



Introduction to Hugging Face

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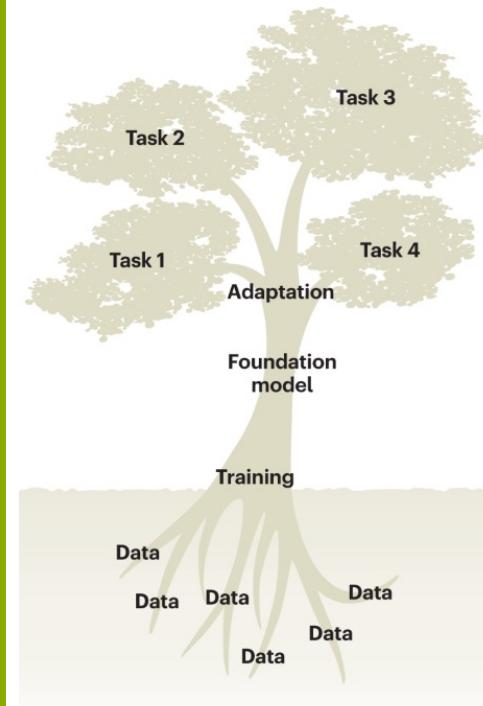


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Agenda

- Tensors in PyTorch
- Navigating Hugging Face Platform
- Core components of Hugging Face Platform
- Hugging Face API examples
- DNA Sequence Analysis: Minimalistic code walkthrough

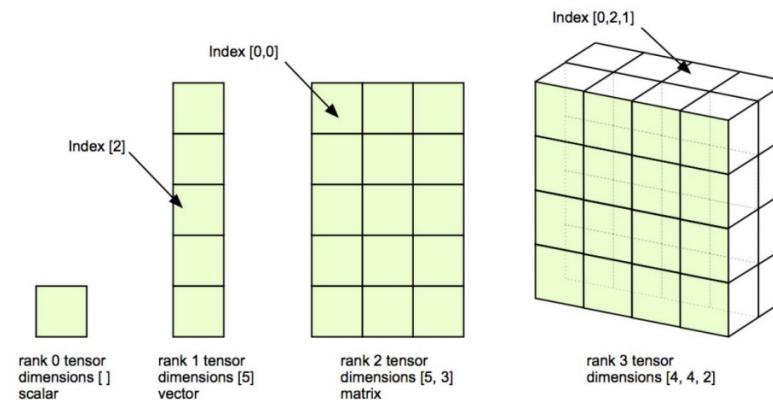


UMAP visualization of the pretrained scGPT cell embeddings (emb; a random 10% subset), colored by major cell types

Cui, Haotian, et al. "scGPT: toward building a foundation model for single-cell multi-omics using generative AI." *Nature Methods* 21.8 (2024): 1470-1480.

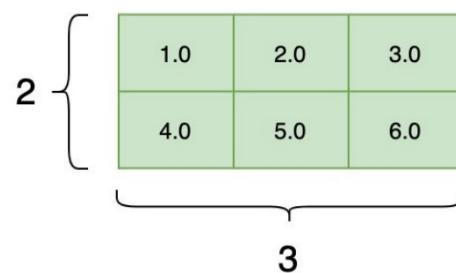
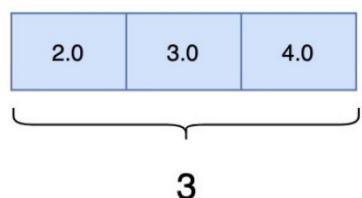
Tensors

- A tensor is the fundamental data structure in PyTorch
 - Multi-dimensional array, similar to NumPy's ndarray but with **GPU acceleration**
- Used to represent
 - DNA sequences (one-hot encoded)
 - Expression profiles
 - Model weights and activations



