Bricklayers

We have to build N>0 brick walls each the same length but with varying heights in feet $\{h_1, h_2, ..., h_N\}$. It takes a bricklayer one hour to add a foot in height to a wall.



2 feet high, so 2 hours to build

We have a team of B>0 bricklayers.

We assign each wall to exactly one bricklayer.

Each bricklayer may be assigned zero or more walls.

What is the minimum amount of time it will take to build all N walls?

Write a function

int bricklayers(int b, int a[], int len)

where

b is the number of bricklayers

a[] is an array of wall heights

len is the number of walls (i.e., the number of elements in a [])

and returns the minimum time to build the walls if b, len> 0 and all a[i]>0,

otherwise returns -1

File you must submit: soln_func.cc

Examples:

 $b=1, a[]=\{10, 10\}, len=2$

Returns: 20

Explanation: The only bricklayer (b=1) must build both walls. Minimum time is time it takes to build all the walls, one after the other.

 $b=2, a[]=\{10, 30\}, len=2$

Returns: 30

Explanation: Two bricklayers, two walls, assign a bricklayer to each wall. Minimum time is the height of the tallest wall

b=5, a[]={40, 10}, len=2

Returns: 40

Explanation: Many more bricklayers than walls. Assign a bricklayer to each wall (other bricklayers do nothing). Minimum time is the height of the tallest wall.

 $b=2, a[]={40, 10, 30, 20}, len=4$

Returns: 50

Explanation: First bricklayer builds first two walls (40,10), second bricklayer remaining walls (30,20).

b=3, $a[={40, 10, 30, 20}, len=4]$

Returns: 40

Explanation: 1st bricklayer builds first walls (40), other two bricklayers are assigned (10,30) (20) or (10,20) (30).

 $b=0, a[]={40, 10, 30, 20}, len=4$

 $b=1, a[]=\{1\}, len=0$

 $b=1, a[]=\{0\}, len=1$

Each returns: -1

Explanation: Each does not satisfy b, len > 0 and all a [i] > 0.