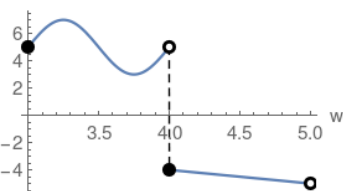


Piecewise Functions

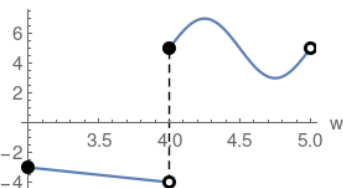
To define piecewise means that the function values and graphs are defined over a particular and generally limited section of the w-axis

$$\begin{cases} 2 \sin(2 \pi w) + 5 & 3 \leq w < 4 \\ -w & 4 \leq w < 5 \end{cases}$$



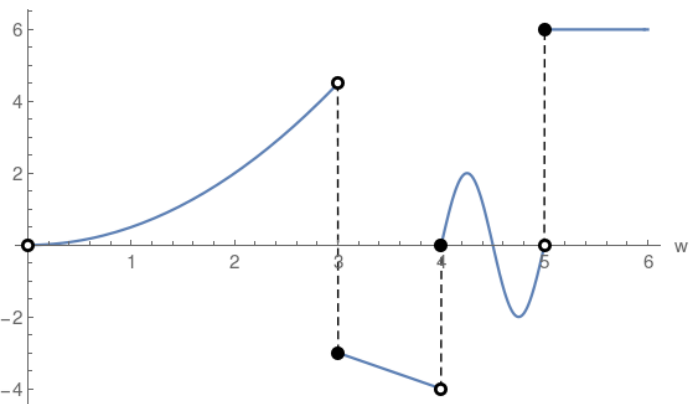
where two functions are placed together, and for that matter could be pieced differently i.e. swapped:

$$\begin{cases} -w & 3 \leq w < 4 \\ 2 \sin(2 \pi w) + 5 & 4 \leq w < 5 \end{cases}$$



More and more complicated functions could be placed together:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{w^2}{2} & 0 < w < 3 \\ -w & 3 \leq w < 4 \\ 2 \sin(2 \pi w) & 4 \leq w < 5 \\ 6 & w \geq 5 \end{cases}$$



Solid disk corresponds to inclusion of the point or any of $\leq \geq =$ operators



Hollow disk corresponds to the exclusion or any of the $< >$ operators

