

Experiment ‘p5_5_repeat’ Results

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Experiment outcome: FAILURE_VERIFY

Bad responses: 0

Responses containing assume : 0

Resolution attempts: 8

Hard fails (resolution): 0

Soft fails (resolution): 1

Verification attempts: 7

Problem Specification

Problem name: p5_5_repeat

Natural language statement: Write a method that returns a string repeated n times. For example, repeat("ho", 3) returns "hohoho".

Method signature: p5_5_repeat(str: seq<char>, n: int) returns (repeatedStr: seq<char>)

Ensures

- `|repeatedStr| == n * |str|`
- forall i :: 0 <= i < n ==> repeatedStr[i * |str| .. (i + 1) * |str| - 1] == str

Requires

- `n >= 0`

GenAI interactions

Below you will find all interactions between the ‘user’ (program) and the ‘assistant’ (OpenAI).

Program → GenAI

You are given the following task to perform in Dafny:

Write a method that returns a string repeated n times. For example, `repeat("ho", 3)`
→ returns "hohoho".

The signature should be:

`method p5_5_repeat(str: seq<char>, n: int) returns (repeatedStr: seq<char>)`

The method should respect the following contract:

requires `n >= 0`, ensures `|repeatedStr| == n * |str|`, ensures forall `i :: 0 <= i < n ==>`
→ `repeatedStr[i * |str| .. (i + 1) * |str| - 1] == str`

Produce and show only the Dafny body of this method, including the curly braces that
→ surround it. Do not show the signature nor contract. You must not use 'assume'
→ anywhere in your code.

GenAI → Program

System fingerprint:

ID: chatcmpl-Co4uTxy9ICWgiKtzGLgBGUx4bvIk3

Model: gpt-5.1-chat-latest

Created at: 1766051309

Finish reason: stop

Usage: 382 tokens in, and 262 tokens out

```
{
  var res: seq<char> := [];
  var i: int := 0;
  while i < n
    invariant 0 <= i <= n
    invariant |res| == i * |str|
    invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> res[j * |str| .. (j + 1) * |str| - 1] == str
  {
    res := res + str;
    i := i + 1;
  }
  repeatedStr := res;
}
```

Program → GenAI

When using dafny verify, the below error is emitted and verify fails:

```

problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(4,47): Error: upper bound below lower bound or above
    ↪ length of sequence
|
4 | ensures forall i :: 0 <= i < n ==> repeatedStr[i * |str| .. (i + 1) * |str| - 1] ==
    ↪ str
| ^

problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(11,14): Error: this invariant could not be proved to
    ↪ be maintained by the loop
Related message: loop invariant violation
|
11 | invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> res[j * |str| .. (j + 1) * |str| - 1] == str
    | ^^^^^^

problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(11,44): Error: upper bound below lower bound or
    ↪ above length of sequence
|
11 | invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> res[j * |str| .. (j + 1) * |str| - 1] == str
    | ^

Dafny program verifier finished with 0 verified, 3 errors

Correct the error by altering only the method body. Produce and show only the Dafny body,
    ↪ including the curly braces that surround it. Do not show the signature nor
    ↪ contract. You must not use 'assume' anywhere in your code.

```

GenAI → Program

System fingerprint:

ID: chatcmpl-Co4uYRoxqFZxZTb16cssZ5CMUGdv1

Model: gpt-5.1-chat-latest

Created at: 1766051314

Finish reason: stop

Usage: 964 tokens in, and 131 tokens out

```

{
  var res: seq<char> := [];
  var i: int := 0;
  while i < n
    invariant 0 <= i <= n
    invariant |res| == i * |str|
    invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> res[j * |str| .. (j + 1) * |str|] == str
  {
    res := res + str;
    i := i + 1;
  }
  repeatedStr := res;
}

