



# On the Generalization of Opial Type Inequality for Convex Function

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## Abstract

In this article, by using new different approach method, we establish some generalization of Opial like inequality for convex mappings.

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## 1. Introduction

We recall the following interesting Opial type inequalities in [1]:

**Theorem 1.1.** Let  $x : [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  is an absolutely continuous function such that  $x' \in L_2[a, b]$ .

i) If  $x(a) = x(b) = 0$ , then

$$\int_a^b |x(t)x'(t)| dt \leq \frac{b-a}{4} \int_a^b |x'(t)|^2 dt \quad (1.1)$$

ii) If  $x(a) = 0$  (or  $x(b) = 0$ ), then

$$\int_a^b |x(t)x'(t)| dt \leq \frac{b-a}{2} \int_a^b |x'(t)|^2 dt. \quad (1.2)$$

Therefore, some very interesting generalizations are given by B. G. Pachpatte who works with several functions in Opial type inequalities. We give the following case

$$\int_a^b [|f'(t)| |g(t)| + |g'(t)| |f(t)|] dt \leq \frac{(b-a)}{2} \left( \int_a^b |f'(t)|^2 + |g'(t)|^2 dt \right)$$

where  $f, g \in C^1([a, b])$  with  $f(a) = g(a) = 0$  (see, [1], [10]).

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. Over the last twenty years a large number of papers have been appeared in the literature which deals with the simple proofs, various generalizations and discrete analogues of Opial inequality and its generalizations, see [1]-[17]. Now, we give the following case that is one of them:

## 2. Main Results

**Theorem 2.1.** Let  $f, g : [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable function such that  $f(a) = g(a) = 0$  (or  $f(b) = g(b) = 0$ ). Suppose that  $\phi$  be convex and increasing functions on  $[0, \infty)$  with  $\phi(0) = 0$ , then we have the following inequality

$$\int_a^b [\phi'(|f(t)|)|f'(t)|\phi(|g(t)|) + \phi'(|g(t)|)|g'(t)|\phi(|f(t)|)] dt \tag{2.1}$$

$$\leq \phi\left(\int_a^b |f'(t)| dt\right) \phi\left(\int_a^b |g'(t)| dt\right).$$

*Proof.* Consider the following functions, for  $t \in [a, b]$  and  $f(a) = g(a) = 0$ ,

$$y(t) = \int_a^t |f'(s)| ds, \quad z(t) = \int_a^t |g'(s)| ds$$

such that we also define the functions

$$F(t) = \phi(y(t)) = \phi\left(\int_a^t |f'(s)| ds\right), \quad G(t) = \phi(z(t)) = \phi\left(\int_a^t |g'(s)| ds\right)$$

such that  $y'(t) = |f'(t)|$ ,  $z'(t) = |g'(t)|$ ,  $y(t) \geq |f(t)|$  and  $z(t) \geq |g(t)|$ . Thus, by chain rule of differentiation and by using the convexity of  $\phi$ , we get

$$F'(t) = \phi'(y(t))|f'(t)| \geq \phi'(|f(t)|)|f'(t)| \tag{2.2}$$

and

$$G'(t) = \phi'(z(t))|g'(t)| \geq \phi'(|g(t)|)|g'(t)|. \tag{2.3}$$

Multiplying both sides of (2.2) and (2.3) by  $G(t)$  and  $F(t)$ , respectively, and adding side by side, we get

$$F'(t)G(t) + F(t)G'(t) \geq \phi'(|f(t)|)|f'(t)|\phi(z(t)) + \phi'(|g(t)|)|g'(t)|\phi(y(t)). \tag{2.4}$$

and then integrating both sides of this inequality (2.4) over  $[a, b]$  with respect to  $t$ , we obtain that

$$\int_a^b [F'(t)G(t) + F(t)G'(t)] dt$$

$$= F(b)G(b) - F(a)G(a)$$

$$= \phi(y(b))\phi(z(b)) - \phi(y(a))\phi(z(a))$$

$$\geq \int_a^b [\phi'(|f(t)|)|f'(t)|\phi(z(t)) + \phi'(|g(t)|)|g'(t)|\phi(y(t))] dt.$$

