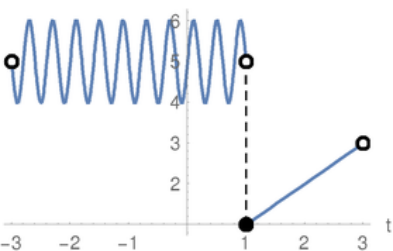


# Piecewise Functions

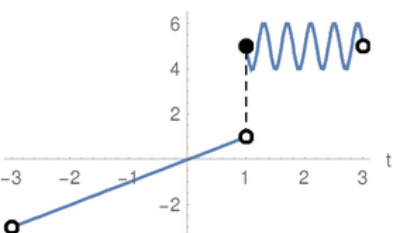
To define piecewise means that the function values and graphs are defined over a particular and generally limited section of the t-axis

$$\begin{cases} \sin(5\pi t) + 5 & -3 < t < 1 \\ t & 1 \leq t < 3 \end{cases}$$



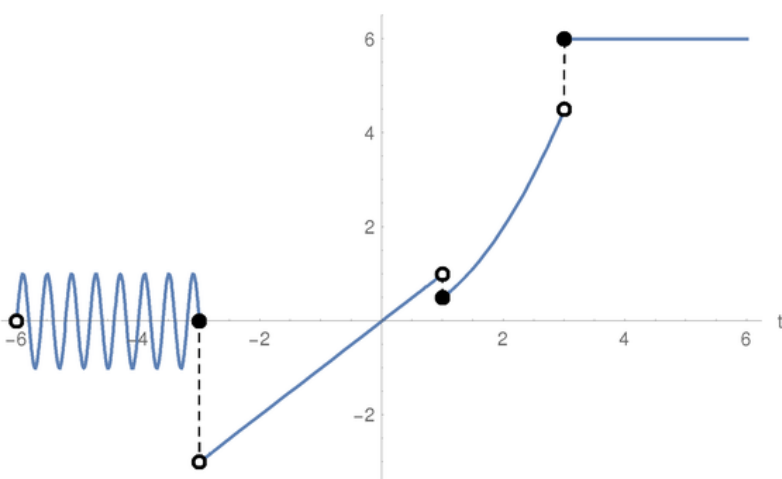
where two functions are glued together, and for that matter could be pieced differently i.e. swapped:

$$\begin{cases} t & -3 < t < 1 \\ \sin(5\pi t) + 5 & 1 \leq t < 3 \end{cases}$$



More and more complicated functions could be glued together:

$$\begin{cases} \sin(5\pi t) & -6 < t \leq -3 \\ t & -3 < t < 1 \\ \frac{t^2}{2} & 1 \leq t < 3 \\ 6 & t \geq 3 \end{cases}$$



**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

