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# On some Opial-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 also provide new estimates on inequalities of this type.

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## 1 Introduction

In the year 1960, Opial [1] 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 [2-6]. 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 [7-22]. For an extensive survey on these inequalities, see [2,6]. For Opial-type integral inequalities involving high-order partial derivatives see [23-27]. 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 [28]. 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  $x(s, t) \in C^{(n-1)}[0, a] \times C^{(k-1)}[0, b]$  be such that  $\frac{\partial^i}{\partial \sigma^i} x(0, \tau) = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial^j}{\partial \tau^j} x(\sigma, 0) = 0$ ,  $\sigma \in [0, s]$ ,  $\tau \in [0, t]$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq k-1$ . Further, let  $\frac{\partial^{n-1}}{\partial s^{n-1}} x(s, t)$ ,  $\frac{\partial^{k-1}}{\partial t^{k-1}} x(s, t)$  be absolutely continuous, and  $\int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^2 ds dt < \infty$ . Then*

$$\int_0^a \int_0^b |x(s, t) \cdot x^{(n,k)}(s, t)| \, ds \, dt \leq c_{n,k} \cdot a^n b^k \cdot \int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^2 \, ds \, dt, \tag{2.1}$$

where

$$x^{(n,k)}(s, t) = \frac{\partial^n}{\partial s^n} \left( \frac{\partial^k}{\partial t^k} x(s, t) \right),$$

and

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

**Proof.** For  $\sigma$  integration by parts  $(n - 1)$ -times and in view of  $\frac{\partial^i}{\partial \sigma^i} x(0, \tau) = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial^j}{\partial \tau^j} x(\sigma, 0) = 0$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n - 1$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq k - 1$  we have

$$\begin{aligned} x(s, t) &= \frac{(-1)^n}{(n-1)!} \int_s^0 (\sigma - s)^{n-1} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial \sigma^n} x(\sigma, t) \, d\sigma \\ &= \frac{(-1)^{2n-1}}{(n-1)!} \int_s^0 (s - \sigma)^{n-1} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial \sigma^n} x(\sigma, t) \, d\sigma = \frac{1}{(n-1)!} \int_0^s (s - \sigma)^{n-1} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial \sigma^n} x(\sigma, t) \, d\sigma \\ &= \frac{1}{(n-1)!(k-1)!} \int_0^s (s - \sigma)^{n-1} \frac{\partial^n}{\partial \sigma^n} \left( \int_0^t (t - \tau)^{k-1} \frac{\partial^k}{\partial \tau^k} x(\sigma, \tau) \, d\tau \right) \, d\sigma \\ &= \frac{1}{(n-1)!(k-1)!} \int_0^s \int_0^t (s - \sigma)^{n-1} (t - \tau)^{k-1} \cdot x^{(n,k)}(\sigma, \tau) \, d\sigma \, d\tau. \end{aligned} \tag{2.2}$$

Multiplying both sides of (2.2) by  $x^{(n,k)}(s, t)$  and using the Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, we have

$$\begin{aligned} |x(s, t) \cdot x^{(n,k)}(s, t)| &\leq \frac{|x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|}{(n-1)!(k-1)!} \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t (s - \sigma)^{2n-2} (t - \tau)^{2k-2} \, d\sigma \, d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t |x^{(n,k)}(\sigma, \tau)|^2 \, d\sigma \, d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{(n-1)!(k-1)! \sqrt{(2n-1)(2k-1)}} \cdot s^{n-\frac{1}{2}} t^{k-\frac{1}{2}} |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)| \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t |x^{(n,k)}(\sigma, \tau)|^2 \, d\sigma \, d\tau \right)^{\frac{1}{2}}. \end{aligned} \tag{2.3}$$