Since  $\phi(0) = 0$  and  $\phi$  is an increasing function, we have

$$\int_a^b [\phi'(|f(t)|)|f'(t)|\phi(|g(t)|) + \phi'(|g(t)|)|g'(t)|\phi(|f(t)|)] dt$$

$$\leq \phi\left(\int_a^b |f'(t)| dt\right) \phi\left(\int_a^b |g'(t)| dt\right)$$

which completes the proof. Similar to the above proof, choosing the following functions for  $t \in [a, b]$  and  $f(b) = g(b) = 0$

$$y_1(t) = \int_t^b |f'(s)| ds, \quad z_1(t) = \int_t^b |g'(s)| ds$$

such that then we have

$$F_1(t) = \phi(y_1(t)) = \phi\left(\int_t^b |f'(s)| ds\right), \quad G_1(t) = \phi(z_1(t)) = \phi\left(\int_t^b |g'(s)| ds\right)$$

such that  $y_1'(t) = -|f'(t)|$ ,  $z_1'(t) = -|g'(t)|$ ,  $y_1(t) \geq |f(t)|$  and  $z_1(t) \geq |g(t)|$ . It follows that

$$- [F_1'(t)G_1(t) + F_1(t)G_1'(t)] \geq \phi'(|f(t)|)|f'(t)|\phi(z_1(t)) + \phi'(|g(t)|)|g'(t)|\phi(y_1(t)). \tag{2.5}$$

This completes the proof of the inequality (2.1). □

**Remark 2.2.** If we choose  $f(t) = g(t)$  in Theorem 2.1, we have

$$\int_a^b \phi'(|f(t)|) |f'(t)| \phi(|f(t)|) dt \leq \frac{1}{2} \left[ \phi \left( \int_a^b |f'(t)| dt \right) \right]^2. \quad (2.6)$$

If we take  $\phi(t) = t$  in the inequality (2.6), then we have the following inequality

$$\int_a^b |f'(t)| |f(t)| dt \leq \frac{1}{2} \left( \int_a^b |f'(t)| dt \right)^2.$$

By using Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, it follows that

$$\int_a^b |f'(t)| |f(t)| dt \leq \frac{(b-a)}{2} \int_a^b |f'(t)|^2 dt$$

which is the inequality (1.2).

**Remark 2.3.** If we take  $\phi(t) = t$  in the inequality (2.1), then we have the following inequality

$$\int_a^b [|f'(t)| |g(t)| + |g'(t)| |f(t)|] dt \leq \left( \int_a^b |f'(t)| dt \right) \left( \int_a^b |g'(t)| dt \right). \quad (2.7)$$

By using Cauchy-Schwarz inequality in the right hand sides of inequality (2.7), it follows that

$$\int_a^b [|f'(t)| |g(t)| + |g'(t)| |f(t)|] dt \leq (b-a) \sqrt{\left( \int_a^b |f'(t)|^2 dt \right) \left( \int_a^b |g'(t)|^2 dt \right)}.$$

By using AGM inequality, we get

$$\int_a^b [|f'(t)| |g(t)| + |g'(t)| |f(t)|] dt \leq \frac{(b-a)}{2} \left( \int_a^b |f'(t)|^2 + |g'(t)|^2 dt \right)$$

which is proved by Pacpatte in [10].

**Remark 2.4.** If we take  $\phi(t) = \frac{t^p}{p}$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$  in the inequality (2.1), then we have the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b [|f(t)|^{p-1} |f'(t)| |g(t)|^p + |g(t)|^{p-1} |g'(t)| |f(t)|^p] dt \\ & \leq \frac{1}{p} \left( \int_a^b |f'(t)| dt \right)^p \left( \int_a^b |g'(t)| dt \right)^p. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from the Hölder's inequality with indices  $p$  and  $\frac{p}{p-1}$ , in the right hand sides of above inequality, and by using AGM inequality we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b [|f(t)|^{p-1} |f'(t)| |g(t)|^p + |g(t)|^{p-1} |g'(t)| |f(t)|^p] dt \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^{2p-2}}{p} \left( \int_a^b |f'(t)|^p dt \right) \left( \int_a^b |g'(t)|^p dt \right) \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^{2p-2}}{p} \left( \int_a^b [|f'(t)|^p + |g'(t)|^p] dt \right)^2. \end{aligned}$$

**Theorem 2.5.** Let  $f, g : [a, b] \subset \mathbb{R} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  be differentiable function such that  $f(a) = f(b) = 0$  and  $g(a) = g(b) = 0$ . If  $\phi$  is an convex and an increasing function on  $[0, \infty)$  with  $\phi(0) = 0$ , then we have the inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b [\phi'(|f(t)|) |f'(t)| \phi(|g(t)|) + \phi'(|g(t)|) |g'(t)| \phi(|f(t)|)] dt \\ & \leq \phi \left( \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |f'(t)| dt \right) \phi \left( \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |g'(t)| dt \right) \\ & \quad + \phi \left( \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |f'(t)| dt \right) \phi \left( \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |g'(t)| dt \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.8)$$

