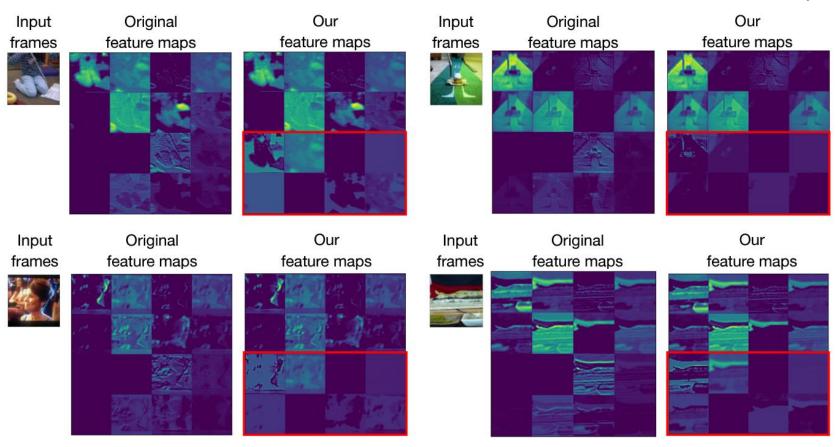
VA-RED²: Video Adaptive Redundancy Reduction (ICLR 2021)

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Motivation

Feature Redundancy in Well-Trained DNN (GhostNet)

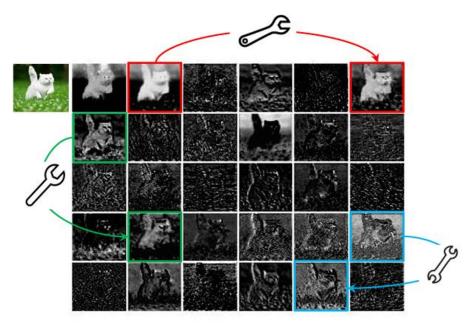
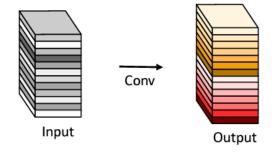
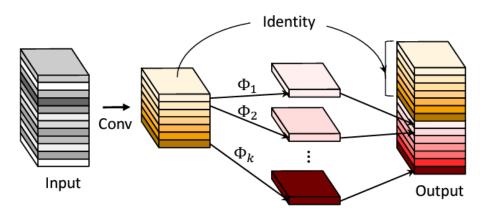


Figure 1. Visualization of some feature maps generated by the first residual group in ResNet-50, where three similar feature map pair examples are annotated with boxes of the same color. One feature map in the pair can be approximately obtained by transforming the other one through cheap operations (denoted by spanners).



(a) The convolutional layer.

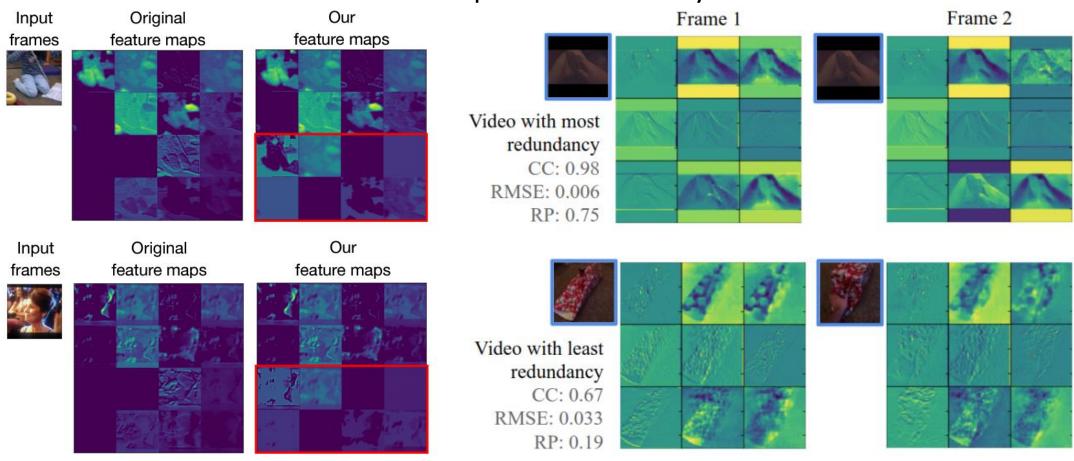


(b) The Ghost module.

