## Neural networks

Feedforward neural network - artificial neuron

## ARTIFICIAL NEURON

Topics: connection weights, bias, activation function

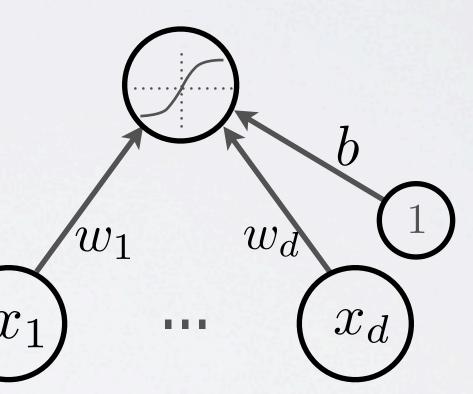
• Neuron pre-activation (or input activation):

$$a(\mathbf{x}) = b + \sum_{i} w_i x_i = b + \mathbf{w}^{\top} \mathbf{x}$$

· Neuron (output) activation

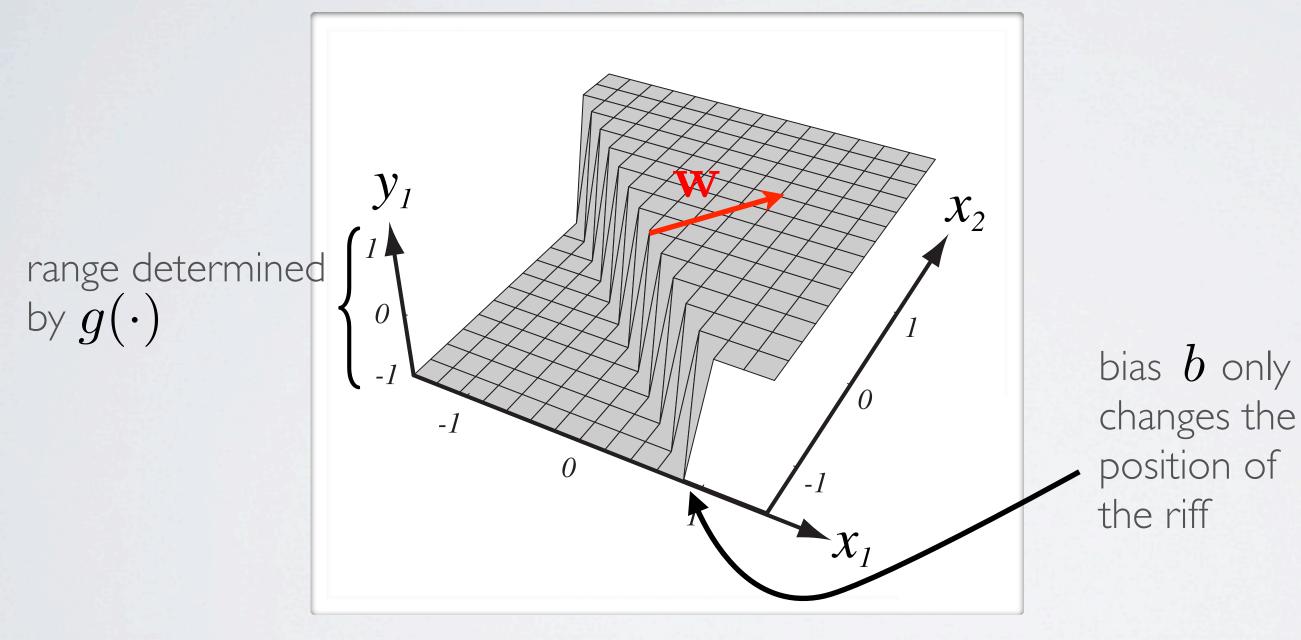
$$h(\mathbf{x}) = g(a(\mathbf{x})) = g(b + \sum_{i} w_i x_i)$$

- W are the connection weights
- b is the neuron bias
- $g(\cdot)$  is called the activation function



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(from Pascal Vincent's slides)