

# On Opial-Dan's type inequalities

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**Abstract** In the present paper we establish some new Opial-type inequalities involving higher order partial derivatives. Our results in special cases yield some of the recent results on Opial's inequality and provide new estimates on inequalities of these types.

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## 1 Introduction

In 1960, Opial [21] established the following integral inequality:

**Theorem 1.1** *Suppose  $f \in C^1[0, h]$  satisfies  $f(0) = f(h) = 0$  and  $f(x) > 0$  for all  $x \in (0, h)$ .*

*Then the integral inequality holds*

$$\int_0^h |f(x)f'(x)| dx \leq \frac{h}{4} \int_0^h (f'(x))^2 dx, \quad (1.1)$$

*where this constant  $\frac{h}{4}$  is best possible.*

Opial's inequality and its generalizations, extensions and discretizations play a fundamental role in establishing the existence and uniqueness of initial and boundary value problems for ordinary and partial differential equations as well as difference equations [2, 4, 7, 18-19]. The inequality (1.1) has received considerable attention and a large number of papers dealing with new proofs, extensions, generalizations, variants and discrete analogues of Opial's inequality have appeared in the literature [9-13, 15-16, 20, 22-28, 30]. For an extensive survey on these inequalities, see [2, 19]. For Opial type integral inequalities involving high-order partial derivatives see [1, 3, 5, 6, 17, 32].

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The main purpose of the present paper is to establish some new Opial-type inequalities involving higher order partial derivatives by an extension of Das's idea[14]. Our results in special cases yield some of the recent results on Opial's type inequalities and provide some new estimates on such types of inequalities.

## 2 Main Results

Let  $n \geq 1, k \geq 1$ . Our main results are given in the following theorems.

**Theorem 2.1** *Let  $x(s, t) \in C^{(n-1, m-1)}([0, a] \times [0, b])$  be such that  $\frac{\partial^\kappa}{\partial s^\kappa} x(s, t)|_{s=0} = 0, 0 \leq \kappa \leq n-1$  and  $\frac{\partial^\lambda}{\partial t^\lambda} x(s, t)|_{t=0} = 0, 0 \leq \lambda \leq m-1$ . Further, let  $\frac{\partial^n}{\partial s^n} \left( \frac{\partial^{m-1}}{\partial t^{m-1}} x(s, t) \right)$  and  $\frac{\partial^{n-1}}{\partial s^{n-1}} \left( \frac{\partial^m}{\partial t^m} x(s, t) \right)$  are absolutely continuous on  $[0, a] \times [0, b]$ , and let  $1/p + 1/q = 1, p > 1$  and  $\int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right|^q ds dt$ , exist. Then*

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^{\kappa+\lambda}}{\partial s^\kappa \partial t^\lambda} x(s, t) \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right| ds dt \\ & \leq C_{n, m, \kappa, \lambda, p, q} a^{n-\kappa-1+2/p} b^{m-\lambda-1+2/p} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right|^q ds dt \right)^{(q+1)/q}, \end{aligned} \quad (2.1)$$

where

$$C_{n, m, \kappa, \lambda, p, q} = \frac{[(p(n-\kappa-1)+1)(p(n-\kappa-1)+2)(p(m-\lambda-1)+1)(p(m-\lambda-1)+2)]^{-1/p}}{2^{1/q} (n-\kappa-1)! (m-\lambda-1)!}.$$

**Proof** From the hypotheses of the Theorem 2.1, we have for  $0 \leq \kappa \leq n-1, 0 \leq \lambda \leq m-1$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\partial^{\kappa+\lambda}}{\partial s^\kappa \partial t^\lambda} x(s, t) \right| \leq \frac{1}{(n-\kappa-1)! (m-\lambda-1)!} \\ & \times \int_0^s \int_0^t (s-\sigma)^{n-\kappa-1} (t-\tau)^{m-\lambda-1} \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial \sigma^n \partial \tau^m} x(\sigma, \tau) \right| d\sigma d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (2.2)$$

Multiplying both sides of (2.2) by  $\left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right|$  and using the Hölder inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\partial^{\kappa+\lambda}}{\partial s^\kappa \partial t^\lambda} x(s, t) \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right| \leq \frac{\left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right|}{(n-\kappa-1)! (m-\lambda-1)!} \\ & \times \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t (s-\sigma)^{p(n-\kappa-1)} (t-\tau)^{p(m-\lambda-1)} d\sigma d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial \sigma^n \partial \tau^m} x(\sigma, \tau) \right|^q d\sigma d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{q}} \\ & = \frac{s^{n-\kappa-1+1/p} t^{m-\lambda-1+1/p}}{(n-\kappa-1)! (m-\lambda-1)! [(p(n-\kappa-1)+1)(p(m-\lambda-1)+1)]^{1/p}} \\ & \times \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right| \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial \sigma^n \partial \tau^m} x(\sigma, \tau) \right|^q d\sigma d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \end{aligned} \quad (2.3)$$