GhostNet: More Features from Cheap Operations (CVPR 2020) link

Motivation

Channel and Temporal Redundancy in Videos

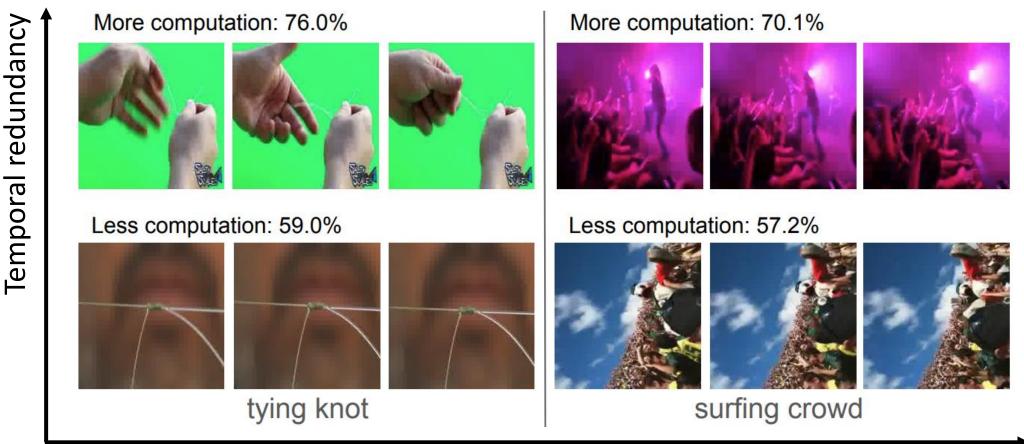


Channel redundancy

Temporal redundancy

Motivation

Input-Dependent Channel and Temporal Redundancy



Feature redundancy

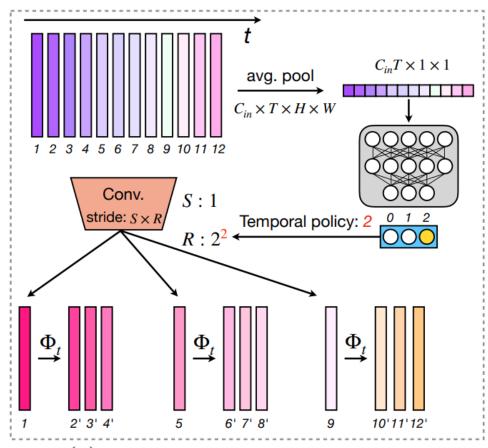
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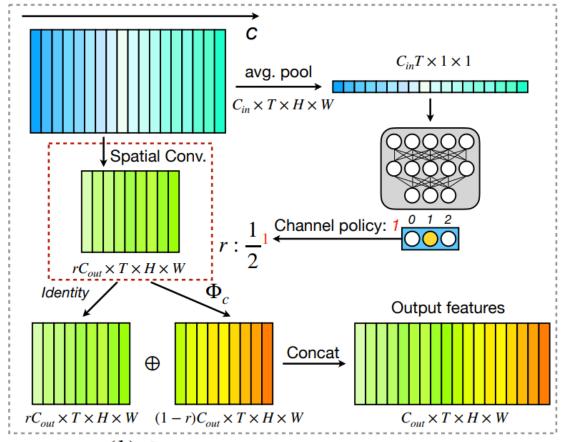
Contributions of VA-RED²

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Video Adaptive Redundancy Reduction