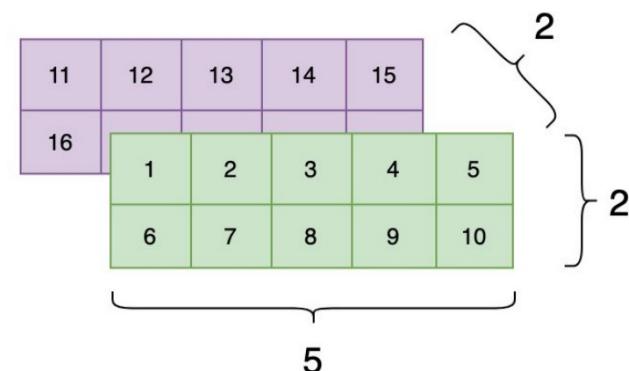
Dim	Type	Example
0D	Scalar	<code>torch.tensor(3.14)</code>
1D	Vector	DNA sequence → [1,4,3,3,1,5,4]
2D	Matrix	Batch of sequences
3D+	High-rank Tensors	<code>batch_size × vocabulary × seq length</code>

Tensor shapes



1-D Tensor, shape[3]

2-D Tensor, shape[2, 3]



3-D Tensor, shape[2, 2, 5]

Tensor multiplication: Quick recap

$$\begin{array}{c} \text{A[2,3]} \\ \begin{matrix} & 3 \\ 2 & \begin{matrix} 1 & 2 & 3 \\ 4 & 5 & 6 \end{matrix} \end{matrix} \end{array} \times \begin{array}{c} \text{B[3,4]} \\ \begin{matrix} & 4 \\ 3 & \begin{matrix} 7 & 8 & 9 & 10 \\ 11 & 12 & 13 & 14 \\ 15 & 16 & 17 & 18 \end{matrix} \end{matrix} \end{array} = \begin{array}{c} \text{C[2,4]} \\ \begin{matrix} & 4 \\ 2 & \begin{matrix} 74 & 80 & 86 & 92 \\ 173 & 188 & 203 & 218 \end{matrix} \end{matrix} \end{array}$$

Calculation Example: $C[0,0] = 74$

$$C[0,0] = A[0,0] \times B[0,0] + A[0,1] \times B[1,0] + A[0,2] \times B[2,0]$$

$$C[0,0] = 1 \times 7 + 2 \times 11 + 3 \times 15 = 7 + 22 + 45 = 74$$

Each element in C is the dot product of a row from A and a column from B

Inner dimensions must match and will be contracted
Outer dimensions remain

Data Types

Using different data types for model and data will cause errors

Data Type	dtype	
16-bit floating point	<code>torch.float16</code>	1 sign + 5 exponent + 10 mantissa
16-bit brain floating point	<code>torch.bfloat16</code>	1 sign + 8 exponent + 7 mantissa
32-bit floating point	<code>torch.float32</code>	1 sign + 8 exponent + 23 mantissa
8-bit signed integer	<code>torch.int8</code>	8 bit number

PyTorch Device Management

- By default, tensors are on the CPU
- However, you can change this by using the `.to()` operation
 - `x = x.to('cpu')`
 - `x = x.to('cuda')`
- Training/inference can be slow or infeasible on CPU alone
- No need to rewrite model logic, just move the data and model

```
import torch

# Move tensor to GPU
tensor = tensor.to("cuda")

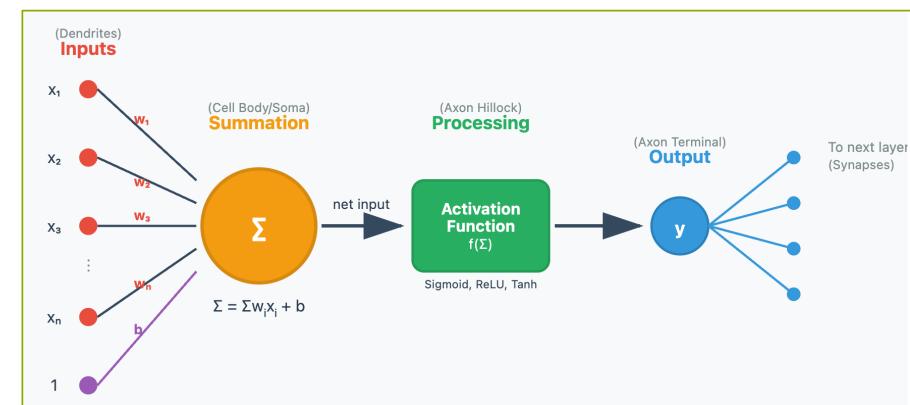
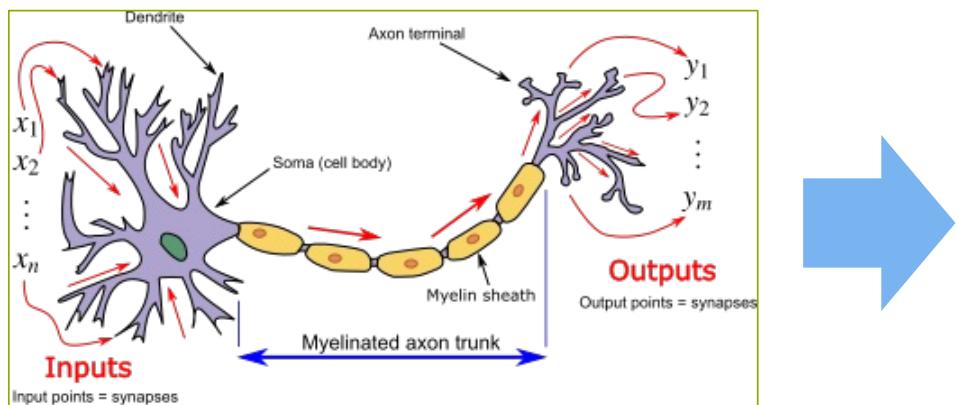
# Move model to same device
model = model.to(tensor.device)

# Back to CPU
tensor = tensor.to("cpu")
```

