



Prove $\int_S \nabla \times \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{\sigma} = 0$

when S is a closed surface.

Assume $S = S_1 + S_2$, and C is the plane,

the line where S_1 and S_2 meet.

$$\text{So } \int_{S_1 \text{ at } C} \nabla \times \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{\sigma} = \oint_{S_1 \text{ at } C} \nabla \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$\int_{S_2 \text{ at } C} \nabla \times \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{\sigma} = \int_{S_2 \text{ at } C} \nabla \cdot d\vec{l} = - \int_{S_1 \text{ at } C} \nabla \cdot d\vec{l}$$

$$\text{So } \int_S \nabla \times \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{\sigma} = \int_{S_1} \nabla \times \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{\sigma} + \int_{S_2} \nabla \times \vec{v} \cdot d\vec{\sigma} = 0$$

There is another way, but not as simple.