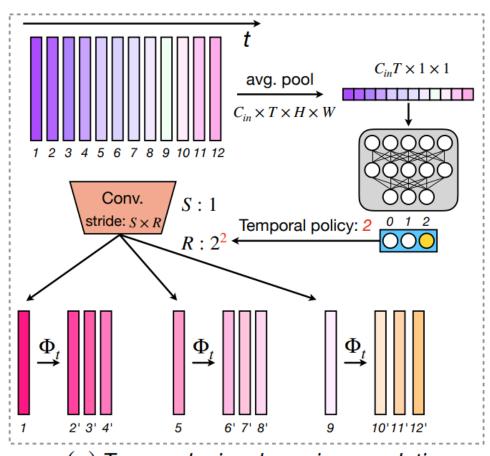


(a) Temporal-wise dynamic convolution



(b) Channel-wise dynamic convolution

Video Adaptive Temporal Redundancy Reduction

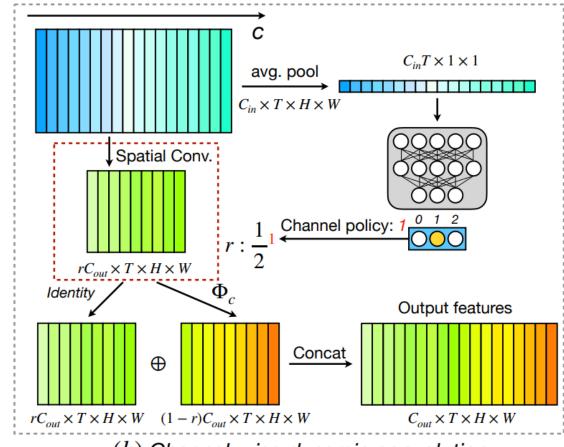


$$Y_l[j+iR] = \left\{egin{array}{ll} \Phi_{i,j}^t(Y_l'[i]) & ext{if } j \in \{1,...,R-1\} \ Y_l'[i] & ext{if } j = 0 \end{array}
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 Soft modulation gate

Video Adaptive Channel Redundancy Reduction

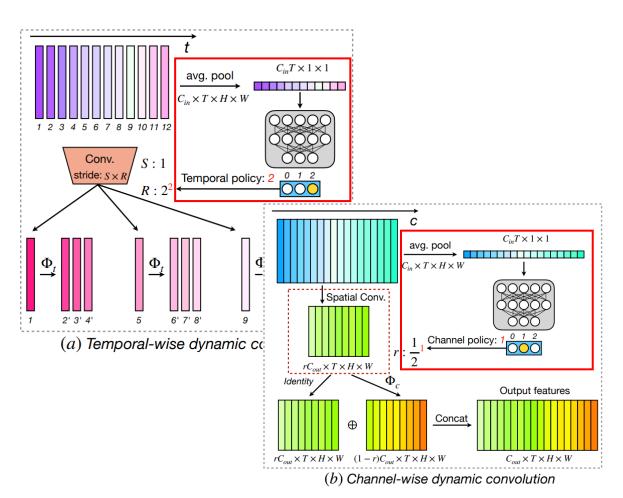
$$Y_l = [Y_l', \Phi^c(Y_l')]$$

$$r = (\frac{1}{2})^{p_l(X_l)[1]}$$



(b) Channel-wise dynamic convolution

Soft Modulation Gate for Differentiable Optimization

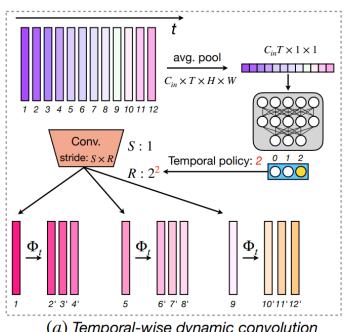


$$\begin{aligned} V_t^l &\in R^{S_t} \text{ and } V_c^l \in R^{S_c} \\ [V_t^l, V_c^l] &= p_l(X_l) \\ &= \phi(\mathcal{F}(\omega_{p,2}, \delta(\mathcal{N}(\mathcal{F}(\omega_{p,1}, G(X_l))))) + \beta_p^l) \\ &\max(\tanh(\cdot), 0) \end{aligned}$$