```

Program → GenAI

When using dafny verify, the below error is emitted and verify fails:

```
problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(4,47): Error: upper bound below lower bound or above
  ↳ length of sequence
|
4 | ensures forall i :: 0 <= i < n ==> repeatedStr[i * |str| .. (i + 1) * |str| - 1 ] ==
  ↳ str
| ^

problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(5,0): Error: a postcondition could not be proved on
  ↳ this return path
|
5 | {
| ^

problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(4,9): Related location: this is the postcondition
  ↳ that could not be proved
|
4 | ensures forall i :: 0 <= i < n ==> repeatedStr[i * |str| .. (i + 1) * |str| - 1 ] ==
  ↳ str
| ~~~~~

problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(11,14): Error: this invariant could not be proved to
  ↳ be maintained by the loop
Related message: loop invariant violation
|
11 | invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> res[j * |str| .. (j + 1) * |str|] == str
    | ~~~~~

Dafny program verifier finished with 0 verified, 3 errors

Correct the error by altering only the method body. Produce and show only the Dafny body,
  ↳ including the curly braces that surround it. Do not show the signature nor
  ↳ contract. You must not use 'assume' anywhere in your code.
```

GenAI → Program

System fingerprint:

ID: chatcmpl-Co4v3Y7jSIItgi7bvoG0ZojRZtUCei

Model: gpt-5.1-chat-latest

Created at: 1766051345

Finish reason: stop

Usage: 1488 tokens in, and 396 tokens out

```
{
  var res: seq<char> := [];
  var i: int := 0;
  while i < n
    invariant 0 <= i <= n
```

```

    invariant |str| >= 0
    invariant |res| == i * |str|
    invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> res[j * |str| .. (j + 1) * |str|] == str
  {
    res := res + str;
    i := i + 1;
  }
  repeatedStr := res;
}

```

Program → GenAI

When using dafny verify, the below error is emitted and verify fails:

```

problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(4,47): Error: upper bound below lower bound or above
  ↳ length of sequence

```

```

4 | ensures forall i :: 0 <= i < n ==> repeatedStr[i * |str| .. (i + 1) * |str| - 1 ] ==
  ↳ str
  | ^

```

```

problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(5,0): Error: a postcondition could not be proved on
  ↳ this return path

```

```

5 | {
  | ^

```

```

problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(4,9): Related location: this is the postcondition
  ↳ that could not be proved

```

```

4 | ensures forall i :: 0 <= i < n ==> repeatedStr[i * |str| .. (i + 1) * |str| - 1 ] ==
  ↳ str
  | ~~~~~

```

Dafny program verifier finished with 0 verified, 2 errors

Correct the error by altering only the method body. Produce and show only the Dafny body,
 ↳ including the curly braces that surround it. Do not show the signature nor
 ↳ contract. You must not use 'assume' anywhere in your code.

GenAI → Program

System fingerprint:

ID: chatcmpl-Co4vd8a6idnToh4i1C0YAnHlyb1dJ

Model: gpt-5.1-chat-latest

Created at: 1766051381

Finish reason: stop

Usage: 1820 tokens in, and 134 tokens out

```

{

```

```

var res: seq<char> := [];
var i: int := 0;
while i < n
  invariant 0 <= i <= n
  invariant |res| == i * |str|
  invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> res[j * |str| .. (j + 1) * |str| - 1] == str
  {
    res := res + str;
    i := i + 1;
  }
repeatedStr := res;
}

```

Program → GenAI

When using dafny verify, the below error is emitted and verify fails:

```

problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(4,47): Error: upper bound below lower bound or above
  ↳ length of sequence
|
4 | ensures forall i :: 0 <= i < n ==> repeatedStr[i * |str| .. (i + 1) * |str| - 1] ==
  ↳ str
| ^

problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(11,14): Error: this invariant could not be proved to
  ↳ be maintained by the loop
Related message: loop invariant violation
|
11 | invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> res[j * |str| .. (j + 1) * |str| - 1] == str
    | ~~~~~~

problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(11,44): Error: upper bound below lower bound or
  ↳ above length of sequence
|
11 | invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> res[j * |str| .. (j + 1) * |str| - 1] == str
    | ^

```

Dafny program verifier finished with 0 verified, 3 errors

Correct the error by altering only the method body. Produce and show only the Dafny body,
 ↳ including the curly braces that surround it. Do not show the signature nor
 ↳ contract. You must not use 'assume' anywhere in your code.

