

HOW YOU - YES, YOU! - CAN TRAIN AN LLM*

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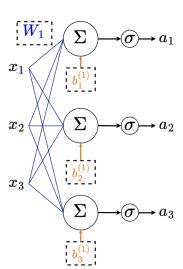


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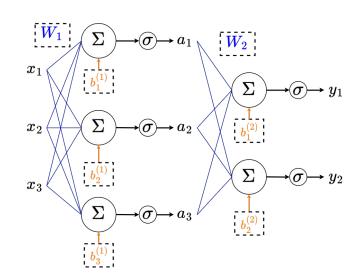
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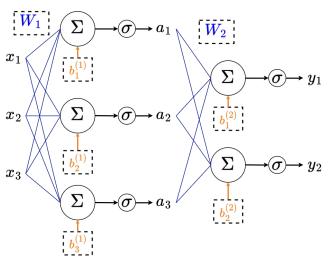
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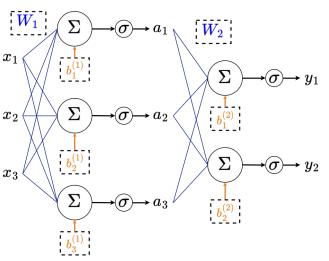


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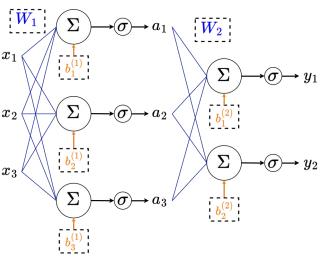
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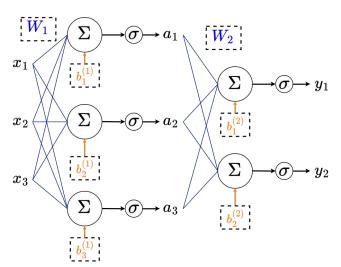
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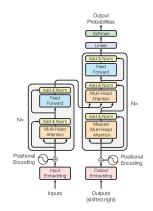


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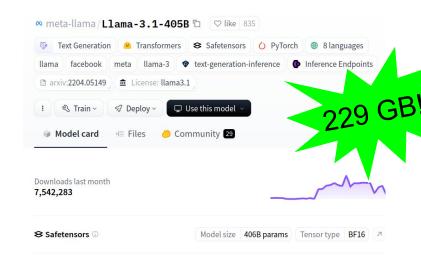
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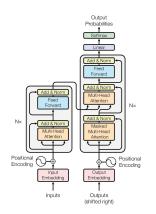
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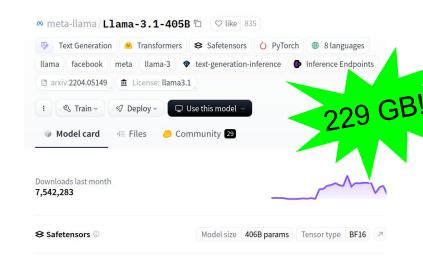


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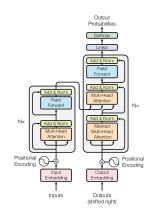


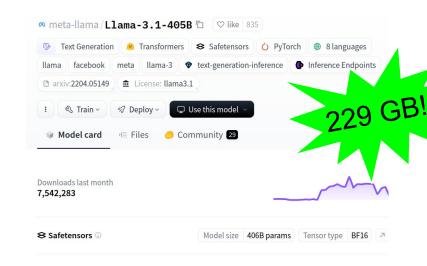
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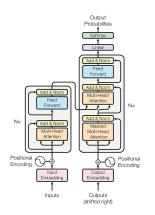


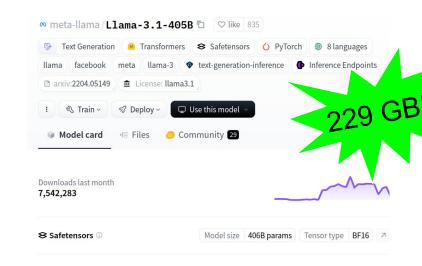
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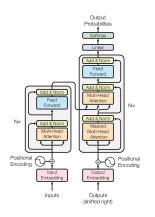