Neural Networks: A Quick recap



Biological vs Artificial Neuron



Computation on a single neuron

```
inputs = [1.0, 2.0, 3.0]
weights = [0.2, 0.8, -0.5]
bias = 2.0

output = inputs[0]*weights[0] + inputs[1]*weights[1] + inputs[2]*weights[2] + bias
print(output)

>>> 2.3
```



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Computation on 3-neuron layer with 4 inputs

```
inputs = [1.0, 2.0, 3.0, 2.5]
weights1 = [0.2, 0.8, -0.5, 1.0]
weights2 = [0.5, -0.91, 0.26, -0.5]
weights3 = [-0.26, -0.27, 0.17, 0.87]
bias1 = 2.0
bias2 = 3.0
bias3 = 0.5

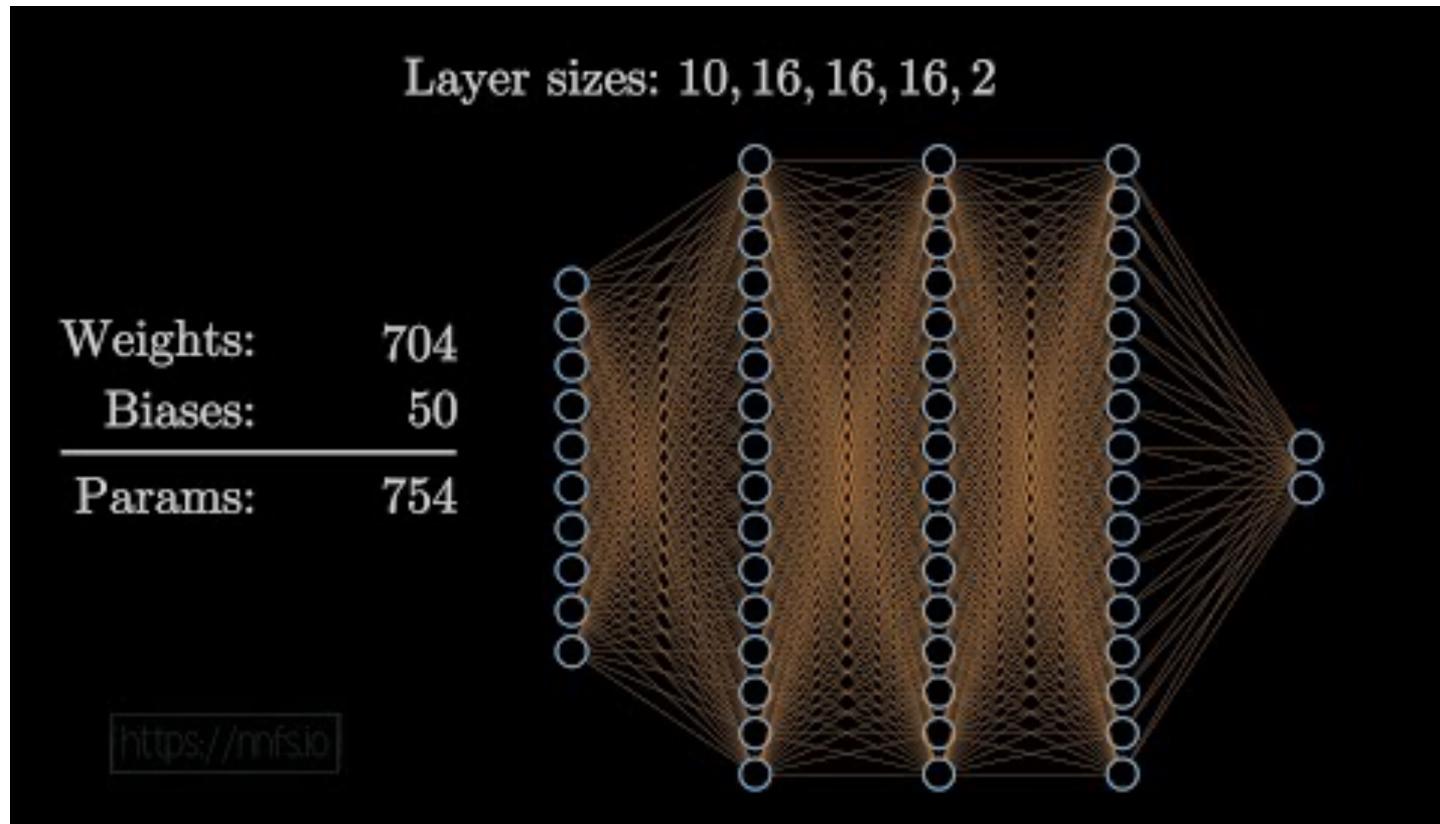
outputs =
    inputs[0]*weights1[0] + inputs[1]*weights1[1] + inputs[2]*weights1[2] + inputs[3]*weights1[3] + bias1,
    inputs[0]*weights2[0] + inputs[1]*weights2[1] + inputs[2]*weights2[2] + inputs[3]*weights2[3] + bias2,
    inputs[0]*weights3[0] + inputs[1]*weights3[1] + inputs[2]*weights3[2] + inputs[3]*weights3[3] + bias3
]
print(outputs)

>>> [4.8, 1.21, 2.385]
```

