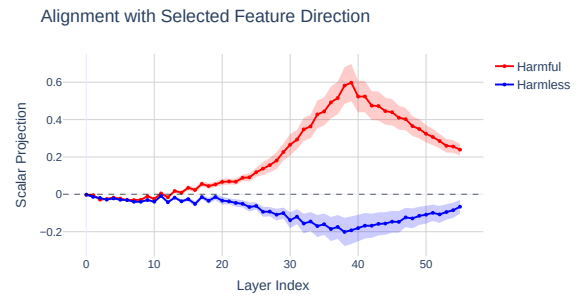


(b) Projections on local candidate directions

Figure 7: Layer-wise heterogeneity in Llama-3.2-1B-Instruct.

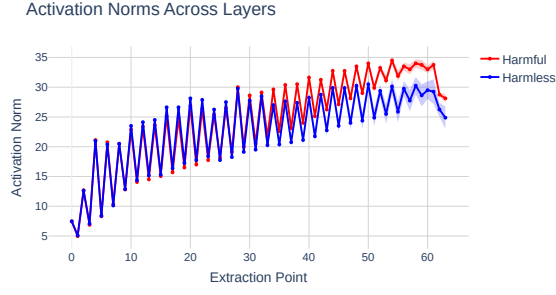


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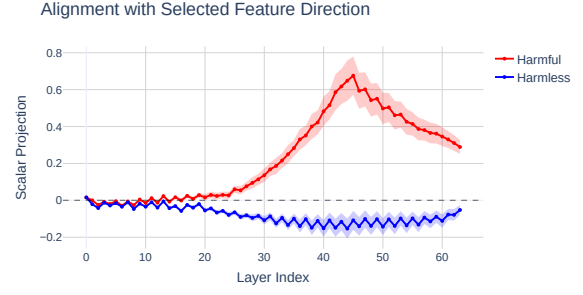


(b) Projections on local candidate directions

Figure 8: Layer-wise heterogeneity in Llama-3.2-3B-Instruct.

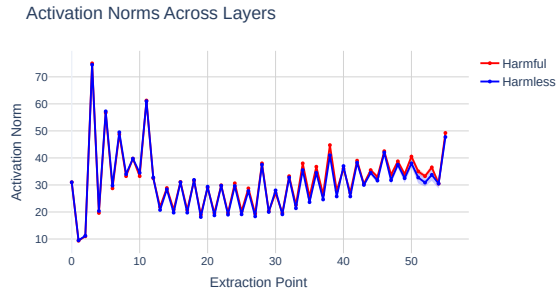


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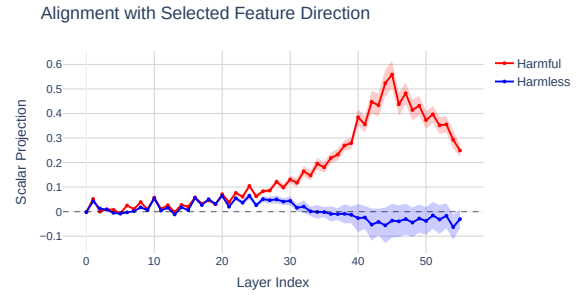


(b) Projections on local candidate directions

Figure 9: Layer-wise heterogeneity in Llama-3.1-8B-Instruct.

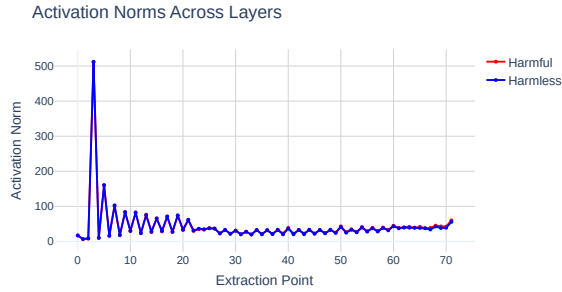


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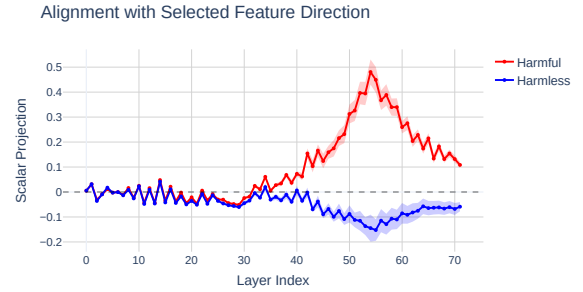


(b) Projections on local candidate directions

Figure 10: Layer-wise heterogeneity in Qwen2.5-1.5B-Instruct.

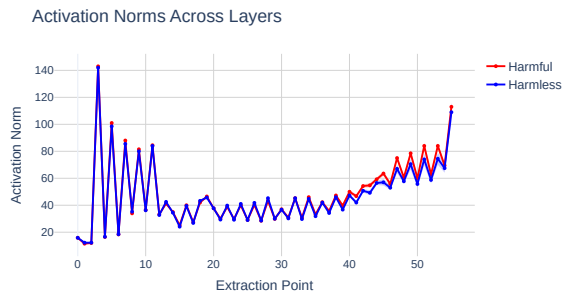


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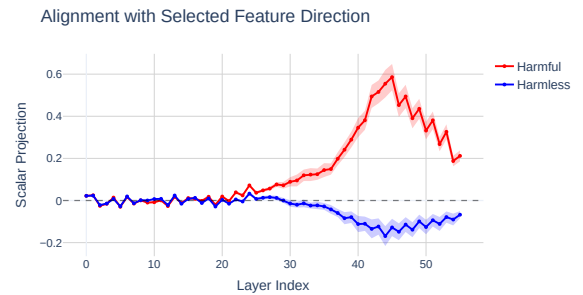


(b) Projections on local candidate directions

Figure 11: Layer-wise heterogeneity in Qwen2.5-3B-Instruct.



(a) Activation norms across layers



(b) Projections on local candidate directions

Figure 12: Layer-wise heterogeneity in Qwen2.5-7B-Instruct.