

# Fair Distribution of Cookies

You are given an integer array `cookies`, where `cookies[i]` denotes the number of cookies in the  $i^{\text{th}}$  bag. You are also given an integer `k` that denotes the number of children to distribute **all** the bags of cookies to. All the cookies in the same bag must go to the same child and cannot be split up.

The **unfairness** of a distribution is defined as the **maximum total** cookies obtained by a single child in the distribution.

Return *the **minimum unfairness** of all distributions*.

## **Example 1:**

**Input:** `cookies = [8,15,10,20,8]`, `k = 2`

**Output:** 31

**Explanation:** One optimal distribution is `[8,15,8]` and `[10,20]`

- The 1<sup>st</sup> child receives `[8,15,8]` which has a total of  $8 + 15 + 8 = 31$  cookies.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> child receives `[10,20]` which has a total of  $10 + 20 = 30$  cookies.

The unfairness of the distribution is  $\max(31, 30) = 31$ .

It can be shown that there is no distribution with an unfairness less than 31.

## **Example 2:**

**Input:** `cookies = [6,1,3,2,2,4,1,2]`, `k = 3`

**Output:** 7

**Explanation:** One optimal distribution is `[6,1]`, `[3,2,2]`, and `[4,1,2]`

- The 1<sup>st</sup> child receives `[6,1]` which has a total of  $6 + 1 = 7$  cookies.
- The 2<sup>nd</sup> child receives `[3,2,2]` which has a total of  $3 + 2 + 2 = 7$  cookies.
- The 3<sup>rd</sup> child receives `[4,1,2]` which has a total of  $4 + 1 + 2 = 7$  cookies.

The unfairness of the distribution is  $\max(7, 7, 7) = 7$ .

It can be shown that there is no distribution with an unfairness less than 7.

## **Constraints:**

- $2 \leq \text{cookies.length} \leq 8$
- $1 \leq \text{cookies}[i] \leq 10^5$
- $2 \leq k \leq \text{cookies.length}$