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func(n){  
  
  if (base case)  
    return result => O(1)  
  else if (....)  
    func(n/2) .... //search key in half-sized of n => T(n/2) + c (time to compute half-  
                                                             sized n, plus some  
                                                             standard operations)  
  
  else  
    func(n/2).... //search key in another half-sized of n => T(n/2) + c, similar case  
}
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Let $T(n)$ be the time complexity

$T(n) = T(n/2) + c$ (We are only concerned 1/2 of original size, n .)

since $T(n/2) = T(n/4) + c$, therefore:

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= (T(n/4) + c) + c \\ &= T(n/4) + 2c \\ &= T(n/8) + 3c \end{aligned}$$

...

$T(n) = T(n/2^k) + kc$ (Generalized form)

We know $T(1) = c$, because only 1 possibility -> base case, let $k = \log_2 n$

$$\begin{aligned} T(n) &= T(n/2^{\log_2 n}) + c \log_2 n \\ &= T(n/n) + c \log_2 n \\ &= T(1) + c \log_2 n \\ &= c + c \log_2 n \end{aligned}$$

Therefore: $T(n) = O(\lg n)$ or $O(\log_2 n)$