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 Cauchy-Schwarz inequality again, we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^a \int_0^b |x(s, t) \cdot x^{(n,k)}(s, t)| \, ds \, dt \\ &\leq \frac{1}{(n-1)!(k-1)! \sqrt{(2n-1)(2k-1)}} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^b s^{2n-1} t^{2k-1} \, ds \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^2 \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t |x^{(n,k)}(\sigma, \tau)|^2 \, d\sigma \, d\tau \right) \, ds \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2n!} \left( \frac{2n}{2n-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \frac{1}{2k!} \left( \frac{2k}{2k-1} \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} a^n b^k \\ &\quad \times \left( \frac{1}{2} \int_0^a \int_0^b \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} \left\{ \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t |x^{(n,k)}(\sigma, \tau)|^2 \, d\sigma \, d\tau \right)^2 \right\} \, ds \, dt \right)^{\frac{1}{2}} \\ &= c_{n,k} a^n b^k \int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^2 \, ds \, dt. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

**Remark 2.1.** Let  $x(s, t)$  reduce to  $s(t)$  and with suitable modifications, Then (2.1) becomes the following inequality:

$$\int_0^a |x(t)x^{(n)}(t)|dt \leq \frac{1}{2n!} \cdot \left(\frac{n}{2n-1}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}} a^n \int_0^a |x^{(n)}(t)|^2 dt. \tag{2.4}$$

This is just an inequality established by Das [28]. Obviously, for  $n \geq 2$ , (2.4) is sharper than the following inequality established by Willett [29].

$$\int_0^a |x(t)x^n(t)|dt \leq \frac{1}{2} a^n \int_0^a |x^n(t)|^2 dt. \tag{2.5}$$

**Remark 2.2.** Taking for  $n = k = 1$  in (2.1), (2.1) reduces to

$$\int_0^a \int_0^b \left| x(s, t) \cdot \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} x(s, t) \right| ds dt \leq \frac{\sqrt{2}}{4} ab \int_0^a \int_0^b \left| \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} x(s, t) \right|^2 ds dt. \tag{2.6}$$

Let  $x(s, t)$  reduce to  $s(t)$  and with suitable modifications. Then (2.6) 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 [30].

**Remark 2.3.** Let  $0 \leq \alpha, \beta < n$ , but fixed, and let  $g(s, t) \in C^{(n-\alpha-1)}[0, a] \times C^{(k-\beta-1)}[0, b]$  be such that  $\frac{\partial^i}{\partial s^i} g(0, t) = \frac{\partial^i}{\partial t^i} g(s, 0) = 0, 0 \leq i \leq n - \alpha - 1, 0 \leq i \leq k - \beta - 1$  and suppose that  $\frac{\partial^{n-\alpha-1}}{\partial s^{n-\alpha-1}} g(s, t), \frac{\partial^{k-\beta-1}}{\partial t^{k-\beta-1}} g(s, t)$  are absolutely continuous, and  $\int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n-\alpha, k-\beta)}(s, t)|^2 ds dt < \infty$ .

Then from (2.1) it follows that

$$\int_0^a \int_0^b \left| g(s, t) \cdot g^{(n-\alpha, k-\beta)}(s, t) \right| ds dt \leq c_{n-\alpha, k-\beta} a^{n-\alpha} b^{k-\beta} \int_0^a \int_0^b \left| g^{(n-\alpha, k-\beta)}(s, t) \right|^2 ds dt.$$

Thus, for  $g(s, t) = x^{(\alpha, \beta)}(s, t)$ , where  $x(s, t) \in C^{(n-1)}[0, a] \times C^{(k-1)}[0, b], \frac{\partial^i}{\partial s^i} x(0, t) = 0, \frac{\partial^j}{\partial t^j} x(s, 0) = 0, \alpha \leq i \leq n - 1, \beta \leq j \leq k - 1$ , and  $x^{(n-1, k-1)}(s, t)$  are absolutely continuous, and  $\int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n, k)}(s, t)|^2 ds dt < \infty$ , then

$$\int_0^a \int_0^b \left| x^{(\alpha, \beta)}(s, t) \cdot x^{(n, k)}(s, t) \right| ds dt \leq c_{n-\alpha, k-\beta} a^{n-\alpha} b^{k-\beta} \int_0^a \int_0^b \left| x^{(n, k)}(s, t) \right|^2 ds dt. \tag{2.7}$$

