

# Steps for Analyzing Surface Integrals

We wish to **evaluate** an integral of the form:

$$\iint_S \mathbf{A}(\vec{r}_S) \cdot \vec{dS}$$

To successfully accomplish this, simply follow **these** steps:

- Step 1:** Determine the 1 equality, 2 inequalities, and  $\vec{dS}$  for the surface  $S$  (be careful of direction!).
- Step 2:** **Evaluate** the dot product  $\mathbf{A}(\vec{r}_S) \cdot \vec{dS}$ .
- Step 3:** Write the resulting scalar field using the **same** coordinate system as surface  $S$ .
- Step 4:** Evaluate the scalar field using the coordinate **equality** that described surface  $S$ .
- Step 5:** Determine the **limits of integration** from the **inequalities** that describe surface  $S$ .
- Step 6:** Integrate the remaining function of **two** coordinate variables.