

implies that $0 \leq n - i$, and gives Dafny a lower bound on the quantity. This also works when the bound n is not constant, such as in the binary search algorithm, where two quantities approach each other, and neither is fixed.

If the **decreases** clause of a loop specifies $*$, then no termination check will be performed. Use of this feature is sound only with respect to partial correctness.

19.13.3. Loop Framing

In some cases we also must specify what memory locations the loop body is allowed to modify. This is done using a **modifies** clause. See the discussion of framing in methods for a fuller discussion.

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19.14. Match Statement

```
MatchStmt =
  "match"
  Expression(allowLemma: true, allowLambda: true)
  ( "{ { CaseStmt } }"
    | { CaseStmt }
    )

CaseStmt = "case" ExtendedPattern ">" { Stmt }
```

[`ExtendedPattern` is defined in [Section 20.32](#).]

The **match** statement is used to do case analysis on a value of an inductive or co-inductive datatype (which includes the built-in tuple types), a base type, or newtype. The expression after the **match** keyword is called the *selector*. The expression is evaluated and then matched against each clause in order until a matching clause is found.

The process of matching the selector expression against the `CaseBinding_s` is the same as for match expressions and is described in [Section 20.32](#).

The code below shows an example of a match statement.

```
datatype Tree = Empty | Node(left: Tree, data: int, right: Tree)

// Return the sum of the data in a tree.
method Sum(x: Tree) returns (r: int)
{
  match x {
    case Empty => r := 0;
    case Node(t1, d, t2) =>
      var v1 := Sum(t1);
      var v2 := Sum(t2);
```