

# Global existence theory for the two-dimensional derivative Ginzburg-Landau equation

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**Abstract** The generalized derivative Ginzburg-Landau equation in two spatial dimensions is discussed. The existence and uniqueness of global solution are obtained by Galerkin method and by *a priori* estimates on the solution in  $H^1$ -norm and  $H^2$ -norm.

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THE generalized Ginzburg-Landau equation arises in many nonlinear physical phenomena which include Rayleigh-Benard convection, Taylor-Couette flow in fluid mechanics, drift dissipative wave in plasma physics as well as the turbulent flow in chemical reaction.

Doering *et al.*<sup>[1]</sup> presented the existence and uniqueness of global solution for G-L equation without derivative term  $\nabla u$ . Duan *et al.*<sup>[2]</sup> obtained a sufficient condition for the global existence to the generalized G-L equation in one spatial dimension, and Guo and Gao<sup>[3]</sup> showed the existence of global attractor which has finite Hausdorff and fractal dimension.

In this note, we consider the following complex derivative Ginzburg-Landau equation in two spatial dimensions:

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} = & \rho u + (1 + i\nu)\Delta u - (1 + i\mu)|u|^{2\sigma}u \\ & + \alpha\lambda_1 \cdot \nabla(|u|^2 u) + \beta(\lambda_2 \cdot \nabla u)|u|^2, \text{ in } \Omega \times \mathbb{R}^+, \end{aligned} \quad (1)$$

with initial condition

$$u(x, 0) = u_0(x), \text{ in } \Omega, \quad (2)$$

and periodic boundary condition

$$\Omega = (0, L_1) \times (0, L_1) \text{ and } u \text{ is } \Omega\text{-periodic}, \quad (3)$$

where  $u$  is the unknown complex value function,  $\sigma > 0$ ,  $\rho > 0$ ,  $\nu$ ,  $\mu$ ,  $\alpha$  and  $\beta$  are real constants,  $\lambda_1$  and  $\lambda_2$  are real vectors.

We now state our main results.

**Theorem.** Assume that  $u_0 \in H^2(\Omega)$  and  $\exists \delta > 0$  such that

$$3 \leq \sigma \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left(\frac{\mu - \nu\delta}{1 + \delta}\right)^2} - 1}.$$

Then there exists a unique global strong solution  $u(t)$  of problems (1)–(3) such that

$$\begin{aligned} u(t) & \in L^\infty(0, T; H^2(\Omega)), \\ \frac{\partial u}{\partial t} & \in L^\infty(0, T; L^2(\Omega)) \end{aligned}$$

for all  $T > 0$ .

Introducing the approximate solution sequence  $\{U_m\}$  (denoted by  $\{u\}$  for the sake of convenience) by Galerkin method we can prove the theorem. How to obtain *a priori* estimates  $\|u\|_{H^1}$  and  $\|u\|_{H^2}$  plays a key role in the proof. The proof is based on the following two lemmas.

**Lemma 1.** Assume that  $\sigma \geq 3$ . Then  $\forall \varepsilon > 0$ , for the solution  $u(t)$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} \frac{1}{2(1 + \sigma)} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2\sigma+2} & \leq C(\varepsilon) \|u\|_{\frac{2(\sigma+2)}{2\sigma+2}}^{2(\sigma+2)} + \varepsilon \|\Delta u\|^2 \\ & + \varepsilon \|\nabla u\|^4 - \frac{1}{4} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2\sigma-2} ((1 + 2\sigma)|\nabla|u|^2|^2 \\ & - 2\nu\sigma \nabla|u|^2 \cdot i(u \nabla u^* - u^* \nabla u) + |u \nabla u^* - u^* \nabla u|^2) + C_1, \end{aligned}$$

where  $C_1$  depends on the data and  $T$ ,  $\forall T > 0$ .

