Let f(x, y, z) be a continuous function on a smooth surface S in 3-space

$$S: \vec{r}(u,v) = x(u,v)\vec{i} + y(u,v)\vec{j} + z(u,v)\vec{k},$$

 $(u, v) \in D$. We define the surface integral of f over S as the double integral

$$\iint_D f(\vec{r}(u,v))||\vec{r}_u \times \vec{r}_v|| du dv,$$

and denoted by $\iint_S f(x, y, z) dS$.

Clearly, we have

$$\iint_{S} 1 \, dS = \iint_{D} ||\vec{r}_{u} \times \vec{r}_{v}|| \, du \, dv = \operatorname{Area}(S)$$