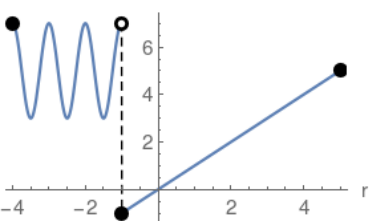


Piecewise Functions

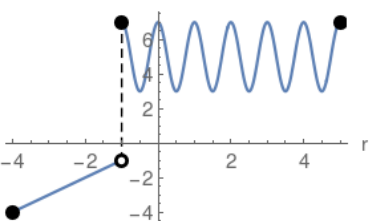
To define piecewise means that the function values and graphs are defined over a particular and generally limited section of the r-axis

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



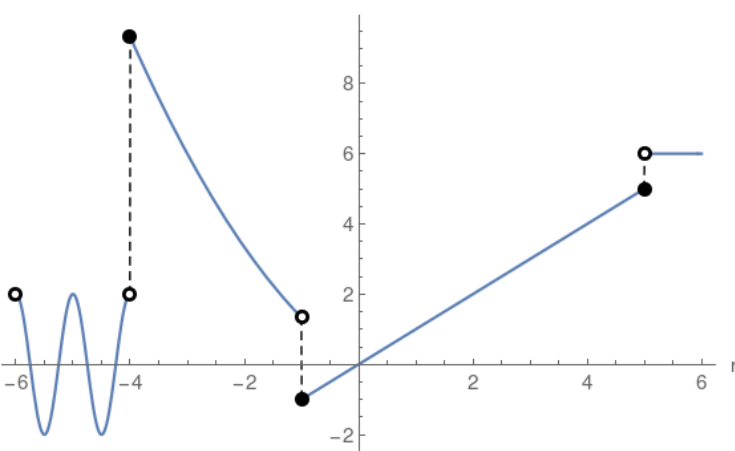
where two functions are stitched together, and for that matter could be pieced differently i.e. swapped:

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



More and more complicated functions could be stitched together:

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



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