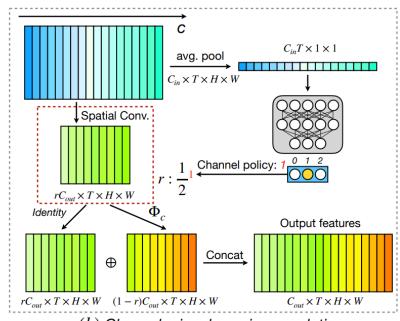
$$Y_c^l = \sum_{i=1}^{S_c} V_c^l[i] \cdot f_l^c(X_l, r = (\frac{1}{2})^{(i-1)})$$

$$Y_l = \sum_{j=1}^{S_t} V_t^l[j] \cdot f_l^t(Y_c^l, R = 2^{(j-1)})$$

Computation Cost of Video Adaptive Redundancy Reduction



(a) Temporal-wise dynamic convolution



(b) Channel-wise dynamic convolution

$$C(f_l^t) = \frac{1}{R} \cdot C(f_l) + \sum_{i,j} C(\Phi_{i,j}^t) \approx \frac{1}{R} \cdot C(f_l) \qquad C(f_l^{t,c}) \approx \frac{r}{R} \cdot C(f_l)$$

Losses

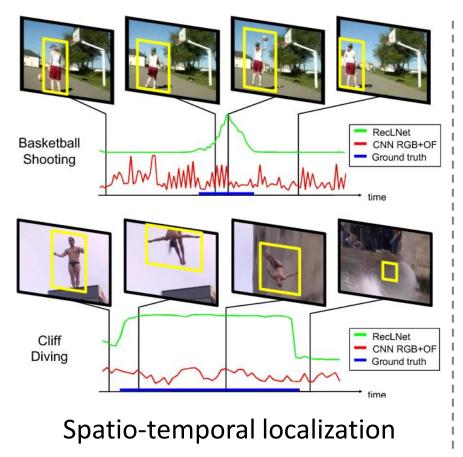
$$\mathcal{L} = \mathcal{L}_a + \lambda_e \mathcal{L}_e$$

 \mathcal{L}_a : accuracy loss

$$\mathcal{L}_e = (\mu_0 \sum_{l=1}^L \frac{\mathcal{C}(f_l)}{\sum_{k=1}^L \mathcal{C}(f_k)} \cdot \frac{r_l^s}{R_l^s})^2, \mu_0 = \begin{cases} 1 & \text{if correct} \\ 0 & \text{otherwise} \end{cases}$$



Video action recognition





Semantic segmentation

Video Action Recognition

length	sp.	$GFLOPs_{Avg}$	$GFLOPs_{Max}$	$GFLOPs_{Min}$	avg speed	clip-1	video-1	video-5
8	x 2 3	27.7 $20.0(-28%)$ $21.6(-22%)$	$27.7 \ 22.1(-20\%) \ 23.2(-16\%)$	27.7 $18.0(-35%)$ $19.8(-29%)$	192.1 205.5 201.4	56.4 57.7 58.2	66.8 68.0 67.7	86.8 87.4 87.4
16	X 2	$55.2 \\ 40.4(-27\%)$	55.2 $43.2(-22%)$	55.2 $36.6(-34%)$	97.1 108.7	57.5 60.6	67.5 70.0	87.1 88.7
32	X 2	$110.5 \\ 79.3(-28\%)$	$110.5 \\ 89.5(-19\%)$	$110.5 \\ 72.4(-34\%)$	49.6 53.4	60.5 63.3	69.4 72.3	88.2 89.7

Model: R(2+1) D

Dataset: Mini-Kinetics-200

Video Action Recognition

Table 2: Action recognition results on Mini- Table 3: Action recognition results with Kinetics-200. We set the search space as 2 and Temporal Pyramid Network (TPN) on Minitrain all the models with 16 frames. The metric Kinetics-200. TPN-8f and TPN-16f indicate speed uses clip/second as the unit.

Model	Dy.	GFLOPs	Speed	clip-1	video-1
R(2+1)D	×	$55.2 \\ 40.4$	97.1 108.7	57.5 60.6	67.5 70.0
I3D	×	56.0 26.5	116.4 141.7	59.7 62.2	68.3 71.1
X3D	×	6.20 5.03	169.4 178.2	66.5 65.5	72.2 72.1

that we use 8 frames and 16 frames as input to the model respectively.

Model	Dy.	GFLOPs	clip-1	video-1
TPN-8f	×	$28.5 \\ 21.5$	58.9 59.2	67.2 68.8
TPN-16f	×	56.8 41.5	59.8 60.8	68.5 70.6

Video Action Recognition

Table 4: Comparison with CorrNet (Wang et al., 2020) and AR-Net (Meng et al., 2020) on Mini-Kinetics-200. We set the search space as 2 and train all the models with 16 frames.

