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Short Assignment 3

Proof by induction on variable b, natural number

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P(b): (multiply a b) = a*b
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Base Case:

Prove that (multiply a $\{0\}$) = a*0 (multiply a $\{0\}$) by the substitution model is (cond ((zero? $\{0\}$) 0 ...) which is $\{0\}$ and that is right as a*0 = 0

Inductive Hypothesis:

For all k, elements of the set of all natural numbers, less than b, assume that (multiply a k) = a*k

Inductive Step:

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Show that (multiply a b) = a*b
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{b} can't be 0 as k is a natural number and less than b

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if (b) is odd,
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(+ {a} (multiply (+ {a} {a}) (quotient {b} 2)))
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We know that (+ {a} {a}) is {2a}

Since b is odd, (quotient $\{b\}$ 2) is $\{b/2 - 1/2\}$ which is less than k

So we can simplify to $(+ \{a\} \text{ (multiply } \{2a\} \{b/2 - 1/2\}) \text{ and because b/2 is less than b, by the inductive hypothesis,}$

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(multiply \{2a\} \{b/2 - 1/2\}) = \{2a\} * \{b/2 - 1/2\} = a*(b-1) = a*b-a
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Plugging that into the formula,

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(+ \{a\} (multiply (+ \{a\} \{a\}) (quotient \{b\} 2))) = (+ \{a\} \{a*b - a\}) = a*b
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if (b) is even, (multiply (+ \{a\} \{a\}) (quotient \{b\} 2))) We know that (+ \{a\} \{a\}) is \{2a\} and Because b is even, (quotient \{b\} 2) is \{b/2\} which is less than k So we can simplify to (multiply \{2a\} \{b/2\}) and because b/2 is less than b, by the inductive hypothesis, (multiply (+ \{a\} \{a\}) (quotient \{b\} 2))) = (multiply \{2a\} \{b/2\} = \{2a\} * \{b/2\} = a*b
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Thus by induction, (multiply a b) = a*b