

Feature	Saving the entire model	Saving the state_dict
What is saved	The entire model, including the model's architecture, parameters, and buffers.	The model's parameters and buffers.
Pros	The entire model can be restored, including the model's architecture.	The state_dict is a smaller file than the entire model, which can be useful for saving and loading models on devices with limited storage space.
Cons	The entire model can be large, which can make it difficult to save and load.	The model's architecture must be saved separately, which can be inconvenient.
When to use	When you need to save the entire model, including the model's architecture.	When you only need to save the model's parameters and buffers, or when you need to save a model on a device with limited storage space.