

n = unit outward normal

$$\underline{t} = \underline{m} \wedge \underline{n} = \underline{n} = \text{tangent vector}$$

along the contour C, $d\underline{l} = \underline{m} dl$

Recall Stokes Theorem:

$$\oint_C \underline{F} \cdot d\underline{l} = \int_S \underline{n} \cdot (\nabla \times \underline{F}) dS$$

so that

$$\oint_C \underline{F} \cdot \underline{m} dl = \int_S \underline{n} \cdot (\nabla \times \underline{F}) dS$$

In order to develop a generalization of this theorem:

let $\underline{F} = \underline{f} \wedge \underline{b}$, where \underline{b} is an arbitrary constant vector

$$\Rightarrow \oint_C (\underline{f} \wedge \underline{b}) \cdot \underline{m} dl = \int_S \underline{n} \cdot \underbrace{\nabla \times (\underline{f} \wedge \underline{b})}_{\underline{b} \cdot (\underline{f} \wedge \underline{m})} dS$$

$$\underline{f}(\nabla \cdot \underline{b}) - \underline{b}(\nabla \cdot \underline{f}) + \underline{b} \cdot \nabla \underline{f} - \cancel{\underline{f} \cdot \nabla \underline{b}} \quad (\text{standard vector identity})$$

$$\Rightarrow \underline{b} \cdot \oint_C (\underline{f} \wedge \underline{m}) dl = \underline{b} \cdot \int_S [\underline{n}(\nabla \cdot \underline{f}) - (\nabla \cdot \underline{f}) \cdot \underline{n}] dS$$

∴ Since \underline{b} is arbitrary,

$$\oint_C (\underline{f} \wedge \underline{m}) dl = \int_S [\underline{n}(\nabla \cdot \underline{f}) - (\nabla \cdot \underline{f}) \cdot \underline{n}] dS$$

$$\Rightarrow \text{If } \underline{f} = \gamma \underline{n}, \quad \underline{n} \wedge \underline{m} = -\underline{t},$$

$$\begin{aligned} -\oint_C \gamma \underline{t} dl &= \int_S [\underline{n} \nabla \cdot (\gamma \underline{n}) - \nabla(\gamma \underline{n}) \cdot \underline{n}] dS \\ &= \int_S [\underline{n} \nabla \gamma \cdot \underline{n} + \gamma \underline{n}(\nabla \cdot \underline{n}) - \nabla \gamma - \gamma (\nabla \cdot \underline{n}) \cdot \underline{n}] dS \end{aligned}$$

$$\therefore \oint_C \gamma \underline{t} dl = \int_S [\nabla \gamma - \gamma \underline{n}(\nabla \cdot \underline{n})] dS$$