

We wish to prove Green's 1<sup>st</sup> Theorem

$$\int_V (\phi \nabla^2 \psi + \nabla \phi \cdot \nabla \psi) dV = \int_S \phi \nabla \psi \cdot \hat{n} dS$$

Start by defining the vector  $\vec{A} = \phi \nabla \psi$ . Then  $\text{div}(\vec{A})$  is given by

$$\text{div}(\vec{A}) = \vec{\nabla} \cdot (\phi \nabla \psi) = \vec{\nabla} \phi \cdot \vec{\nabla} \psi + \phi \nabla^2 \psi$$

So we can write

$$\int_V (\phi \nabla^2 \psi + \nabla \phi \cdot \nabla \psi) dV = \int_V \text{div}(\vec{A}) dV$$

and using the divergence theorem

$$\int_V \text{div}(\vec{A}) dV = \int_S \vec{A} \cdot \hat{n} dS = \int_S \phi \nabla \psi \cdot \hat{n} dS$$