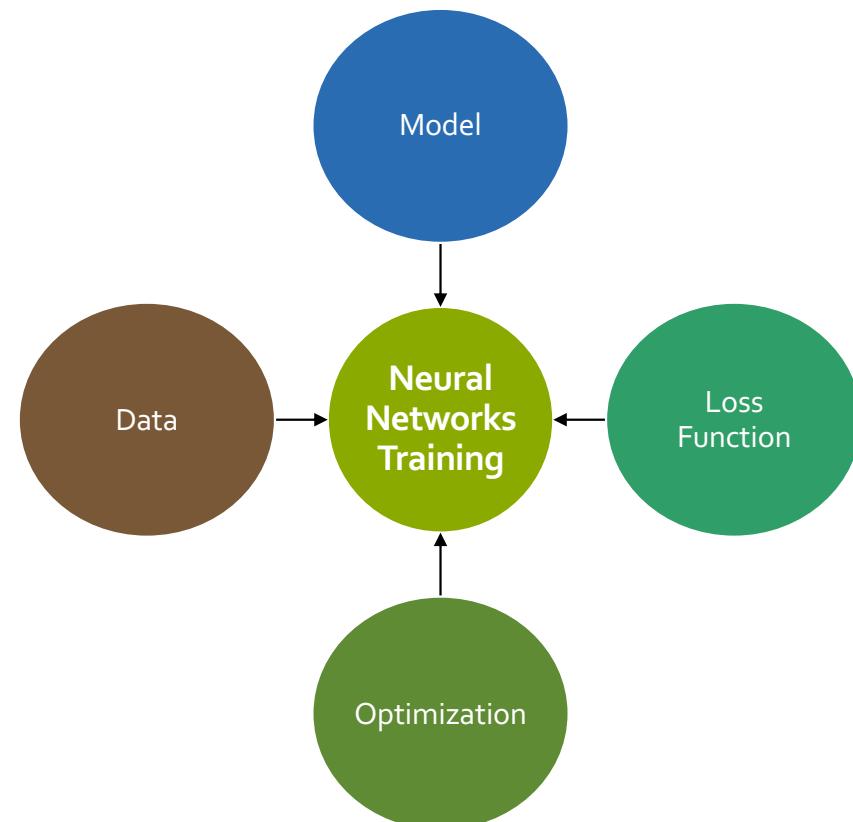
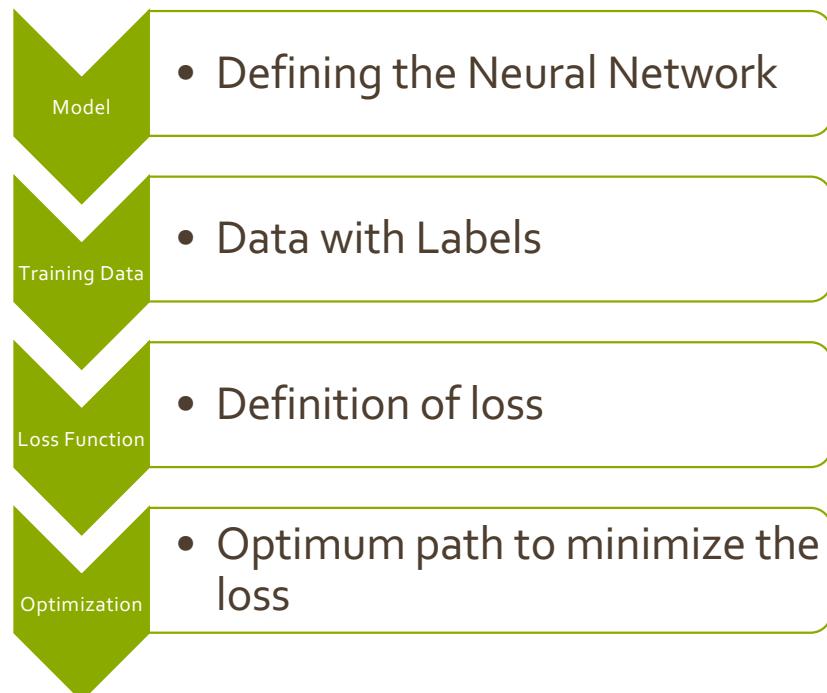
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Visualizing Neural Network Sizes