					Method			
CorrNet	X	60.8	59.9	68.2	AR-Net	63.0M	44.8	67.2
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Table 5: Action recognition results on Kinetics-400. We set the search space as 2, meaning models can choose to compute all feature maps or $\frac{1}{2}$ of them both on temporal and channel-wise convolutions.

Model	Dy.		16-frame				32-frame				
	2).	GFLOPs	speed	clip-1	video-1	video-5	GFLOPs	speed	clip-1	video-1	video-5
R(2+1)D	×	55.2 40.3	97.1 105.9	57.3 58.4	65.6 67.6	86.3 87.6	110.5 80.7	49.6 53.0	61.5 61.5	69.0 70.0	88.6 88.9
I3D	×	$56.0 \\ 32.1$	116.4 140.7	55.1 58.6	66.5 67.1	86.7 87.2	112.0 64.3	57.6 71.7	57.2 61.0	64.9 68.6	86.5 88.4
X3D	×	$6.42 \\ 5.38$	169.4 177.6	63.2 65.3	70.6 72.4	90.0 90.7	[X3	BD-M is d	lesigned t	for 16 fram	es]

Table 6: Action recognition results on Moments-In-Time. We set the search space as 2, i.e., models can choose to compute all feature maps or $\frac{1}{2}$ of them both on temporal and channel-wise convolutions. The speed uses clip/second as the unit.

Model	Dy.	GFLOPs	speed	clip-1	video-
R(2+1)D	X	55.2 42.5	97.1 105.5	27.0 27.3	28.8 30.1
I3D	×	56.0 32.1	116.4 140.7	25.7 26.3	26.8 28.5
X3D	×	6.20 5.21	169.4 177.4	24.8 26.7	24.8 27.7

Spatio-Temporal Action Localization

Table 8: Action localization results on J-HMDB. We set the search space as 2 for dynamic models. The speed uses clip/second as the unit.

Model	Dy.	GFLOPs	speed	mAP	Recall	Classif
I3D	×	$43.9 \\ 21.3$	141.1 167.4	44.8 47.2	67.3 65.6	87.2 91.1
X3D	×	$5.75 \\ 4.85$	176.3 184.6	47.9 50.0	65.2 65.8	93.2 93.0

Semantic Segmentation

Table 11: VA-RED² on semantic segmentation. We choose dilated ResNet-18 as our backbone architecture and set the search space as 2. Models are trained for 100K iterations with batch size of 8.

Model	Original model		Channel-wise reduction using VA-RED ²				
1,10001	GFLOPs	mean IoU	$\overline{ ext{GFLOPs}_{avg}}$	$GFLOPs_{max}$	$GFLOPs_{min}$	mean IoU	
Dilated ResNet-18	10.6	31.2%	7.8	9.1	7.3	31.3%	

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Comparison with Other Pruning Methods & Effect of Efficiency Loss

Table 7: Comparison with network pruning methods. We choose R(2+1)D on Mini-Kinetics-200 dataset with different number of input frames. Numbers in green/blue quantitatively show how much our proposed method is better/worse than these pruning methods.

Method	Frames	GFLOPs	clip-1
	8	19.9 (-0.1)	54.5 (+3.2)
Weight-level	16	40.3 (-0.1)	57.7 (+2.9)
	32	79.6 (-0.3)	59.6 (+3.7)
	8	23.8 (+3.8)	56.2 (+1.5)
CGNet	16	47.6 (+7.2)	57.8 (+2.8)
	32	95.3 (+16.0)	61.8 (+1.5)

Table 9: **Effect of efficiency loss on Kinetics-400.** *Eff.* denotes the efficiency loss.

Model	Eff.	GFLOPs	clip-1	video-1
R(2+1)D	No Yes	$\frac{49.8}{40.3}$	57.9 58.4	66.7 67.6
I3D	No Yes	56.0 32.1	58.0 58.6	66.5 67.1

Ablation Study

Table 10: **Ablation experiments on dynamic modeling along temporal and channel dimensions.** We choose R(2+1)D-18 on Mini-Kinetics-200 and set the search space to 2 in all the dynamic models.

