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# Induction

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(define multiply
  (lambda ((a <number>) (b <integer>))
    (cond ((zero? b) 0)
          ((odd? b)
           (+ a (multiply (+ a a) (quotient b 2))))
          (else
           (multiply (+ a a) (quotient b 2))))))
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Construct a proof using induction that shows this procedure works correctly. In other words, your proof should show that, for any number  $a$  and any integer  $b \geq 0$ , that  $(\text{multiply } a \ b)$  returns the value  $ab$ .

For all a, and for all integers  $b \geq 0$ ,  
(multiply a b) ==> {a \* b}.  
Proof of induction on b.

Assume (multiply a k) ==> {a \* k} for all  $k < b$   
    (multiply a (k-1)) ==> {a \* (k-1)}  
                            ==> {ak - a}

If (k - 1) is odd and (k - 1) > 2:  
    (+ a (multiply (+ a a) (quotient (k - 1) 2)))  
    (+ a (multiply {2a} {k/2 - 1}))  
    (+ a ak -2a)  
    {ak - a}

If (k - 1) is even and (k - 1) > 2:  
    (multiply (+ a a) (quotient (k - 1) 2))  
    (multiply {2a} {k/2 - 1/2})  
    (+ ak -a)  
    {ak - a}

Base case

The inductive case handles all k, but when  $b = 0$   
(multiply k 0) ==>  
(cond ((zero? b) 0 ...)) ==>  
    (zero? 0) ==> #t, so evaluate CONSEQUENT  
==> {0}