Neural Network Components



Data split

The ratio can be use-case specific but most of the time it is a 7:2:1 split

Training Data

Training (70%)

Testing (30%)

Validation
(20%)

Testing
(10%)

Hugging Face



What is HuggingFace

- Hugging Face is an open-source platform for building and sharing AI models including genomic foundation and fine-tuned models
 - Foundation model: [zhihan1996/DNABERT-2-117M](#)
 - Fine-tuned version: [zhangtaolab/dnabert2-promoter](#)
- It provides **open-source tools** and a **central hub** for pre-trained models, supporting key applications such as sequence classification, variant effect prediction, and regulatory region modeling.
- Hugging Face's **Transformers** library has been extended to support genomic models like DNABERT and Nucleotide Transformer, with adaptations for domain-specific tokenization (e.g., k-mers) and DNA-based datasets



Platform Components

The Hub

- Central repository for models, datasets, and applications

Libraries

- Transformers, Datasets, Tokenizer, Accelerate etc

Inference API

- Serverless access to models

Spaces

- Platform to build and host interactive demos

Community Features

- Discussions, collaboration tools

Navigating the Hugging Face Ecosystem



- Model Hub
 - Search for genomic models using tags like "genomics," "biology," or specific model names (e.g., "DNABERT"). Explore model cards for details on training data, intended use, and evaluation metrics.
- Datasets
 - Discover genomic datasets for pre-training or fine-tuning.
- Spaces
 - Find and interact with demos of genomic models.
- Documentation
 - Guides and tutorials accompanying models and other features
- Community Forums
 - Engage with other users, ask questions, and share insights.

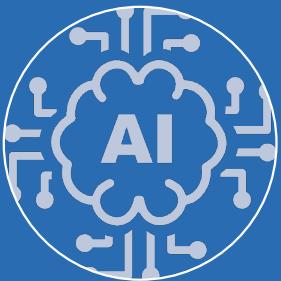
A screenshot of the Hugging Face search interface. The search bar at the top contains the query "DNABERT". Below the search bar, there are three main sections: "Models", "Datasets", and "Spaces".

