

# Growth of Functions

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## 1 Asymptotic Notation

We define a  $\Theta$  notation as:

$$\Theta(g(n)) = \{f(n) \mid \exists c_1, c_2, n_0, 0 \leq c_1 g(n) \leq f(n) \leq c_2 g(n); \forall n, n \geq n_0\}$$

That is, a growth function like a sandwich. Noted that both  $f(n)$  and  $g(n)$  cannot be negative (**asymptotically positive**)

**Asymptotically tight bond:** for all  $n \geq n_0$ , the function  $f(n)$  is equal to  $g(n)$  to within a constant factor

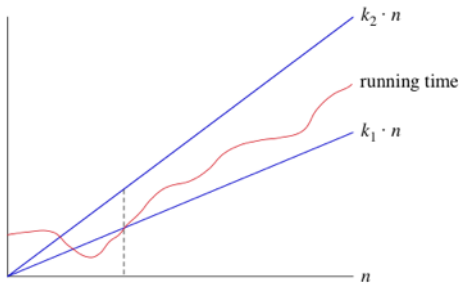


Figure 1: Example of an asymptotic tight bond