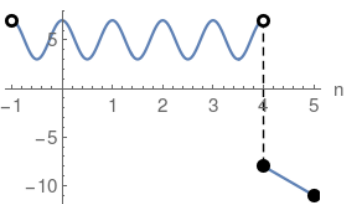


Piecewise Functions

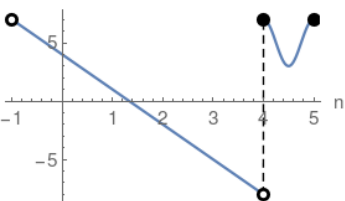
To define piecewise means that the function values and graphs are defined over a particular and generally limited section of the n-axis

$$\begin{cases} 2 \cos(2 \pi n) + 5 & -1 < n < 4 \\ 4 - 3n & 4 \leq n \leq 5 \end{cases}$$



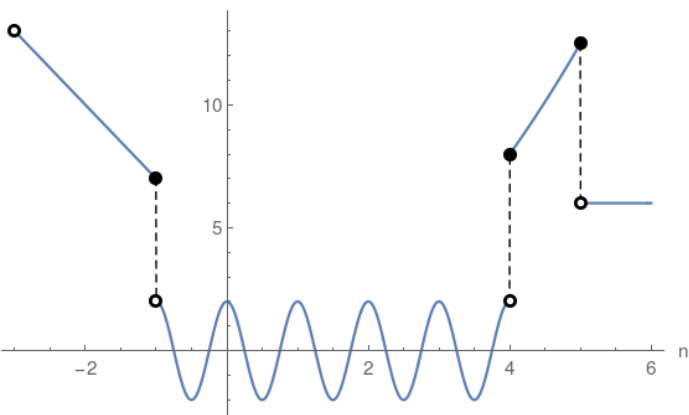
where two functions are stitched together, and for that matter could be pieced differently i.e. swapped:

$$\begin{cases} 4 - 3n & -1 < n < 4 \\ 2 \cos(2 \pi n) + 5 & 4 \leq n \leq 5 \end{cases}$$



More and more complicated functions could be stitched together:

$$\begin{cases} 4 - 3n & -3 < n \leq -1 \\ 2 \cos(2 \pi n) & -1 < n < 4 \\ \frac{n^2}{2} & 4 \leq n \leq 5 \\ 6 & n > 5 \end{cases}$$



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