- Models:** This section is currently active, indicated by a blue background. It lists several model entries:
 - zhihan1996/DNABERT-2-117M (highlighted with a blue selection bar)
 - zhihan1996/DNA_bert_6
 - Peltarion/dnabert-minilm-small
 - Peltarion/dnabert-minilm
 - zhihan1996/DNA_bert_3
 - zhihan1996/DNABERT-S

→ See 182 model results for "DNABERT"
- Datasets:**
 - simecek/Human_DNA_v0_DNABert6tokenized_stride1
 - simecek/Human_DNA_v0_DNABert6tokenized
 - MoL2/autotrain-data-dnabert_classify_chrl

→ See 11 dataset results for "DNABERT"
- Spaces:**
 - lokraj2/zhihan1996-DNABERT-2-117M

Core Components of the Hugging Face Hub



Models

- AI models for NLP, computer vision, audio processing, genomics
- Model architecture & weights
- Documentation describing usecases & limitations
- Example code & version history



Datasets

- Diverse data collections across domains and modalities
- Raw & processed formats optimized for ML
- Documentation on data collection & pre-processing
- Licensing and version control



Spaces

- Interactive environments for demonstrating models directly in web browsers
- No local setup required
- Customizable User Interfaces for Model Interaction using front-end frameworks like Gradio and Streamlit



Hugging Face Model Card

- A Hugging Face Model Card is a standardized documentation format that provides important details about an AI model's
 - Intended use
 - Training data
 - Evaluation methods
 - Ethical considerations
 - Limitations
- Let's check model card for Nucleotide Transformer model

The screenshot shows the Hugging Face Model Card for the `nucleotide-transformer-2.5b-multi-species` model. The card is organized into several sections:

- Model card**: Summary of the model, including its name, size (10.964 MB), and a line graph showing downloads last month.
- Inference Providers**: A section for deploying the model, with a note that it's not deployed by any provider.
- Model tree**: A hierarchical view of the model's components, including `Finetunes` (11 models) and `Datasets used to train`.
- Spaces using**: A list of spaces that have used this model, including `InstaDeepAI/nucleotide_transformer_benchmark`.
- Model Sources**: Information about the repository and paper.
- How to use**: Instructions for using the model, including code examples in Python.
- python**: A code editor containing Python code to download the model card and print its content.

```
from huggingface_hub import hf_hub_download

# Specify the model ID and the filename of the model card
model_id = "bert-base-uncased" # Replace with your desired model ID
filename = "README.md" # Model cards are typically stored in README.md

# Download the model card
model_card_path = hf_hub_download(repo_id=model_id, filename=filename)

# Read and print the content of the model card
with open(model_card_path, "r", encoding="utf-8") as f:
    model_card_content = f.read()

print(model_card_content)
```

Hugging Face Dataset Card

- A Hugging Face Model Card is a standardized documentation format that provides important details about a HuggingFace dataset's
 - Purpose, contents, and structure
 - Data formats, splits, and features
 - Data collection methods, sources, and processing steps
 - Intended applications and potential limitations
 - Known biases or risks associated with the dataset
 - References for citing the dataset
- Let's check [dataset card for genomic downstream task dataset](#)

The screenshot shows the Hugging Face Dataset Card for the 'InstaDeepAI/nucleotide_transformer_downstream_tasks' dataset. The card includes sections for the dataset card, dataset viewer, dataset summary, and a code block demonstrating how to load the dataset using Python.

Dataset card: This section contains the main documentation, including the purpose, contents, and structure of the dataset. It also links to the paper 'The Nucleotide Transformer: Building and Evaluating R...'.

Dataset Viewer: This section shows the 18 downstream tasks presented in the Nucleotide Transformer paper. It notes that the viewer is disabled because the dataset requires arbitrary Python code execution.

Dataset Summary: This section lists the different datasets collected from 4 different genomics papers, including 'DeepPromoter: Robust Promoter Predictor Using Deep Learning'.