Obviously, a special case of (2.7) is the following inequality:

$$\int_0^a \int_0^b \left| x^{(k, k)}(s, t) \cdot x^{(n, n)}(s, t) \right| ds dt \leq c_{n-k, n-k} (ab)^{n-k} \int_0^a \int_0^b \left| x^{(n, n)}(s, t) \right|^2 ds dt. \tag{2.8}$$

Let  $x(s, t)$  reduce to  $s(t)$  and with suitable modifications. Then (2.8) becomes the following inequality:

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

This is just an inequality established by Agarwal and Thandapani [31].

**Theorem 2.2.** *Let  $l$  and  $m$  be positive numbers satisfying  $l + m > 1$ . Further, let  $x(s, t) \in C^{(n-1)}[0, a] \times C^{(k-1)}[0, b]$  be such that  $\frac{\partial^i}{\partial \sigma^i} x(0, \tau) = 0, \frac{\partial^j}{\partial \tau^j} x(\sigma, 0) = 0, \sigma \in [0, s], \tau \in [0, t], 0 \leq i \leq n - 1, 0 \leq j \leq k - 1$  and assume that  $\frac{\partial^{n-1}}{\partial s^{n-1}} x(s, t), \frac{\partial^{k-1}}{\partial t^{k-1}} x(s, t)$  are absolutely continuous, and  $\int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^{l+m} ds dt < \infty$ . Then*

$$\int_0^a \int_0^b |x(s, t)|^l |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^m ds dt \leq c_{n,k}^* a^{nl} b^{kl} \int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^{l+m} ds dt, \tag{2.9}$$

where

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

**Proof.** From (2.2), we have

$$|x(s, t)| \leq \frac{1}{(n-1)!(k-1)!} \int_0^s \int_0^t (s-\sigma)^{n-1} (t-\tau)^{k-1} |x^{(n,k)}(\sigma, \tau)| d\sigma d\tau,$$

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

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

where

$$A = \left(\frac{(1-\xi)^2}{(n-\xi)(k-\xi)}\right)^{1-\xi} \frac{1}{(n-1)!(k-1)!}.$$

Multiplying the both sides of above inequality by  $|x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^m$  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

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

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

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^a \int_0^b |x(s, t)|^l |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^m ds dt &\leq A^l \left( \int_0^a \int_0^b s^{(n-\xi)(l+m)} t^{(k-\xi)(l+m)} ds dt \right)^{\frac{l}{l+m}} \\ &\times \left( \int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^{m+l} \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t |x^{(n,k)}(\sigma, \tau)|^{l+m} d\sigma d\tau \right)^{\frac{l}{m}} ds dt \right)^{\frac{m}{l+m}} \\ &= A^l \left( \int_0^a \int_0^b s^{(n-\xi)(l+m)} t^{(k-\xi)(l+m)} ds dt \right)^{\frac{l}{l+m}} \\ &\times \left( \frac{m}{l+m} \int_0^a \int_0^b \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t |x^{(n,k)}(\sigma, \tau)|^{l+m} d\sigma d\tau \right)^{\frac{l}{m}+1} ds dt \right)^{\frac{m}{l+m}} \\ &= A^l \left( \frac{\xi^2}{kn} \right)^{\xi l} (m\xi)^{m\xi} a^{nl} b^{kl} \int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^{l+m} ds dt \\ &= c_{n,k}^* a^{nl} b^{kl} \int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^{l+m} ds dt. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