Dy. Temp.	Dy. Chan.	8-frame				16-frame			
Zj. Temp.		GFLOPs	speed	clip-1	video-1	GFLOPs	speed	clip-1	video-1
×	X	27.7	192.1	56.4	66.8	55.2	97.1	57.5	67.5
✓	×	23.5	198.6	57.1	66.8	46.1	105.0	58.6	67.6
X	/	22.7	196.5	57.0	66.7	46.3	102.0	59.2	68.3
✓	✓	20.0	205.5	57.7	68.0	40.4	108.7	60.6	70.0

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Visualization and Analysis

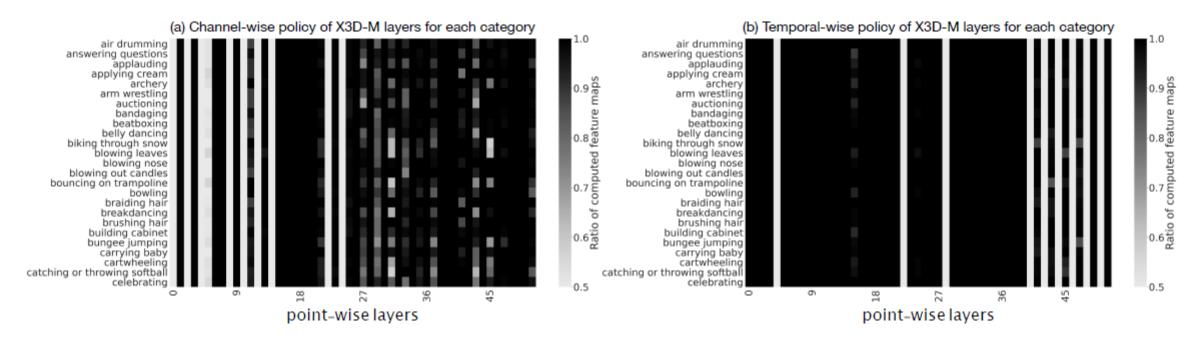


Figure 3: Ratio of computed feature per layer and class on Mini-Kinetics-200 dataset. We pick the first 25 classes of Mini-Kinetics-200 and visualize the per-block policy of X3D-M on each class. Lighter color means fewer feature maps are computed while darker color represents more feature maps are computed.

Visualization and Analysis

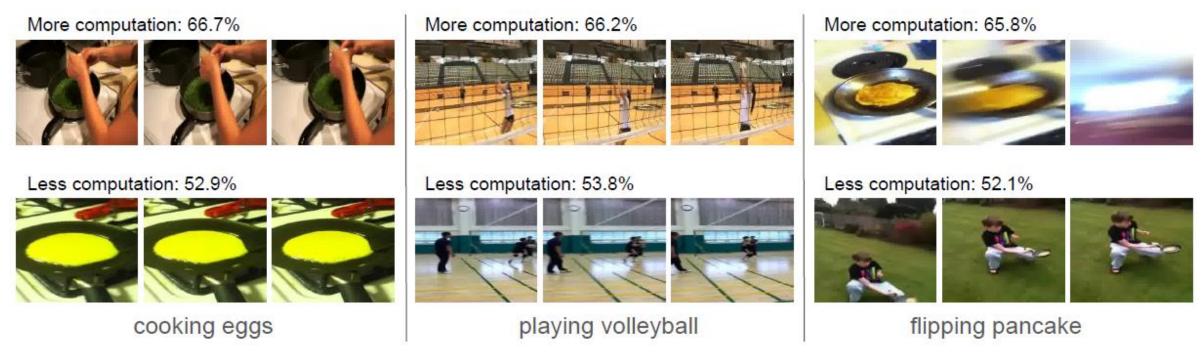


Figure 4: Validation video clips from Mini-Kinetics-200. For each category, we plot two input video clips which consume the most and the least computational cost respectively. We infer these video clips with 8-frame dynamic R(2+1)D-18 model trained on Mini-Kinetics-200 and the percentage indicates the ratio of actual computational cost of 2D convolution to that of the original fixed model. Best viewed in color.

