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We consider the evolution of a vortex sheet in two-dimensional incompressible and inviscid fluid flow, i.e., a curve on which vorticity is concentrated. This is a classical example of interface dynamics.

The vortex sheet evolution problem has been addressed, in the literature, by either explicitly propagating the interface, using the Birkhoff-Rott equations, or by embedding it in a weak solution of the Euler equations. In this talk we present a sharp criterion for the equivalence of these two descriptions of vortex sheet dynamics. (Received August 25, 2009)