

### **Classwork: Binary search calculations**

My binary search algorithm takes about 9ms to search a 10,000 entry array, and about 13ms to search 1,000,000 elements. How long would I expect it to take to search 10,000,000 elements

$$\begin{aligned}\log_2(10,000) &= 13 \text{ steps} = 9\text{ms} \\ \log_2(1,000,000) &= 20 \text{ steps} = 13\text{ms} \\ \log_2(10,000,000) &= 23 \text{ steps} = x\end{aligned}$$

We can calculate the ms per step for the first 2 cases:

$$9/13 = \mathbf{0.69 \text{ ms/step}}$$

And

$$13/20 = \mathbf{0.65 \text{ ms/step}}$$

The **average** would be **0.67 ms/step**

It takes us 3 more steps from  $n = 1,000,000$  to  $n = 10,000,000$  so  $0.67 \times 3$  should be the extra milliseconds required for  $n = 10,000,000$ .

$$(0.67\text{ms/step}) \times 3\text{steps} = 2 \text{ ms}$$

**Answer: 15ms**