Thus, integrating both sides of (2.3) over  $t$  from 0 to  $b$  first and then integrating the resulting inequality over  $s$  from 0 to  $a$  and applying the Hölder inequality again, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^{\kappa+\lambda}}{\partial s^\kappa \partial t^\lambda} x(s, t) \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right| ds dt \\
& \leq \frac{1}{(n-\kappa-1)!(m-\lambda-1)![(p(n-\kappa-1)+1)(p(m-\lambda-1)+1)]^{1/p}} \\
& \quad \times \left( \int_0^a \int_0^b s^{p(n-\kappa-1)+1} t^{p(m-\lambda-1)+1} ds dt \right)^{\frac{1}{p}} \\
& \quad \times \left( \int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right|^q \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial \sigma^n \partial \tau^m} x(\sigma, \tau) \right|^q d\sigma d\tau \right) ds dt \right)^{\frac{1}{q}}. \tag{2.4}
\end{aligned}$$

On the other hand, from the hypotheses of Theorem 2.1 and in view of the following facts

$$\begin{aligned}
& \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} \left[ \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial \sigma^n \partial \tau^m} x(\sigma, \tau) \right|^q d\sigma d\tau \right)^2 \right] \\
& = 2 \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right|^q \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial \sigma^n \partial \tau^m} x(\sigma, \tau) \right|^q d\sigma d\tau \right) \tag{2.5}
\end{aligned}$$

and

$$\left( \int_0^a \int_0^b s^{p(n-\kappa-1)+1} t^{p(m-\lambda-1)+1} ds dt \right)^{1/p} = \frac{a^{n-\kappa-1+2/p} b^{m-\lambda-1+1/p}}{[(p(n-\kappa-1)+2)(p(m-\lambda-1)+2)]^{1/p}}. \tag{2.6}$$

From (2.4), (2.5) and (2.6), we have

$$\begin{aligned}
& \int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^{\kappa+\lambda}}{\partial s^\kappa \partial t^\lambda} x(s, t) \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right| ds dt \\
& \leq C_{n,m,\kappa,\lambda,p,q} a^{n-\kappa-1+2/p} b^{m-\lambda-1+2/p} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right|^q ds dt \right)^{2/q},
\end{aligned}$$

where

$$C_{n,m,\kappa,\lambda,p,q} = \frac{[(p(n-\kappa-1)+1)(p(n-\kappa-1)+2)(p(m-\lambda-1)+1)(p(m-\lambda-1)+2)]^{-1/p}}{2^{1/q}(n-\kappa-1)!(m-\lambda-1)!}.$$

This completes the proof.

**Remark 2.1** Taking for  $p = q = 2, \kappa = \lambda = 0$  in (2.1), (2.1) becomes to

$$\int_0^a \int_0^b \left| x(s, t) \cdot \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right| ds dt \leq c_{n,m} \cdot a^n b^m \cdot \int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right|^2 ds dt, \tag{2.7}$$

where

$$c_{n,m} = \frac{1}{4n!m!} \left( \frac{2nm}{(2n-1)(2m-1)} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}.$$

Let  $x(s, t)$  reduce to  $s(t)$  and with suitable modifications, then (2.7) becomes the following inequality:

$$\int_0^a |x(t)x^{(n)}(t)|dt \leq \frac{1}{2n!} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{2n-1}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} a^n \int_0^a |x^{(n)}(t)|^2 dt. \quad (2.8)$$

This is just an inequality established by Das [14]. Obviously, for  $n \geq 2$ , (2.8) is sharper than the following inequality established by Willett [29].

$$\int_0^a |x(t)x^n(t)|dt \leq \frac{1}{2} a^n \int_0^a |x^n(t)|^2 dt.$$

**Remark 2.2** Taking for  $n = m = 1, \kappa = \lambda = 0$  and  $p = q = 2$  in (2.1), (2.1) reduces to

$$\int_0^a \int_0^b \left| x(s, t) \cdot \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} x(s, t) \right| ds dt \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} ab \int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} x(s, t) \right|^2 ds dt. \quad (2.9)$$

Let  $x(s, t)$  reduce to  $s(t)$  and with suitable modifications, then (2.9) becomes the following inequality:

If  $x(t)$  is absolutely continuous in  $[0, a]$  and  $x(0) = 0$ , then

$$\int_0^a |x(t)x'(t)|dt \leq \frac{a}{2} \int_0^a |x'(t)|^2 dt.$$

This is just an inequality established by Beesack [8].

