HW #2

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- a. Base Case: First, we check if isEven (double (S^0 Z)) evaluates to True. isEven (double (S^0 Z)) is the same as isEven (double Z). double Z evaluates to Z via the first branch in the case statement, thus the statement becomes isEven Z. This last statement then evaluates to True via the first branch in the case statement. Thus, isEven (double (S^0 Z)) is True and the statement holds for n = 0.
- b. Inductive Step: We need to show that isEven (double (S^(n+1) Z)) evaluates to True. We assume that isEven (double (S^n Z)) evaluates to True. Notice that isEven (double (S^(n+1) Z)) can be represented as isEven (double (S (S^n Z))), so by the second branch of the case statement in the double function, this will evaluate to isEven (S (S (double (S^n Z)))). However in the assumption, we have already established the fact that (double (S^n Z)) is even. We just need to show that the rest of (S (S (double (S^n Z)))) is even. We show this by using the second branch of the case statement in the isEven function. n' is (S (double (S^n Z))) and n'' is (double (S^n Z)). As already established, n'' is even. Therefore isEven (double (S^(n+1) Z)) evaluates to True and the isEven (double (S^n Z)) evaluates to True for all natural numbers n. □