# CSE 373: BSTs, AVL trees 

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With your neighbor, answer the following questions:

1. How much work is done JUST within the base case?
2. Within the recursive case, how much work do we do IGNORING the recursive calls?
3. How much work does each recursive call make, in terms of $T(\ldots)$ and $n$ ?
where $T(n)$ is the runtime of mystery

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Suppose we add the following invariant to ArrayDictionary:

## SortedArrayDictionary invariant

The internal array, at all times, must remain sorted.

How do you implement get? What's the big- $\Theta$ bound?

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    Let $n=$ highIndex - lowIndex. Let $c$ be the time needed to perform the comparisons. Model the runtime as a recurrence.

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Binary search takes about $\Theta(\log (n))$ time, where $n$ is the initial size of the array.

Note: in computer science, we assume $\log (n)=\log _{2}(n)$.

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Formal definition of trees

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- Root node: The (single) node with no parent - the "top" of the tree
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- Leaf node: A node with no children
- Edge: A pointer from one node to another
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Example of a binary SEARCH tree (BST):


A binary SEARCH tree contains comparable items such that for every node, all children to the left have smaller keys and all children to the right have larger keys.

## Binary Search Tree vs Binary Tree

## Important:

## Binary Search Tree (BST) $\neq$ Binary Tree

## Implementing the dictionary interface

Question: how do we implement the dictionary operations?
What are their runtimes with respect to $n$ (number of nodes in the tree) and/or $h$ (height of the tree)?

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| containsKey | Do a recursive search. | $\Theta(h)$ |

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Can we somehow modify a BST so it always stays "balanced"?

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## AVL tree invariants review

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