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Binary Search

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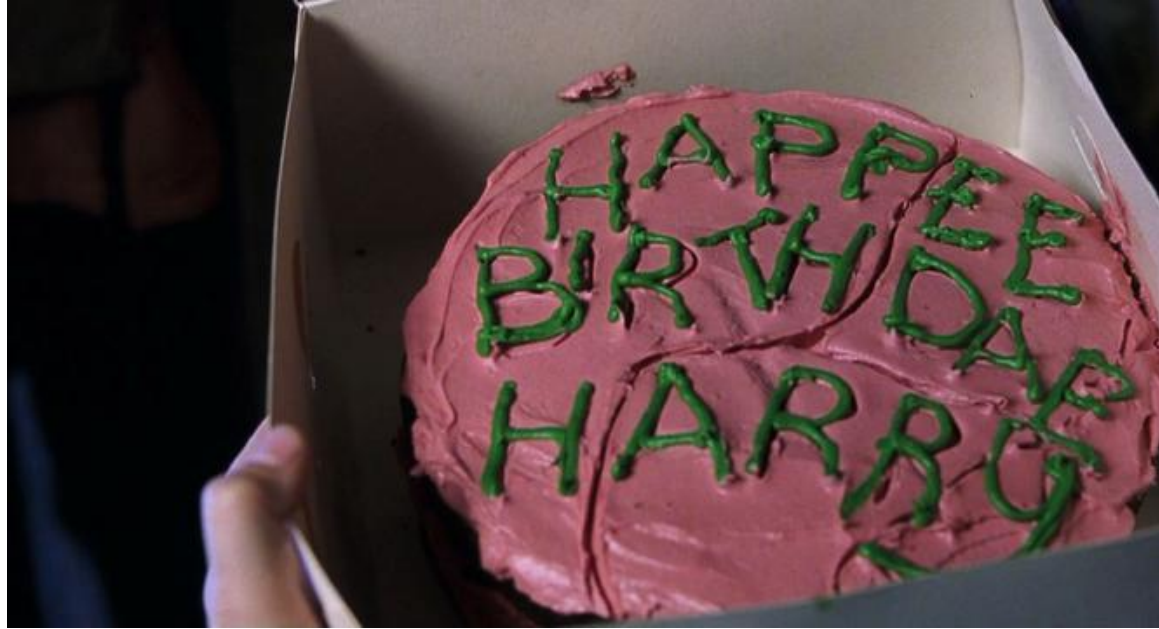
## Faster search

- Binary search
- Divide and conquer
- Complexity

# Next

## Faster sort

# Birthday 20 Questions



Guess the date of my birthday. I'll tell you if:

- 1) you're right
- 2) date should be **earlier** in the year
- 3) date should be **later** in the year

