

# CSC236 fall 2012

time complexity

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Using Introduction to the Theory of Computation,  
Chapter 3

# Outline

complexity of recursive functions

Notes

# binary search

Recursive  $T(n)$

```
def recBinSearch(x, A, b, e) :  
    if b == e :  
        if x <= A[b] :  
            return b  
        else :  
            return e + 1  
    else :  
        m = (b + e) // 2 # midpoint  
        if x <= A[m] :  
            return recBinSearch(x, A, b, m)  
        else :  
            return recBinSearch(x, A, m+1, e)
```

# Lower bound on $T(n)$ ... by unwinding



# Upper bound on $T(n)$

trouble!

# Notes