

Homework1 for EECS 340

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1 Give a recursive algorithm to find the average (mean) value of an array of 2^k decimal numbers, where $k \in \mathbb{N}$.

Answer: The proposed algorithm is like follow:

Algorithm A1: Average(L , $position_{start}$, $position_{end}$)

Data: A list of 2^k decimal numbers L , and the start and end position of calculation, $position_{start}$ and $position_{end}$.

Result: The average of all the numbers in L .

if $position_{start} = position_{end}$ **then**

return $L(position_{start})$

else

return $0.5 \times (\text{Average}(L, position_{start}, \frac{position_{start} + position_{end} - 1}{2}) + \text{Average}(L, \frac{position_{start} + position_{end} + 1}{2}, position_{end}))$

end if

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