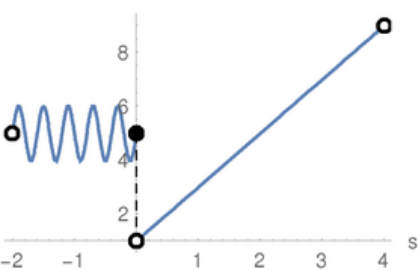


Piecewise Functions

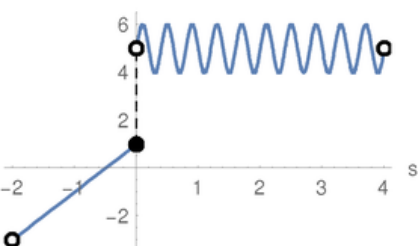
To define piecewise means that the function values and graphs are defined over a particular and generally limited section of the s-axis

$$\begin{cases} \sin(5\pi s) + 5 & -2 < s \leq 0 \\ 2s + 1 & 0 < s < 4 \end{cases}$$



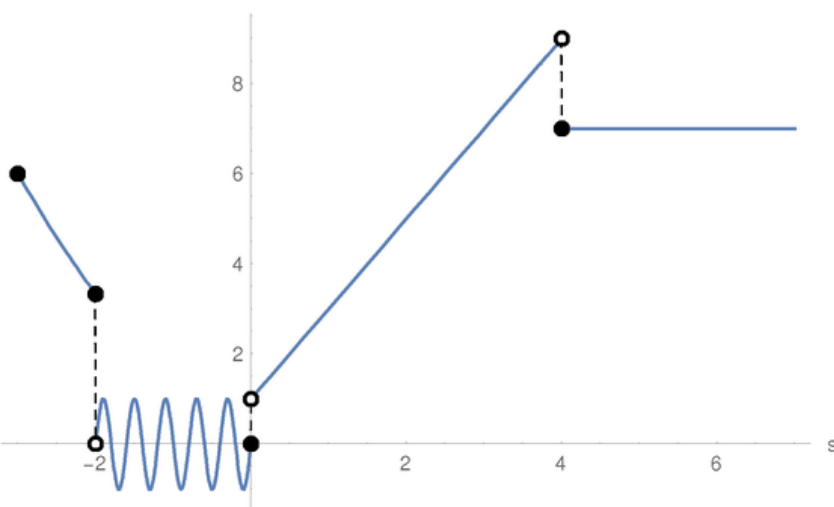
where two functions are pieced together, and for that matter could be pieced differently i.e. swapped:

$$\begin{cases} 2s + 1 & -2 < s \leq 0 \\ \sin(5\pi s) + 5 & 0 < s < 4 \end{cases}$$



More and more complicated functions could be pieced together:

$$\begin{cases} \frac{s^2}{3} - s & -3 \leq s \leq -2 \\ \sin(5\pi s) & -2 < s \leq 0 \\ 2s + 1 & 0 < s < 4 \\ 7 & s \geq 4 \end{cases}$$



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