Code Block: A Python code block demonstrates how to load the dataset using the Hugging Face Datasets library:

```
python
from datasets import load_dataset
# Load the dataset
dataset = load_dataset("InstaDeepAI/multi_species_genomes")
# Access the train split
train_dataset = dataset["train"]
# Display the first example
print(train_dataset[0])
```

Hugging Face API

- A programmatic interface to access Hugging Face's models and resources
 - Key Components:
 - Inference API - For model predictions
 - Hub API - For interacting with the model repository
 - Datasets API - For working with datasets
 - Spaces API - For managing demo applications
- Common Use Cases:
 1. Research Prototyping
 - Quickly test models without setup overhead
 - Experiment with different model architectures
 - Compare results across multiple models
 2. Pipeline Integration
 - Embed predictions in larger genomic workflows
 - Chain models for complex analysis tasks
 - Integrate with existing bioinformatics tools

Inference API Example

```
import requests

# Step 1: Set your API token (get this from
# huggingface.co/settings/tokens)
API_TOKEN = "hf_..." # Replace with your token # # Step

2: Define the model endpoint - using Nucleotide Transformer
API_URL = "https://api-
inference.huggingface.co/models/InstaDeepAI/nucleotide-
transformer-500m-human-ref"
headers = {"Authorization": f"Bearer {API_TOKEN}"}

# Step 3: Define a sample DNA sequence with unknown nucleotides
# (N) # This is a partial promoter sequence with masked positions
dna_sequence = "ACGTGCACGGACTCAGCANN" print(f"Original
sequence: {dna_sequence}")

# Step 4: Create the request payload - replace 'N' with '[MASK]'
masked_sequence = dna_sequence.replace("N", "[MASK]")
payload = {"inputs": masked_sequence}

# Step 5: Make the API call and
response = requests.post(API_URL, headers=headers, json=payload)
results = response.json()
print(results)
```

Hub API Example

```
from huggingface_hub import HfApi, hf_hub_download, list_models
from transformers import AutoTokenizer, AutoModelForMaskedLM
import torch
import pandas as pd
import os
```

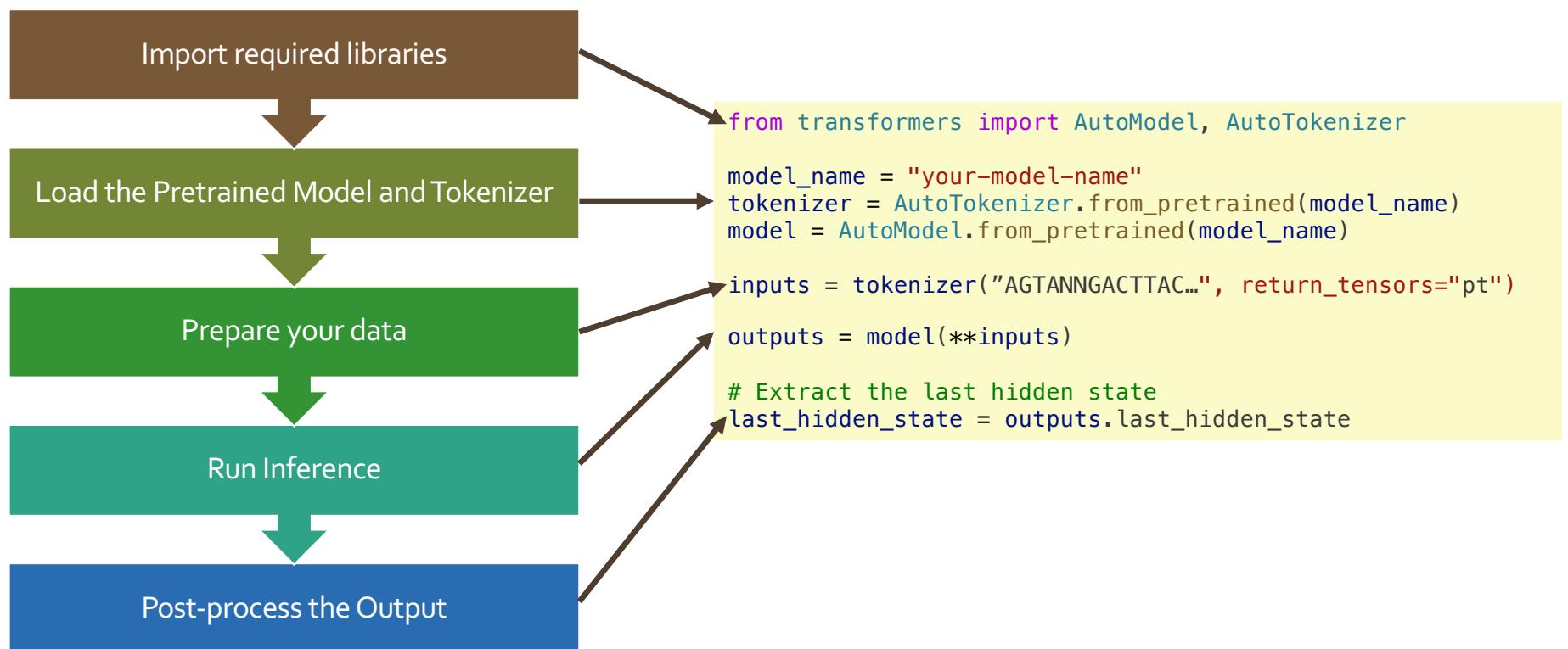
```
# Step 1: Initialize the Hub API with your token
api = HfApi(token="hf_...") # Replace with your token
```

```
# Step 2: Search for genomic models on the Hub
print("Searching for genomic models...")
genomic_models = list(list_models(filter="genomics"))
```

```
# Display some basic information about the first 5 models
print(f"Found {len(genomic_models)} genomic models. Here are the first 5:")
```

```
for i, model in enumerate(genomic_models[:5]):
    print(f"{i+1}. {model.modelId} - {model.downloads:,} downloads")
    print(f" Tags: {', '.join(model.tags)}")
    print(f" Last modified: {model.lastModified}")
    print("-" * 50)
```