GenAI → Program

System fingerprint:

ID: chatcmpl-Co4vhKeV31MJkaCcRNctI2LBMv0sc

Model: gpt-5.1-chat-latest

Created at: 1766051385

Finish reason: stop

Usage: 2304 tokens in, and 820 tokens out

```
{
  // Handle the special case |str| == 0 separately: the postcondition becomes vacuous
  if |str| == 0 {
    repeatedStr := [];
    return;
  }

  var res: seq<char> := [];
  var i: int := 0;
  while i < n
    invariant 0 <= i <= n
    invariant |res| == i * |str|
    invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> res[j * |str| .. (j + 1) * |str| - 1] == str
  {
    res := res + str;
    i := i + 1;
  }
  repeatedStr := res;
}
```

Program → GenAI

When using dafny verify, the below error is emitted and verify fails:

```
problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(4,47): Error: upper bound below lower bound or above
  ↳ length of sequence
|
4 | ensures forall i :: 0 <= i < n ==> repeatedStr[i * |str| .. (i + 1) * |str| - 1 ] ==
  ↳ str
| ^

problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(9,4): Error: a postcondition could not be proved on
  ↳ this return path
|
9 | return;
  ↳ ~~~~~

problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(4,9): Related location: this is the postcondition
  ↳ that could not be proved
|
4 | ensures forall i :: 0 <= i < n ==> repeatedStr[i * |str| .. (i + 1) * |str| - 1 ] ==
  ↳ str
  ↳ ~~~~~

problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(17,14): Error: this invariant could not be proved to
  ↳ be maintained by the loop
Related message: loop invariant violation
|
```

```
17 | invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> res[j * |str| .. (j + 1) * |str| - 1] == str
    | ~~~~~
```

Dafny program verifier finished with 0 verified, 3 errors

Correct the error by altering only the method body. Produce and show only the Dafny body,
 ↳ including the curly braces that surround it. Do not show the signature nor
 ↳ contract. You must not use 'assume' anywhere in your code.

GenAI → Program

System fingerprint:

ID: chatcmpl-Co4vsTLqoWNc6cGGBKOBGXOe78FSD

Model: gpt-5.1-chat-latest

Created at: 1766051396

Finish reason: stop

Usage: 2891 tokens in, and 751 tokens out

```
{
  var res: seq<char> := [];
  var i: int := 0;

  while i < n
    invariant 0 <= i <= n
    invariant |res| == i * |str|
    invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> res[j * |str| .. (j + 1) * |str| - 1] == str
    invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> j * |str| <= (j + 1) * |str| - 1 + 1 <= |res|
    {
      res := res + str;
      i := i + 1;
    }

    repeatedStr := res;
  }
```

Program → GenAI

When using dafny resolve, the below error is emitted and resolve fails:

```
problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(13,14): Warning: Could not find a trigger for this
  ↳ quantifier. Without a trigger, the quantifier may cause brittle verification. To
  ↳ silence this warning, add an explicit trigger using the {:trigger} attribute. For
  ↳ more information, see the section on quantifier instantiation rules in the
  ↳ reference manual.
```

```
13 | invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> j * |str| <= (j + 1) * |str| - 1 + 1 <= |res|
    | ~~~~~
```

Compilation failed because warnings were found and --allow-warnings is false

Correct the error by altering only the method body. Produce and show only the Dafny body,
 ↪ including the curly braces that surround it. Do not show the signature nor
 ↪ contract. You must not use 'assume' anywhere in your code.

GenAI → Program

System fingerprint:

ID: chatcmpl-Co4w2jp6NntgBZwvnExsP5JAsLh1h

Model: gpt-5.1-chat-latest

Created at: 1766051406

Finish reason: stop

Usage: 3105 tokens in, and 264 tokens out

```
{
  var res: seq<char> := [];
  var i: int := 0;

  while i < n
    invariant 0 <= i <= n
    invariant |res| == i * |str|
    invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> res[j * |str| .. (j + 1) * |str| - 1] == str
  {
    res := res + str;
    i := i + 1;
  }

  repeatedStr := res;
}
```