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- ☐ A 6
- ☐ B 7
- ☐ C 32
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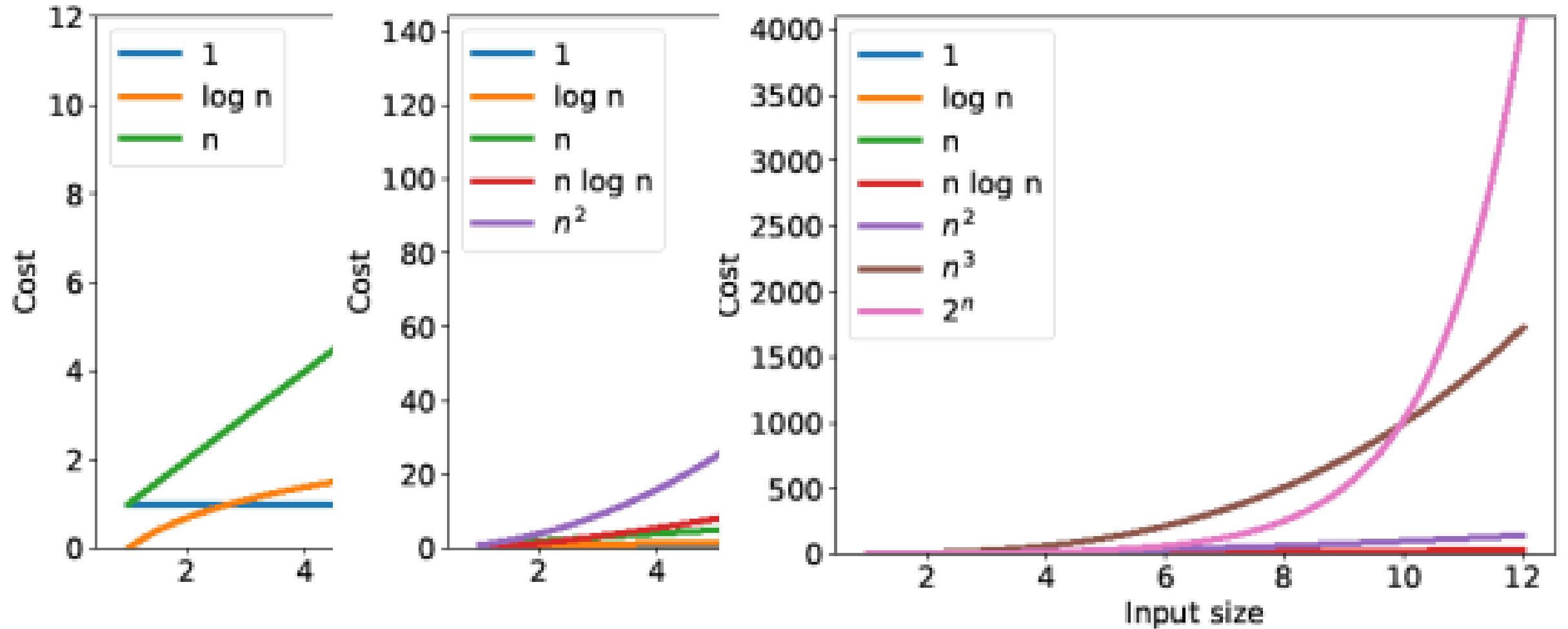
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$N$	10	100	1000	10K	100K	1M	10M	100M
$\log_2 N$	3.3	6.6	10.0	13.3	16.6	19.9	23.3	26.6
$\lceil \log_2 N \rceil + 1$	4	7	11	14	17	20	24	27

# Complexity Classes



# Searching sorted data

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## Binary search

1) Check middle

A) If found, return index

B) Otherwise **binary search** lower/higher half

# Searching sorted data

Seems simple

- <https://reprog.wordpress.com/2010/04/19/are-you-one-of-the-10-percent>
- <http://googleresearch.blogspot.com/2006/06/extra-extra-read-all-about-it-nearly.html>
- <http://www.envisage-project.eu/proving-android-java-and-python-sorting-algorithm-is-broken-and-how-to-fix-it>

# Contract for binary search

How should we modify the contract from sorted linear search?

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implies  $\text{!is\_in}(x, A, 0, lo)$
- $\text{lt\_seg}(x, A, lo, n)$  by line 19  
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## TERM??

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B: if  $A[mid] < x$ :

- $lo' = mid+1$  by line 25
- $0 \leq lo$  by line 16
- $lo \leq mid$  by line 21
- $0 \leq mid$  by math
- $0 \leq mid+1??$
- $mid < hi$  by line 21
- $mid < \text{int\_max}()$
- $mid+1 \leq \text{int\_max}()$
- $0 \leq mid+1$ 
  - so  $0 \leq lo'$
  - $lo' \leq hi$  (just proved)
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- $lo' \leq mid$  **by line 21**

- $lo' \leq hi'$

- $mid \leq n$  by lines 16, 21

- $hi' \leq n$  by line 28

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LI2)  $gt\_seg(x, A, 0, lo);$

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LI2) gt_seg(x, A, 0, lo);
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# Binary search

## Computing the mid-point

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7  {
8      int lo = 0;
9      int hi = n;
10
11     while (lo < hi)
12     {
13         // int mid = lo;           // This is linear search!
14         // int mid = (hi + lo)/2;   // The bug Joshua Bloch found!
15         int mid = lo + (hi - lo)/2;
16         //@assert lo <= mid && mid < hi;
17
```