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Cost per level:  $c_2 n \log n$

Total Cost:  $\sum_{j=0}^{k-1} c_2 n \log(\frac{n}{2^j})$

$k = \log_2 n = \# \text{ levels}$

Multiply by number of levels:  $\log n \cdot c_2 n \log(\frac{n}{2})$

We can reason that the "2<sup>j</sup>" term makes the inequality smaller;

therefore, we can say that removing this term will maintain the inequality correctness, as we are making this RHS term greater. So, we can bound  $T(n) \leq c_2 n (\log n)^2$ . Next for the lower bound, assume  $n$  is a power of 2 =  $2^k$ .

$\sum_{j=0}^k c_1 n \log(\frac{2^k}{2^j}) \rightarrow \sum_{j=0}^k c_1 n (k-j) \rightarrow \text{Rearrange} \rightarrow c_1 n \sum_{j=0}^k j \rightarrow c_1 n (\frac{k(k+1)}{2}) \rightarrow$  Using the same reasoning from the RHS, we can lower the LHS and still preserve correctness of the inequality. Therefore, for

simplicity, we can lower the LHS to  $c_1 n \frac{k^2}{2}$ ,  $k = \text{num levels} = \log_2 n \rightarrow c_1 n (\log_2 n)^2 / 2 \rightarrow$

This bounds  $c_1 n (\log_2 n)^2 \leq T(n)$