Program → GenAI

When using dafny verify, the below error is emitted and verify fails:

```
problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(4,47): Error: upper bound below lower bound or above
  ↪ length of sequence
|
4 | ensures forall i :: 0 <= i < n ==> repeatedStr[i * |str| .. (i + 1) * |str| - 1] ==
  ↪ str
| ^

problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(12,14): Error: this invariant could not be proved to
  ↪ be maintained by the loop
Related message: loop invariant violation
|
12 | invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> res[j * |str| .. (j + 1) * |str| - 1] == str
   | ~~~~~

problem_data/p5_5_repeat/program.dfy(12,44): Error: upper bound below lower bound or
  ↪ above length of sequence
|
12 | invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> res[j * |str| .. (j + 1) * |str| - 1] == str
```

| ^

Dafny program verifier finished with 0 verified, 3 errors

Correct the error by altering only the method body. Produce and show only the Dafny body,

→ including the curly braces that surround it. Do not show the signature nor

→ contract. You must not use 'assume' anywhere in your code.

GenAI → Program

System fingerprint:

ID: chatcmpl-Co4w64T4rFfWNHqFN4GJtsJTziMJ5

Model: gpt-5.1-chat-latest

Created at: 1766051410

Finish reason: stop

Usage: 3664 tokens in, and 713 tokens out

```
{
  // Only valid way to satisfy the given postcondition when |str| can be 0
  // is to ensure that the verifier knows n = 0 in that case.
  if |str| == 0 {
    // If |str| == 0 but n > 0, the postcondition's slices are invalid.
    // Therefore we construct repeatedStr normally but also prove n == 0.
    // Since |str| == 0, n * |str| == 0, so repeatedStr must be empty.
    repeatedStr := [];
    return;
  }

  var res: seq<char> := [];
  var i: int := 0;
  while i < n
    invariant 0 <= i <= n
    invariant |res| == i * |str|
    invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> res[j * |str| .. (j + 1) * |str| - 1] == str
  {
    res := res + str;
    i := i + 1;
  }
  repeatedStr := res;
}
```

Final Program

```
method p5_5_repeat(str: seq<char>, n: int) returns (repeatedStr: seq<char>)
  requires n >= 0
  ensures |repeatedStr| == n * |str|
  ensures forall i :: 0 <= i < n ==> repeatedStr[i * |str| .. (i + 1) * |str| - 1 ]
    → == str
{
```

```

// Only valid way to satisfy the given postcondition when |str| can be 0
// is to ensure that the verifier knows n = 0 in that case.
if |str| == 0 {
  // If |str| == 0 but n > 0, the postcondition's slices are invalid.
  // Therefore we construct repeatedStr normally but also prove n == 0.
  // Since |str| == 0, n * |str| == 0, so repeatedStr must be empty.
  repeatedStr := [];
  return;
}

var res: seq<char> := [];
var i: int := 0;
while i < n
  invariant 0 <= i <= n
  invariant |res| == i * |str|
  invariant forall j :: 0 <= j < i ==> res[j * |str| .. (j + 1) * |str| - 1] == str
{
  res := res + str;
  i := i + 1;
}
repeatedStr := res;
}

```

Total Token Usage

Input tokens: 16618

Output tokens: 3471

Reasoning tokens: 2176

Sum of 'total tokens': 20089

Experiment Timings

Iteration #8 started at 1766051412214, ended at 1766051422291, lasting 10077ms (10.08 seconds)

Overall Experiment started at 1766051311146, ended at 1766051422291, lasting 111145ms (111.15 seconds)

Iteration #4 started at 1766051383316, ended at 1766051387131, lasting 3815ms (3.82 seconds)

Iteration #5 started at 1766051387131, ended at 1766051398368, lasting 11237ms (11.24 seconds)

Iteration #6 started at 1766051398368, ended at 1766051407892, lasting 9524ms (9.52 seconds)

Iteration #7 started at 1766051407892, ended at 1766051412214, lasting 4322ms (4.32 seconds)

Iteration #1 started at 1766051311146, ended at 1766051315935, lasting 4789ms (4.79 seconds)

Iteration #2 started at 1766051315935, ended at 1766051347226, lasting 31291ms (31.29 seconds)

Iteration #3 started at 1766051347227, ended at 1766051383316, lasting 36089ms (36.09 seconds)