

## External memory implicit searching

Given a static input array  $A$  of  $N$  keys in the EMM (external memory or cache-aware model), describe how to organize the keys inside  $A$  by suitably permuting them during a preprocessing step, so that any subsequent search of a key requires  $O(\log_B N)$  block transfers using just  $O(1)$  memory words of auxiliary storage (besides those necessary to store  $A$ ). Clearly, the CPU complexity should remain  $O(\log N)$ . Discuss the I/O complexity of the above preprocessing, assuming that it can use  $O(N/B)$  blocks of auxiliary storage. (Note that the additional  $O(N/B)$  blocks are employed only during the preprocessing; after that, they are discarded as the search is implicit and thus just  $O(1)$  words can be employed.)

### SOLUTION