# Are Spatial-Temporal Graph Convolution Networks for Human Action Recognition Over-Parameterized?

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### **1.** Appendix / supplemental material

#### **1.1. Implementations Details**

All experiments are conducted on one A100 GPU with the PyTorch deep learning framework. All models are trained for 100 epochs with the Cosine Annealing learning rate scheduler by using SGD with momentum 0.9, weight decay  $5e^{-4}$ . The initial learning rate was set to 0.1. The batch size was set to 128. To accelerate the training process, the input of temporal length was set to 64 in the ablation study. For a fair comparison, the input of temporal length was set to 100 when comparing the stare-of-the-arts. The pre-processing approach follows the setting in [3].

#### **1.2.** Datasets

**NTU RGB+D 60** [6]. The action samples are performed by 40 volunteers and categorized into 60 classes. Each sample contains an action and is guaranteed to have at most 2 subjects, which are captured by three Microsoft Kinect v2 cameras from different views concurrently. Two benchmarksre were commend : (1) cross-subject (NTU60-Xsub): training data comes from 20 subjects, and testing data comes from the other 20 subjects. (2) cross-view (NTU60–view): training data comes from camera views 2 and 3, and testing data comes from camera view 1.

**NTU RGB+D 120** [5]. NTU RGB+D 120 is currently the largest dataset with 3D joint annotations for HAR, which extends NTU RGB+D 60 with additional 57,367 skeleton sequences over 60 extra action classes. Totally 113,945 samples over 120 classes are performed by 106 volunteers, captured with three camera views. This dataset contains 32 setups, each denoting a specific location and background. The authors of this dataset recommend two benchmarks: (1) cross-subject (NTU120-Xsub): training data comes from 53 subjects. (2) cross-setup (NTU120-Xset): training data comes from samples with even setup IDs, and

testing data comes from samples with odd setup IDs.

**Kinetics-400** [2]. Kinetics-400 is a large-scale action recognition dataset with 400 actions. The skeletons were provided by [3], where the Openose algorithm [1] was applied for joint estimation. The box threshold of human detection is set as 0.5. After the validation, there are a total of 236,489 skeleton sequences for training and 19,505 skeleton sequences for testing.

**FineGYM** [7]. FineGYM is a fine-grained action recognition dataset with 29,000 videos of 99 fine-grained gymnastic action classes. Skeletons are extracted with groundtruth human bounding boxes as described in [4].

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