

# PROPERTIES OF BIG-THETA

The following are the properties of the big – theta notation:

1. *If  $f(n) = O(n)$  and  $g(n) = \Omega(n)$ , then  $f(n) = \Theta(n)$ .*

*$c_1 g(n) \leq f(n)$  or  $f(n) \geq c_1 g(n)$ , for all  $n \geq n_0$  is  $\Omega(n)$ .*

*$f(n) \leq c_2 g(n)$ , for all  $n \geq n_0$  is  $O(n)$ .*

Hence both upper bound and lower bound must exist to have Theta that is **tight upper bound** and **tight lower bound** must exist to produce **tight bound**.

2. For any polynomial of the order of  $k$ , one can show that

*$f(n)$  is in  $\Theta(n^k)$ .*

Thus, asymptotic notations are helpful in representing the order of growth of an algorithm.