

What I Understand About RNNs (Recurrent Neural Networks):

1. RNNs are designed for sequential data

They process input data step by step, making them great for tasks like time series, language modeling, or speech recognition.

2. They have memory

RNNs keep track of previous inputs using a hidden state that gets updated at each time step. This helps them remember information from earlier in the sequence.

3. Same weights are reused

Unlike feedforward networks, RNNs use the same weights at every time step, which reduces the number of parameters and makes training more efficient.

4. They struggle with long sequences

Standard RNNs often forget long-term dependencies due to issues like vanishing gradients.

5. Variants like LSTM and GRU were created to fix this

Long Short-Term Memory (LSTM) and Gated Recurrent Unit (GRU) networks have special gates to help them remember important information for longer.

6. They take input step by step and produce output step by step

For example, in text generation, each word is predicted based on previous words.