**Proof.** Take the inner product in  $H$  of (1) with  $|u|^{2\sigma}u$ , and then take the real part of the resulting identity. We find that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2(1+\sigma)} \frac{d}{dt} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2\sigma+2} = \rho \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2\sigma+2} - \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 |u|^{2\sigma} \\ & - \frac{\sigma}{2} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2\sigma-2} |\nabla |u|^2|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \nu \sigma \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2\sigma-2} \nabla |u|^2 \cdot i(u \nabla u^* - u^* \nabla u) \\ & - \|(|u|^{2\sigma}u)\|^2 + \operatorname{Re} \alpha((\lambda_1 \circ \nabla(|u|^2u)), (|u|^{2\sigma}u)) \\ & + \operatorname{Re} \beta((\lambda_2 \circ \nabla u)|u|^2, (|u|^{2\sigma}u)). \end{aligned}$$

Due to

$$|u|^2 |\nabla u|^2 = \frac{1}{4} |\nabla |u|^2|^2 + \frac{1}{4} |u \nabla u^* - u^* \nabla u|^2,$$

we see that

$$\begin{aligned} & - \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 |u|^{2\sigma} - \frac{\sigma}{2} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2\sigma-2} |\nabla |u|^2|^2 \\ & + \frac{1}{2} \nu \sigma \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2\sigma-2} \nabla |u|^2 \cdot i(u \nabla u^* - u^* \nabla u) \\ & = - \frac{1}{4} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2\sigma-2} ((1+2\sigma) |\nabla |u|^2|^2 \\ & - 2\nu \sigma \nabla |u|^2 \cdot i(u \nabla u^* - u^* \nabla u) + |u \nabla u^* - u^* \nabla u|^2) dx \\ & \quad | \operatorname{Re} \beta((\lambda_2 \circ \nabla u)|u|^2, (|u|^{2\sigma}u)) | \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} \|\beta(\lambda_2 \circ \nabla u)|u|^2\|^2 + \frac{1}{2} \|(|u|^{2\sigma}u)\|^2 \\ & \leq \frac{1}{2} |\beta \lambda_2|^2 \int_{\Omega} |\nabla u|^2 |u|^4 + \frac{1}{2} \|(|u|^{2\sigma}u)\|^2 \\ & \leq C \|\nabla u\|_4^2 \|u\|_8^4 + \frac{1}{2} \|(|u|^{2\sigma}u)\|^2. \end{aligned}$$

By Sobolev estimate we have (notice  $\sigma \geq 3$ ,  $0 \leq t \leq T$  and  $\forall 0 < \gamma \leq 1$ ),

$$\begin{aligned} & | \operatorname{Re} \beta((\lambda_2 \circ \nabla u)|u|^2, (|u|^{2\sigma}u)) | \\ & \leq \gamma \|u\|_{H^2}^2 + \gamma \|u\|_{H^1}^4 + C(\gamma) \|u\|_{L^q}^{2q} + C + \frac{1}{2} \|(|u|^{2\sigma}u)\|^2 \\ & \leq \gamma C \|\Delta u\|^2 + 8\gamma \|\nabla u\|^4 + C(\gamma) \|u\|_{L^{2\sigma+2}}^{2(2\sigma+2)} + \frac{1}{2} \|(|u|^{2\sigma}u)\|^2 + C. \end{aligned}$$

Analogously, we also have

$$\begin{aligned} & | \operatorname{Re} \alpha(\lambda_1 \circ \nabla(|u|^2u), (|u|^{2\sigma}u)) | \\ & \leq \gamma C \|\Delta u\|^2 + 8\gamma \|\nabla u\|^4 + C(\gamma) \|u\|_{L^{2\sigma+2}}^{2(2\sigma+2)} + \frac{1}{2} \|(|u|^{2\sigma}u)\|^2 + C. \end{aligned}$$

These inequalities yield Lemma 1 by choosing  $\gamma$  suitably.

**Lemma 2.** Assume that  $u_0 \in H^1(\Omega)$  and  $\exists \delta > 0$  such that

$$3 \leq \sigma \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\mu - \nu \delta^2}{1 + \delta^2} \right)^2} - 1}.$$

Then we have

$$\|u(t)\|_H \leq C_2, \quad \forall 0 \leq t \leq T, \quad T > 0,$$

where  $C_2$  depends on the data,  $\delta$  and  $T$ .

