Clothing Distribution Project

Summary:

Assume you have a collection of donated clothes and you plan to distribute them to a given group of children. Your goal is to distribute them as fairly as possible, while ensuring that the clothes fit and that each child gets at least one summer item and one winter item.

Information provided:

- Clothes
 - Size (S, M, L, XL, one-size-fits-all)
 - Season (summer, winter)
 - Retail price
- Children
 - Size

Example input (tab-separated values):

Clothes

A1 M summer 8 A2 XL summer 12 A3 ALL winter 11

...

Children

C1 S C2 XL C3 M

...

Constraints:

Each clothing item is given to exactly one child Clothing size must match the chosen child's size Each child receives at least one summer item and one winter item

Objective:

- Let R = the sum of the retail prices for all of the clothing
- Let *N* = the number of children
- R/N = the fair share for each child
- Let C_i = the sum of the clothing prices for child i
- \circ | $R/N C_i$ | = the amount over/under that child *i* received
- Your project code must compute a distribution that will provide the *absolute minimum* value for *D*, where *D* is:

$$D = \sum_{i=1}^{N} \left| \frac{R}{N} - C_i \right|$$

Command line arguments:

 $./clothing\ input File Name\ output File Name$

Example output format (tab-separated values):

C1 A5 A13 A20 32 C2 A2 A8 29 ... C24 A19 A33 31 D 12

Be sure to include the C_i values for each child, as the last value, and the D value on the last line of the output!

Rubric:

Item	Points
Compiles and runs with correct command line arguments on the clark server	25
Programming style	20
Correctly formatted output file	5
Optimal solutions returned	50

Notes:

Code must be written in C/C++
Signed Academic Integrity statement must be submitted