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Redundancy Experiments

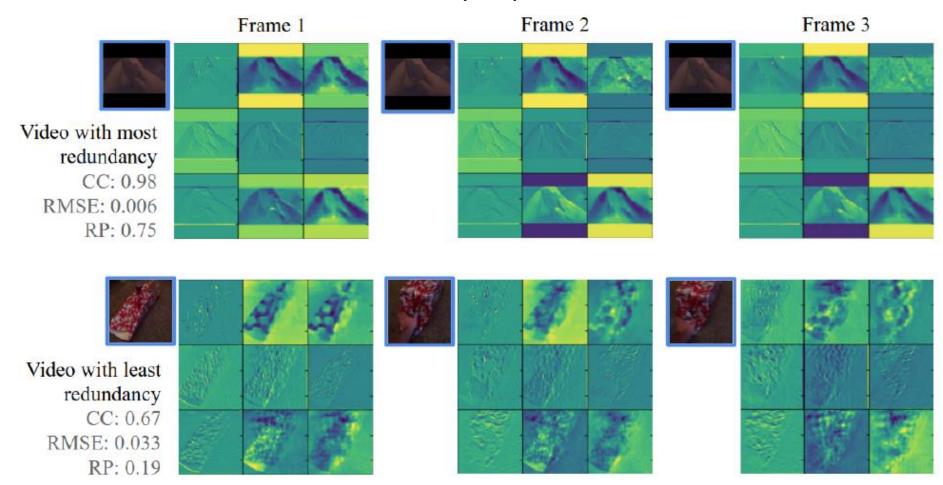
Dataset	Model	Dimension	CC	RMSE	RP
Moments-In-Time	I3D	Temporal	0.77	0.083	0.62
	I3D	Channel	0.71	0.112	0.48
	R(2+1)D	Temporal	0.73	0.108	0.49
	R(2+1)D	Channel	0.68	0.122	0.43
Kinetics-400	I3D	Temporal	0.81	0.074	0.68
	I3D	Channel	0.76	0.091	0.61
	R(2+1)D	Temporal	0.78	0.081	0.64
	R(2+1)D	Channel	0.73	0.088	0.58

CC: Correlation Coefficient

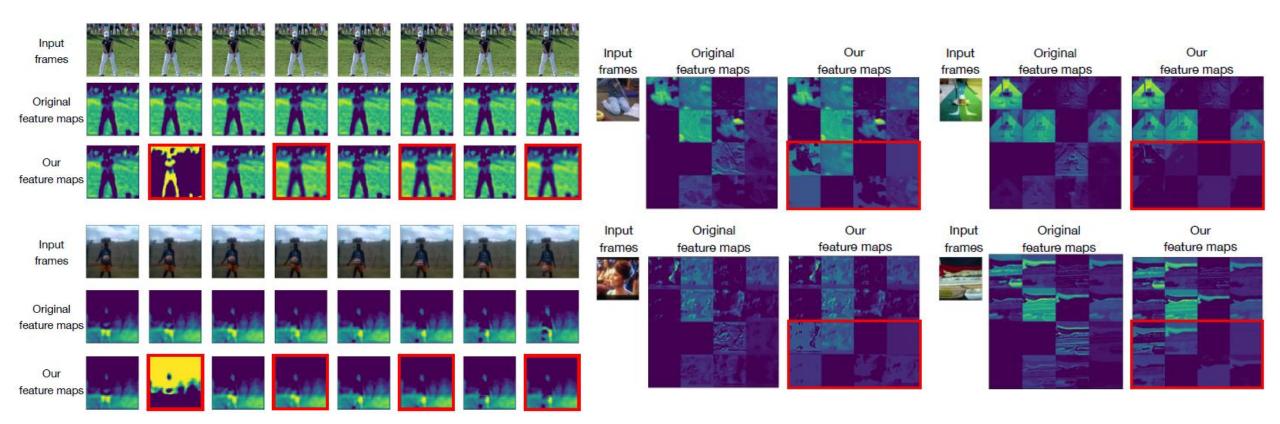
RMSE: Root Mean Square Error

RP: Redundancy Proportion

Redundancy Experiments



Feature Map Visualization



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Thank you.