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[To show $S = \mathbb{N}$ by using MI .]

Suppose $k \in S$. Now $1 \in S \implies \{1\} \subseteq S \implies 2 \in S \implies$

$\{1, 2\} \subseteq S \implies 3 \in S \implies \{1, 2, 3\} \subseteq S$. Continuing, within a finite number of steps, we get $\{1, 2, \dots, k\} \subseteq S \implies k \in S \implies k + 1 \in S$ (by MI).

Thus, by MI , $S = \mathbb{N}$ as SI is proved.

$$(SI \implies MI)$$

We are given that SI is true.

Let $S \subseteq \mathbb{N} \ni 1 \in S$ and $(k \in S \implies k + 1 \in S)$.

[To show $S = \mathbb{N}$ by using SI .] Suppose $\{1, 2, \dots, k\} \in S$. Then $k \in S \implies k + 1 \in S$.

Thus $S = \mathbb{N}$ by SI , so MI is proved. □

As a result of this equivalence, once one of the three is taken as an axiom, the two others follow as Corollaries.