**Remark 2.4.** Let  $x(s, t)$  reduce to  $s(t)$  and with suitable modifications. Then (2.9) becomes the following inequality:

$$\int_0^a |x(t)|^l |x^{(n)}(t)|^m dt \leq \xi m^{m\xi} \left( \frac{n(1-\xi)}{n-\xi} \right)^{l(1-\xi)} (n!)^{-l} a^{nl} \int_0^a |x^{(n)}(t)|^{l+m} dt. \quad (2.10)$$

This is an inequality given by Das [28]. Taking for  $n = 1$  in (2.10), we have

$$\int_0^a |x(t)|^l |x'(t)|^m dt \leq \frac{m^{m/(l+m)}}{l+m} a^l \int_0^a |x'(t)|^{m+l} dt. \quad (2.11)$$

For  $m, l \geq 1$  Yang [32] established the following inequality:

$$\int_0^a |x(t)|^l |x'(t)|^m dt \leq \frac{m}{l+m} a^l \int_0^a |x'(t)|^{m+l} dt. \quad (2.12)$$

Obviously, for  $m, l \geq 1$ , (2.11) is sharper than (2.12).

**Remark 2.5.** For  $n = k = 1$ ; (2.9) reduces to

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

Let  $x(s, t)$  reduce to  $s(t)$  and with suitable modifications. Then above inequality 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 [32].

**Remark 2.6.** Following Remark 2.3, for  $x(s, t) \in C^{(n-1)}[0, a] \times C^{(k-1)}[0, b]$ ,  $\frac{\partial^j}{\partial t^j} x(s, 0) = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial^i}{\partial s^i} x(s, 0) = 0$ ,  $\alpha \leq i \leq n-1$ ,  $\beta \leq j \leq k-1$  and  $x^{(n-1, k-1)}(s, t)$  are absolutely continuous, and  $\int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^{l+m} ds dt < \infty$ , it is easy to obtain that

$$\int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(\alpha, \beta)}(s, t)|^l \cdot |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^m ds dt \leq c_{n-\alpha, k-\beta}^* a^{l(n-\alpha)} b^{l(k-\beta)} \int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^{l+m} ds dt \quad (2.13)$$

Obviously, a special case of (2.14) is the following inequality:

$$\int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(k,k)}(s, t)|^l \cdot |x^{(n,n)}(s, t)|^m ds dt \leq c_{n-k, n-k}^* (ab)^{l(n-k)} \int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n,n)}(s, t)|^{l+m} ds dt \quad (2.14)$$

Let  $x(s, t)$  reduce to  $s(t)$  and with suitable modifications, then (2.14) becomes the following inequality:

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^a |x^{(k)}(t)|^l |x^{(n)}(t)|^m dt \\ & \leq \xi m^m \xi \left( \frac{(n-k)(1-\xi)}{n-k-\xi} \right)^{l(1-\xi)} ((n-k)!)^{-l} a^{(n-k)l} \int_0^a |x^{(n)}(t)|^{l+m} dt, \quad \xi = (l+m)^{-1}. \end{aligned}$$

This is just an inequality established by Agarwal and Thandapani [31].

**Theorem 2.3.** Let  $l$  and  $m$  be positive numbers satisfying  $l + m = 1$ . Further, let  $x(s, t) \in C^{(n-1)}[0, a] \times C^{(k-1)}[0, b]$  be such that  $\frac{\partial^i}{\partial \sigma^i} x(0, \tau) = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial^j}{\partial \tau^j} x(\sigma, 0) = 0$ ,  $\sigma \in [0, s]$ ,  $\tau \in [0, t]$ ,  $0 \leq i \leq n-1$ ,  $0 \leq j \leq k-1$  and assume that  $\frac{\partial^{n-1}}{\partial s^{n-1}} x(s, t)$ ,  $\frac{\partial^{k-1}}{\partial t^{k-1}} x(s, t)$  are absolutely continuous, and  $\int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)| ds dt < \infty$ . Then

$$\int_0^a \int_0^b |x(s, t)|^l |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^m ds dt \leq \frac{m^m}{(n!k!)^l} a^{nl} b^{kl} \int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)| ds dt. \quad (2.15)$$

