

• We wish to prove $\int \phi d\vec{\ell} = \int (\hat{n} \times \nabla \phi) dS$

Start with Stokes theorem applied to $\vec{F} = \phi \vec{A}$ where \vec{A} is a constant vector

$$\int \vec{F} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \int (\nabla \times \vec{F}) \cdot \hat{n} dS$$

and expand both sides using the definition of \vec{F}

$$\int \phi \vec{A} \cdot d\vec{\ell} = \int \nabla \times (\phi \vec{A}) \cdot \hat{n} dS$$

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Re-arranging yields

$$\vec{A} \cdot \left(\int \phi d\vec{\ell} - \int \hat{n} \times \nabla \phi dS \right) = 0$$

and since \vec{A} is arbitrary

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