

# B-Tree Insert Complexity Proof

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## 1 Theorem: B-Tree Insert Complexity

**Statement:** Inserting into a B-Tree with  $n$  keys takes  $O(\log n)$  time.

## 2 Proof

1. Find insertion point:  $O(\log n)$  (same as search)
2. Insert into leaf:  $O(1)$
3. If node splits:
  - Split operation:  $O(t) = O(1)$  if  $t$  is constant
  - Propagate split upward: at most  $O(\log n)$  levels
4. Total time:  $O(\log n) + O(\log n) \times O(1) = O(\log n)$

**Conclusion:** B-Tree insert has  $O(\log n)$  time complexity.