**Proof.** Taking the inner product in  $H$  of (1) with  $\Delta u$ , and then taking the real part of the resulting identity, we find that

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \|\nabla u\|^2 = \rho \|\nabla u\|^2 - \|\Delta u\|^2 + \operatorname{Re}(1 + i\mu) \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2\sigma} u \Delta u^* \\ & - \alpha \operatorname{Re} \int_{\Omega} (\lambda_1 \circ \nabla(|u|^2u)) \Delta u^* - \beta \operatorname{Re} \int_{\Omega} (\lambda_2 \circ \nabla u) |u|^2 \Delta u^*, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} & \operatorname{Re}(1+i\mu) \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2\sigma} u \Delta u^* \\ = & \frac{1}{4} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2\sigma-2} ((1+2\sigma) |\nabla |u|^2|^2 - 2\mu\sigma |\nabla |u|^2|^2 \circ i(u^* \nabla u - u \nabla u^*) \\ & + |u^* \nabla u - u \nabla u^*|^2). \end{aligned}$$

And by Sobolev estimate we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| -\alpha \operatorname{Re} \int_{\Omega} (\lambda_1 \circ \nabla (|u|^2)) \Delta u^* dx \right| + \left| -\beta \operatorname{Re} \int_{\Omega} (\lambda_2 \circ \nabla u) \Delta u^* dx \right| \\ & \leq \varepsilon \|\Delta u\|^2 + \varepsilon \|\nabla u\|^4 + c(\varepsilon) \|u\|_{\frac{2\sigma+2}{2\sigma+2}}^{2(2\sigma+2)} + C, \quad \forall \varepsilon > 0. \end{aligned}$$

In combination with Lemma 1 we arrive at

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{1}{2} \frac{d}{dt} \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \frac{\vartheta}{1+\sigma} \|u\|_{\frac{2\sigma+2}{2\sigma+2}}^{2\sigma+2} \right) \leq \rho \|\nabla u\|^2 + C(\varepsilon)(1+\vartheta) \|u\|_{\frac{2\sigma+2}{2\sigma+2}}^{2(2\sigma+2)} \\ & \quad + (\varepsilon + \varepsilon\vartheta - 1) \|\Delta u\|^2 + \varepsilon(1+\vartheta) \|\nabla u\|^4 + C\vartheta + C \\ - & \frac{1}{4} \int_{\Omega} |u|^{2\sigma-2} ((1+2\sigma)(1+\vartheta) |\nabla |u|^2|^2 + 2\sigma(\nu\vartheta - \mu) |\nabla |u|^2|^2 \circ i(u^* \nabla u - u \nabla u^*) \\ & \quad + (1+\vartheta) |u^* \nabla u - u \nabla u^*|^2). \end{aligned}$$

We note that

$$\sigma \leq \frac{1}{\sqrt{1 + \left( \frac{\mu - \nu\vartheta}{1+\vartheta} \right)^2} - 1}$$

implies that the matrix

$$\begin{pmatrix} (1+2\sigma)(1+\vartheta) & \sigma(\nu\vartheta - \mu) \\ \sigma(\nu\vartheta - \mu) & 1+\vartheta \end{pmatrix}$$

is nonnegative definite. Thus, for  $\varepsilon$  sufficiently small we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} & \frac{d}{dt} \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \frac{\vartheta}{1+\sigma} \|u\|_{\frac{2\sigma+2}{2\sigma+2}}^{2\sigma+2} \right) \leq C \|\nabla u\|^4 + C \|u\|_{\frac{2\sigma+2}{2\sigma+2}}^{2(2\sigma+2)} + C \\ & \leq K \left( \|\nabla u\|^2 + \frac{\vartheta}{1+\sigma} \|u\|_{\frac{2\sigma+2}{2\sigma+2}}^{2\sigma+2} \right)^2 + C, \end{aligned}$$

where  $K > 0$  and depends on the data. Then by Gronwall lemma we have

$$\int_0^t (\|\nabla u\|^2 + \|u\|_{\frac{2\sigma+2}{2\sigma+2}}^{2\sigma+2}) dt \leq C, \quad \forall 0 \leq t \leq T.$$

The above concludes Lemma 2.

By Lemma 2 we can obtain *a priori* estimate on the solution in  $H^2$ -norm. Now, let us go back to Galerkin approximate solution sequence  $\{U_m\}$ . Because we have all necessary estimates and convergence for  $\{U_m\}$ , we can complete the proof of the Theorem.

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