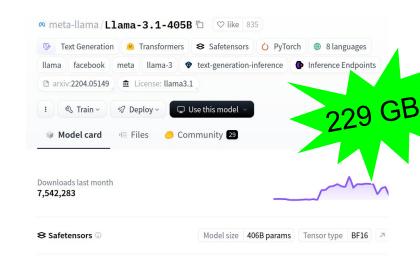
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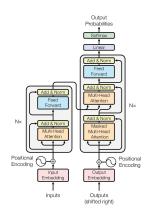


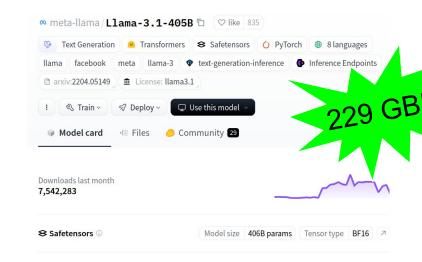
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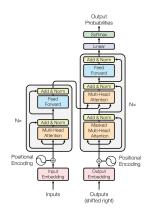


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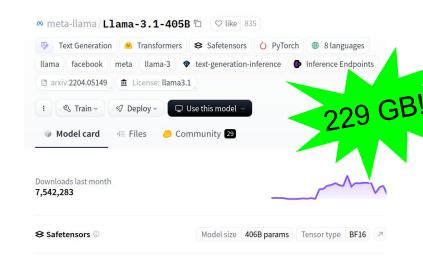




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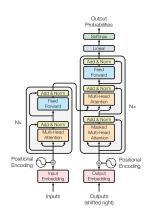


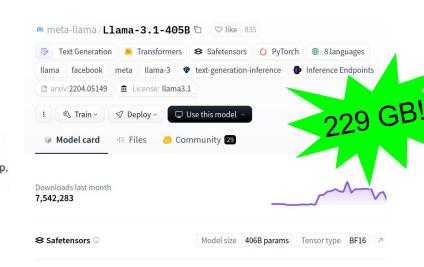
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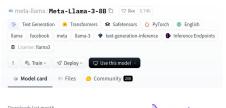
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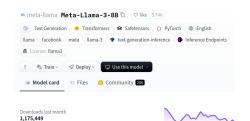
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Model size 8.03B params Tensor type BF16 7

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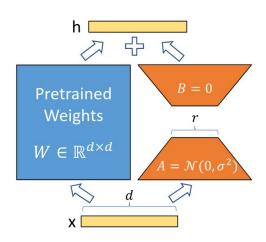




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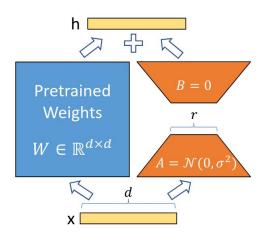


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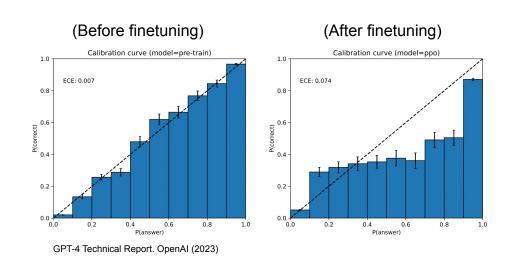
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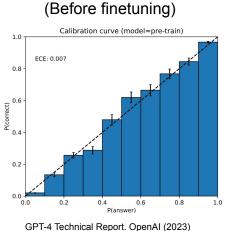


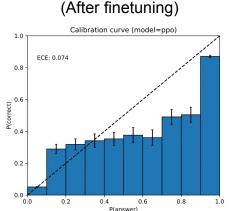
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