# 1891. Cutting Ribbons Premium

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You are given an integer array ribbons, where ribbons[i] represents the length of the ith ribbon, and an integer k. You may cut any of the ribbons into any number of segments of **positive integer** lengths, or perform no cuts at all.

- For example, if you have a ribbon of length 4, you can:
  - Keep the ribbon of length 4,
  - Cut it into one ribbon of length 3 and one ribbon of length 1,
  - Cut it into two ribbons of length 2,
  - Cut it into one ribbon of length 2 and two ribbons of length 1, or
  - Cut it into four ribbons of length 1.

Your task is to determine the **maximum** length of ribbon, x, that allows you to cut *exactly* x ribbons, each of length x. You can discard any leftover ribbon from the cuts. If it is **impossible** to cut x ribbons of the same length, return 0.

## Example 1:

**Input:** ribbons = [9,7,5], k = 3

Output: 5 Explanation:

- Cut the first ribbon to two ribbons, one of length 5 and one of length 4.
- Cut the second ribbon to two ribbons, one of length 5 and one of length 2.
- Keep the third ribbon as it is.

Now you have 3 ribbons of length 5.

## Example 2:

**Input:** ribbons = [7,5,9], k = 4

Output: 4
Explanation:

- Cut the first ribbon to two ribbons, one of length 4 and one of length 3.
- Cut the second ribbon to two ribbons, one of length 4 and one of length 1.
- Cut the third ribbon to three ribbons, two of length 4 and one of length 1.

Now you have 4 ribbons of length 4.

### Example 3:

**Input:** ribbons = [5,7,9], k = 22

Output: 0

**Explanation:** You cannot obtain k ribbons of the same positive integer length.

#### **Constraints:**

- 1 <= ribbons.length <= 10<sup>5</sup>
- 1 <= ribbons[i] <= 10<sup>5</sup>
- 1 <= k <= 10<sup>9</sup>

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