

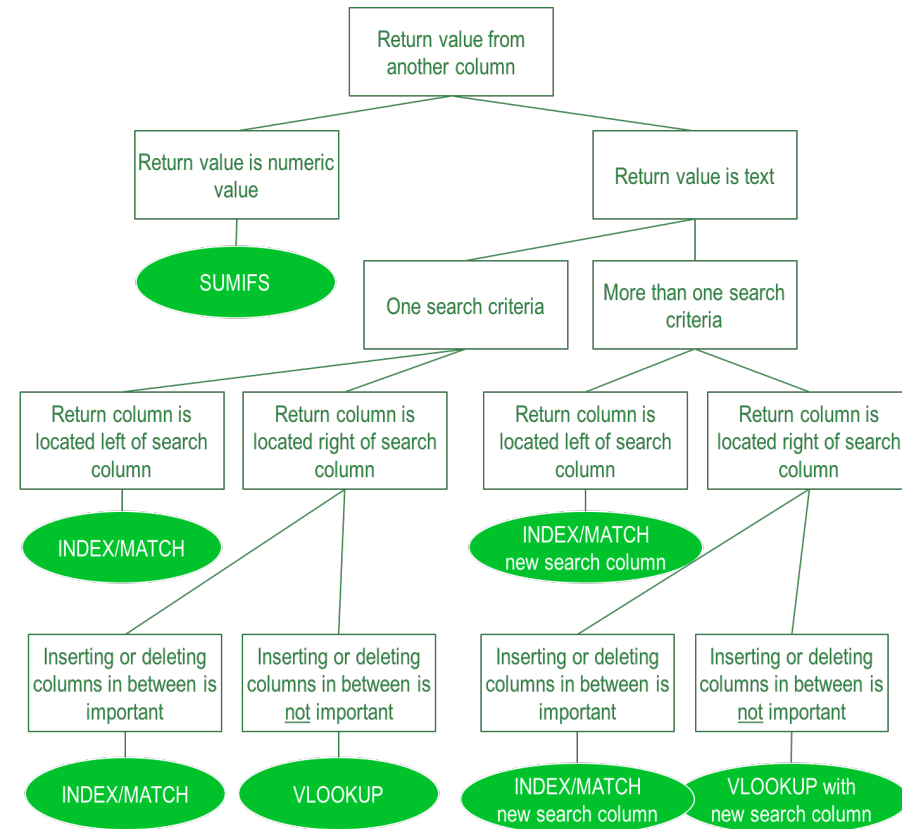
When to use VLOOKUP, SUMIFS or INDEX/MATCH in Excel

Comparison

	VLOOKUP	SUMIFS	INDEX-MATCH
Application	Easy	Easy	Difficult
Return Number	✓	✓	✓
Return Text	✓	✗	✓
Return Column	Only on right hand side of search column	Any	Any
Lookup value several times	Return first instance	Return sum	Return first instance
Stability¹⁾	✗	✓	✓
More than one search criteria	✗	✓	✗

1) Return value adapts when inserting column

Decision Tree



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