Calculation of the Running Average

The running average can be calculated using Equation 1:

$$avg[n] = avg[n-1] * (n-1)/n + current_sample * 1/n$$
 (1)

where avg[n] is the average of n samples, avg[n-1] is the average of the previous n-1 samples, and $current_sample$ is the value that will be combined with avg[n-1] to obtain the new average.

Example:

Let us assume we have the following set of samples: 1, 2, 3, 4, and 5. The running average for this sequence of samples can be calculated using Eq. 1.

avg[1] = 1
avg[2] = avg[1] *
$$(2-1)/2 + 2 * 1/2 = 3/2$$

avg[3] = $3/2 * (3-1)/3 + 3 * 1/3 = 2$
avg[4] = $2 * (4-1)/4 + 4 * 1/4 = 5/2$
avg[5] = $5/2 * (5-1)/5 + 5 * 1/5 = 3$