Main steps in Hugging Face model usage



DNA Sequence Analysis Using HuggingFace

A Code Walkthrough

Open Jupyter notebook



DNA Sequence Analysis with Transformer Models: Code Walkthrough

```
from transformers import AutoTokenizer,
AutoModelForMaskedLM
import torch
import pandas as pd

# 1. Load a popular genomic foundation model:
# Nucleotide Transformer
print("Loading Nucleotide Transformer model...")
model_name = "InstaDeepAI/nucleotide-
transformer-500m-human-ref"

# 500M parameter version # Load tokenizer and
model_tokenizer =
AutoTokenizer.from_pretrained(model_name)
model =
AutoModelForMaskedLM.from_pretrained(model_name)

# 2. Display basic model information

print("\nBasic Model Information:")
print(f"Model name: {model_name}")
print(f"Model type: {model.__class__.__name__}")
print(f"Number of parameters: {sum(p.numel() for p in
model.parameters()) / 1_000_000:.2f} million")
print(f"Number of layers:
{model.config.num_hidden_layers}")
print(f"Hidden size: {model.config.hidden_size}")
print(f"Vocabulary size: {model.config.vocab_size}")
print(f"Maximum sequence length:
{model.config.max_position_embeddings}")

# 3. Explore the tokenizer vocabulary
print("\nTokenizer Information:")
print(f"Tokenizer type: {tokenizer.__class__.__name__}")
print(f"Vocabulary size: {len(tokenizer.vocab)}")
print(f"Mask token: {tokenizer.mask_token}")
print(f"Special tokens: {tokenizer.all_special_tokens}")
```

Questions &
Comments

```
print(model)
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      (fn): Sequential(
        (0): BatchNorm1d(768, eps=1e-05, momentum=0.1, affine=True, track_running_stats=True)
        (1): GELU()
        (2): Conv1d(768, 768, kernel_size=(1,), stride=(1,))
      )
    )
    (2): AttentionPool(
      (pool_fn): Rearrange('b d (n p) -> b d n p', p=2)
      (to_attn_logits): Conv2d(768, 768, kernel_size=(1, 1), stride=(1, 1), bias=False)
    )
  )
  (conv_tower): Sequential(
    (0): Sequential(
      (0): Sequential(
        (0): BatchNorm1d(768, eps=1e-05, momentum=0.1, affine=True, track_running_stats=True)
        (1): GELU()
        (2): Conv1d(768, 768, kernel_size=(5,), stride=(1,), padding=(2,))
      )
      (1): Residual(
        (fn): Sequential(
          (0): BatchNorm1d(768, eps=1e-05, momentum=0.1, affine=True, track_running_stats=True)
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    )
  )
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