**Proof.** It is clear that

$$\begin{aligned} |x(s, t)| & \leq \frac{1}{(n-1)!(k-1)!} \int_0^s \int_0^t (s-\sigma)^{n-1} (t-\tau)^{k-1} |x^{(n,k)}(\sigma, \tau)| d\sigma d\tau \\ & \leq \frac{1}{(n-1)!(k-1)!} s^{n-1} t^{k-1} \int_0^s \int_0^t |x^{(n,k)}(\sigma, \tau)| d\sigma d\tau \end{aligned}$$

and hence

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_0^a \int_0^b |x(s, t)|^l |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^m ds dt \\ & \leq \frac{1}{[(n-1)!(k-1)!]^l} \int_0^a \int_0^b s^{(n-1)l} t^{(k-1)l} |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^m \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)| ds dt \right)^l ds dt. \end{aligned}$$

Now applying Hölder inequality with indices  $\frac{1}{l}$  and  $\frac{1}{m}$ , we obtain

$$\begin{aligned} \int_0^a \int_0^b |x(s, t)|^l |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^m ds dt &\leq \frac{1}{[(n-1)!(k-1)!]^l} \left( \int_0^a \int_0^b s^{n-1} t^{k-1} ds dt \right)^l \\ &\quad \times \left( \int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)| \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t |x^{(n,k)}(\sigma, \tau)| d\sigma d\tau \right)^{\frac{l}{m}} ds dt \right)^m \\ &= \frac{1}{[(n-1)!(k-1)!]^l} \left( \frac{1}{n!k!} \right)^l a^{nl} b^{kl} \\ &\quad \times \left( m \int_0^a \int_0^b \frac{\partial^2}{\partial s \partial t} \left\{ \left( \int_0^s \int_0^t |x^{(n,k)}(\sigma, \tau)| d\sigma d\tau \right)^{\frac{l}{m}+1} \right\} ds dt \right)^m \\ &= \frac{m^m}{(n!k!)^l} a^{nl} b^{kl} \int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)| ds dt. \end{aligned}$$

This completes the proof.

**Remark 2.7.** Let  $x(s, t)$  reduce to  $s(t)$  and with suitable modifications. Then (2.16) becomes the following inequality:

$$\int_0^a |x^{(k)}(t)|^l |x^{(n)}(t)|^m dt \leq \frac{m^m}{(n!)^l} a^{nl} \int_0^a |x^{(n)}(t)| dt.$$

This is an inequality given by Das [28].

**Remark 2.8.** Following Remark 2.3, for  $x(s, t) \in C^{(n-1)} [0, a] \times C^{(k-1)} [0, b]$ ,  $\frac{\partial^j}{\partial t^j} x(s, 0) = 0$ ,  $\frac{\partial^j}{\partial s^j} x(s, 0) = 0$ ,  $\alpha \leq i \leq n-1$ ,  $\beta \leq j \leq k-1$ , and  $x^{(n-1, k-1)}(s, t)$  are absolutely continuous, and  $\int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)| ds dt < \infty$ , from (2.16), it is easy to obtain that

$$\begin{aligned} &\int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(\alpha, \beta)}(s, t)|^l \cdot |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)|^m ds dt \\ &\leq \frac{m^m}{[(n-\alpha)!(k-\beta)!]^l} a^{l(n-\alpha)} b^{l(k-\beta)} \int_0^a \int_0^b |x^{(n,k)}(s, t)| ds dt. \end{aligned} \tag{2.16}$$

Let  $x(s, t)$  reduce to  $s(t)$  and with suitable modifications, then (2.16) becomes the following inequality:

$$\int_0^a |x^{(k)}(t)|^l |x^{(n)}(t)|^m dt \leq \frac{m^m}{((n-k)!)^l} a^{(n-k)l} \int_0^a |x^{(n)}(t)| dt, \quad l + m = 1.$$

This is an inequality given by Das [28].

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