**Theorem 2.2** Let  $l$  and  $m$  be positive numbers satisfying  $l + m > 1$ . Further, let  $x(s, t) \in C^{(n-1, m-1)}([0, a] \times [0, b])$  be such that  $\frac{\partial^\kappa}{\partial s^\kappa} x(s, t)|_{s=0} = 0, 0 \leq \kappa \leq n-1$  and  $\frac{\partial^\lambda}{\partial t^\lambda} x(s, t)|_{t=0} = 0, 0 \leq \lambda \leq m-1$ ,  $\frac{\partial^n}{\partial s^n} \left( \frac{\partial^{m-1}}{\partial t^{m-1}} x(s, t) \right)$  and  $\frac{\partial^{n-1}}{\partial s^{n-1}} \left( \frac{\partial^m}{\partial t^m} x(s, t) \right)$  are absolutely continuous on  $[0, a] \times [0, b]$ , and  $\int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right|^{l+m} ds dt$ , exist. Then

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^{\kappa+\lambda}}{\partial s^\kappa \partial t^\lambda} x(s, t) \right|^l \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right|^m ds dt \\ & \leq C_{n, m, \kappa, \lambda}^* a^{(n-\kappa)l} b^{(m-\lambda)l} \int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right|^{l+m} ds dt, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$C_{n, m, \kappa, \lambda}^* = \xi^{1+l\xi} m^{m\xi} \left( \frac{(n-\kappa)(m-\lambda)(1-\xi)^2}{(n-\kappa-1)(m-\lambda-1)} \right)^{l(1-\xi)} \frac{1}{[(n-\kappa)!(m-\lambda)!]^l}, \quad \xi = \frac{1}{l+m}.$$

**Proof** From the hypotheses of the Theorem 2.2, we have for  $0 \leq \kappa \leq n-1, 0 \leq \lambda \leq m-1$

$$\begin{aligned} & \left| \frac{\partial^{\kappa+\lambda}}{\partial s^\kappa \partial t^\lambda} x(s, t) \right| \leq \frac{1}{(n-\kappa-1)!(m-\lambda-1)!} \\ & \times \int_0^s \int_0^t (s-\sigma)^{n-\kappa-1} (t-\tau)^{m-\lambda-1} \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial \sigma^n \partial \tau^m} x(\sigma, \tau) \right| d\sigma d\tau. \end{aligned} \quad (2.11)$$

By Hölder's inequality with indices  $l+m$  and  $\frac{l+m}{l+m-1}$ , it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} \left| \frac{\partial^{\kappa+\lambda}}{\partial s^\kappa \partial t^\lambda} x(s, t) \right| &\leq \frac{1}{(n-\kappa-1)!(m-\lambda-1)!} \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t [(s-\sigma)^{n-\kappa-1} (t-\tau)^{m-\lambda-1}]^{\frac{l+m}{l+m-1}} d\sigma d\tau \right)^{\frac{l+m-1}{l+m}} \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial \sigma^n \partial \tau^m} x(\sigma, \tau) \right|^{l+m} d\sigma d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{l+m}} \\ &= D s^{n-\kappa-\xi} t^{m-\lambda-\xi} \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial \sigma^n \partial \tau^m} x(\sigma, \tau) \right|^{l+m} d\sigma d\tau \right)^\xi, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$D = \left( \frac{(1-\xi)^2}{(n-\kappa-\xi)(m-\lambda-\xi)} \right)^{1-\xi} \frac{1}{(n-\kappa-1)!(m-\lambda-1)!}.$$

Multiplying the both sides of above inequality by  $\left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right|^m$  and integrating both sides over  $t$  from 0 to  $b$  first and then integrating the resulting inequality over  $s$  from 0 to  $a$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^{\kappa+\lambda}}{\partial s^\kappa \partial t^\lambda} x(s, t) \right|^l \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right|^m ds dt \\ &\leq D^l \int_0^a \int_0^b s^{l(n-\kappa-\xi)} t^{l(m-\lambda-\xi)} \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right|^m \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial \sigma^n \partial \tau^m} x(\sigma, \tau) \right|^{l+m} d\sigma d\tau \right)^{l\xi} ds dt. \end{aligned}$$

