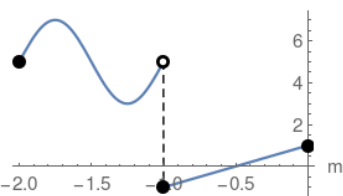


Piecewise Functions

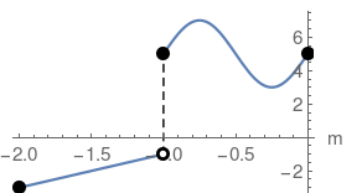
To define piecewise means that the function values and graphs are defined over a particular and generally limited section of the m-axis

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



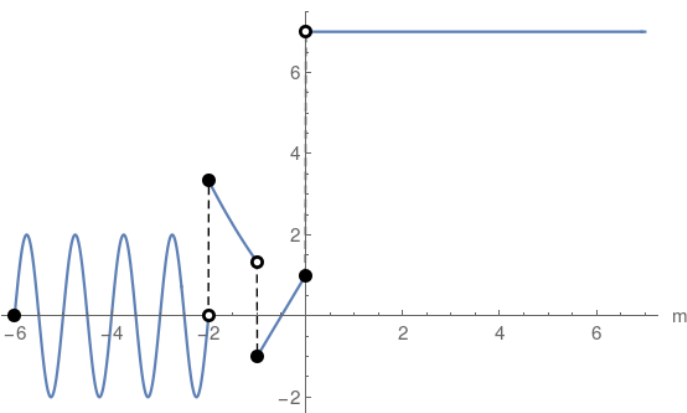
where two functions are placed together, and for that matter could be pieced differently i.e. swapped:

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



More and more complicated functions could be placed together:

$$\begin{cases} 2 \sin(2 \pi m) & -6 \leq m < -2 \\ \frac{m^2}{3} - m & -2 \leq m < -1 \\ 2m + 1 & -1 \leq m \leq 0 \\ 7 & m > 0 \end{cases}$$



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

