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

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{lll} 2 \, cos \, (2 \, \pi \, n) \, + 5 & -2 \, \leq \, n \, < \, -1 \\ n & -1 \, \leq \, n \, < \, 1 \end{array} \right.$$

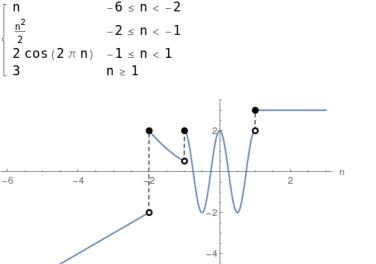


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could be pieced differently i.e. swapped: $-2 \le n < -1$

 $2 \cos(2 \pi n) + 5 - 1 \le n < 1$

More and more complicated functions could be juxtaposed together:



Solid disk corresponds to inclusion of the point or any of $\leqslant \ \geqslant \ =$ operators

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