

# Simple flows of a nonrelativistic fluid

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In a perfect barotropic fluid with conservative volume forces, the flux of the vorticity across a material surface is conserved.

Lagrange's theorem:

In a perfect barotropic fluid with conservative volume forces, if the flow is irrotational at a given instant  $t$ , it remains irrotational at later times.

\* i.e.  $\mathcal{P} = \mathcal{P}(\rho)$ .