Now, applying Hölder's inequality with indices  $\frac{l+m}{l}$  and  $\frac{l+m}{m}$  to the integral on the right side, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^{\kappa+\lambda}}{\partial s^\kappa \partial t^\lambda} x(s, t) \right|^l \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right|^m ds dt \\ &\leq D^l \left( \int_0^a \int_0^b s^{(n-\kappa-\xi)(l+m)} t^{(m-\lambda-\xi)(l+m)} ds dt \right)^{\frac{l}{l+m}} \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right|^{m+l} \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial \sigma^n \partial \tau^m} x(\sigma, \tau) \right|^{l+m} d\sigma d\tau \right)^{\frac{l}{m}} ds dt \right)^{\frac{m}{l+m}} \\ &= D^l \left( \int_0^a \int_0^b s^{(n-\kappa-\xi)(l+m)} t^{(m-\lambda-\xi)(l+m)} ds dt \right)^{\frac{l}{l+m}} \\ &\quad \times \left( \frac{m}{l+m} \int_0^a \int_0^b \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} \left\{ \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial \sigma^n \partial \tau^m} x(\sigma, \tau) \right|^{l+m} d\sigma d\tau \right)^{\frac{l}{m}+1} \right\} ds dt \right)^{\frac{m}{l+m}} \\ &= D^l \left( \frac{\xi^2}{(n-\kappa)(m-\lambda)} \right)^{\xi l} (m\xi)^{m\xi} a^{(n-\kappa)l} b^{(m-\lambda)l} \int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right|^{l+m} ds dt \\ &= C_{n,m,\kappa,\lambda}^* a^{(n-\kappa)l} b^{(m-\lambda)l} \int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s, t) \right|^{l+m} ds dt, \end{aligned}$$

where

$$C_{n,m,\kappa,\lambda}^* = \xi^{1+l\xi} m^{m\xi} \left( \frac{(n-\kappa)(m-\lambda)(1-\xi)^2}{(n-\kappa-1)(m-\lambda-1)} \right)^{l(1-\xi)} \frac{1}{[(n-\kappa)!(m-\lambda)!]^l}, \quad \xi = \frac{1}{l+m}.$$

This completes the proof.

**Remark 2.3** Taking for  $\kappa = \lambda = 0$  in (2.10), (2.10) reduces to

$$\int_0^a \int_0^b |x(s,t)|^l \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s,t) \right|^m ds dt \leq c_{n,m}^* a^{nl} b^{ml} \int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^{n+m}}{\partial s^n \partial t^m} x(s,t) \right|^{l+m} ds dt, \quad (2.11)$$

where

$$c_{n,m}^* = \xi^{l\xi+1} m^{\xi m} \left( \frac{mn(1-\xi)^2}{(n-\xi)(m-\xi)} \right)^{l(1-\xi)} \frac{1}{(n!m!)^l}, \quad \xi = \frac{1}{l+m}.$$

Let  $x(s,t)$  reduce to  $s(t)$  and with suitable modifications, then (2.11) becomes the following inequality:

$$\int_0^a |x(t)|^l |x^{(n)}(t)|^m dt \leq \xi m^{m\xi} \left( \frac{n(1-\xi)}{n-\xi} \right)^{l(1-\xi)} (n!)^{-l} a^{nl} \int_0^a |x^{(n)}(t)|^{l+m} dt. \quad (2.12)$$

This is an inequality given by Das [14]. Taking for  $n = 1$  in (2.12), we have

$$\int_0^a |x(t)|^l |x'(t)|^m dt \leq \frac{m^{m/(l+m)}}{l+m} a^l \int_0^a |x'(t)|^{m+l} dt. \quad (2.13)$$

For  $m, l \geq 1$  Yang [31] established the following inequality:

$$\int_0^a |x(t)|^l |x'(t)|^m dt \leq \frac{m}{l+m} a^l \int_0^a |x'(t)|^{m+l} dt. \quad (2.14)$$

Obviously, for  $m, l \geq 1$ , (2.13) is sharper than (2.14).

**Remark 2.4** Taking for  $n = m = 1$  and  $\kappa = \lambda = 0$  in (2.10), (2.10) reduces to

$$\int_0^a \int_0^b |x(s,t)|^l \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} x(s,t) \right|^m ds dt \leq c_{1,1}^* (ab)^l \int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} x(s,t) \right|^{m+l} ds dt. \quad (2.15)$$

Let  $x(s,t)$  reduce to  $s(t)$  and with suitable modifications, (2.15) becomes the following inequality:

$$\int_0^a |x(t)|^l |x'(t)|^m dt \leq \xi m^{m\xi} a^l \int_0^a |x'(t)|^{m+l} dt, \quad \xi = (l+m)^{-1}.$$

This is just an inequality established by Yang [31].

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