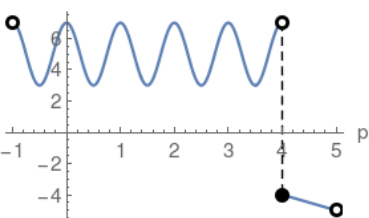


Piecewise Functions

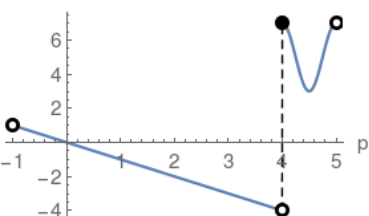
To define piecewise means that the function values and graphs are defined over a particular and generally limited section of the p-axis

$$\begin{cases} 2 \cos(2 \pi p) + 5 & -1 < p < 4 \\ -p & 4 \leq p < 5 \end{cases}$$



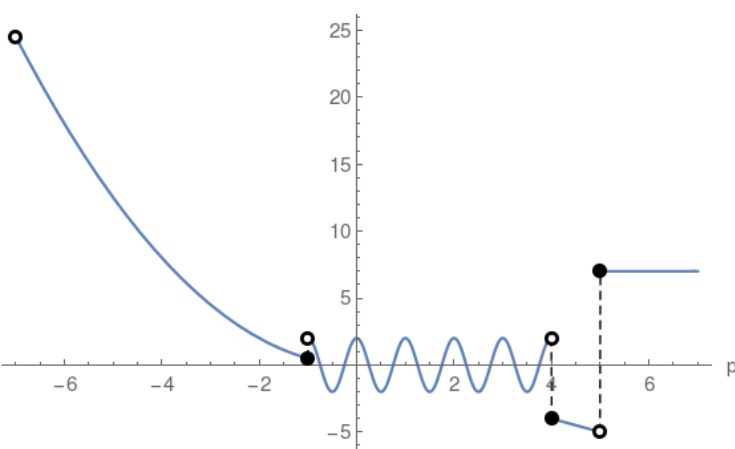
where two functions are glued together, and for that matter could be pieced differently i.e. swapped:

$$\begin{cases} -p & -1 < p < 4 \\ 2 \cos(2 \pi p) + 5 & 4 \leq p < 5 \end{cases}$$



More and more complicated functions could be glued together:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{p^2}{2} & -7 < p \leq -1 \\ 2 \cos(2 \pi p) & -1 < p < 4 \\ -p & 4 \leq p < 5 \\ 7 & p \geq 5 \end{cases}$$



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



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