*Proof.* Consider the following functions, for  $t \in [a, b]$  and  $f(a) = f(b) = 0$  and  $g(a) = g(b) = 0$ ,

$$y(t) = \int_a^t |f'(s)| ds, \quad z(t) = \int_a^t |g'(s)| ds$$

$$y_1(t) = \int_t^b |f'(s)| ds, \quad z_1(t) = \int_t^b |g'(s)| ds,$$

$$F(t) = \phi(y(t)) = \phi\left(\int_a^t |f'(s)| ds\right), \quad G(t) = \phi(z(t)) = \phi\left(\int_a^t |g'(s)| ds\right)$$

and

$$F_1(t) = \phi(y_1(t)) = \phi\left(\int_t^b |f'(s)| ds\right), \quad G_1(t) = \phi(z_1(t)) = \phi\left(\int_t^b |g'(s)| ds\right)$$

such that

$$y'(t) = |f'(t)|, \quad z'(t) = |g'(t)|, \quad y(t) \geq |f(t)| \quad \text{and} \quad z(t) \geq |g(t)|$$

and

$$y_1'(t) = -|f'(t)|, \quad z_1'(t) = -|g'(t)|, \quad y_1(t) \geq |f(t)| \quad \text{and} \quad z_1(t) \geq |g(t)|.$$

If we write the inequality (2.4) and (2.5) on the intervals  $\left[a, \frac{a+b}{2}\right]$  and  $\left[\frac{a+b}{2}, b\right]$ , respectively we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} [F'(t)G(t) + F(t)G'(t)] dt \\ &= F\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)G\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) - F(a)G(a) \\ &= \phi\left(y\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right)\phi\left(z\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right) - \phi(y(a))\phi(z(a)) \\ &\geq \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} [\phi'(|f(t)|)|f'(t)|\phi(z(t)) + \phi'(|g(t)|)|g'(t)|\phi(y(t))] dt. \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & -\int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b [F_1'(t)G_1(t) + F_1(t)G_1'(t)] dt \\ &= -F_1(b)G_1(b) + F_1\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)G_1\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right) \\ &= -\phi(y_1(b))\phi(z_1(b)) + \phi\left(y_1\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right)\phi\left(z_1\left(\frac{a+b}{2}\right)\right) \\ &\geq \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b [\phi'(|f(t)|)|f'(t)|\phi(z_1(t)) + \phi'(|g(t)|)|g'(t)|\phi(y_1(t))] dt. \end{aligned}$$

Since  $\phi(0) = 0$  and  $\phi$  is an increasing function, we have

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} [\phi'(|f(t)|)|f'(t)|\phi(|g(t)|) + \phi'(|g(t)|)|g'(t)|\phi(|f(t)|)] dt \tag{2.9} \\ &\leq \phi\left(\int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |f'(t)| dt\right)\phi\left(\int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |g'(t)| dt\right) \end{aligned}$$

and

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b [\phi'(|f(t)|)|f'(t)|\phi(|g(t)|) + \phi'(|g(t)|)|g'(t)|\phi(|f(t)|)] dt \tag{2.10} \\ &\leq \phi\left(\int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |f'(t)| dt\right)\phi\left(\int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |g'(t)| dt\right). \end{aligned}$$

Adding to inequalities (2.9) and (2.10), we obtain the required inequality (2.8). □

**Remark 2.6.** If we choose  $f(t) = g(t)$  in Theorem 2.5, we have

$$2 \int_a^b \phi'(|f(t)|) |f'(t)| \phi(|f(t)|) dt \leq \left[ \phi \left( \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |f'(t)| dt \right) \right]^2 + \left[ \phi \left( \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |f'(t)| dt \right) \right]^2. \quad (2.11)$$

If we take  $\phi(t) = t$  in the inequality (2.11), then we have the following inequality

$$2 \int_a^b |f'(t)| |f(t)| dt \leq \left( \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |f'(t)| dt \right)^2 + \left( \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |f'(t)| dt \right)^2.$$

By using Cauchy-Schwarz inequality, it follows that

$$\int_a^b |f'(t)| |f(t)| dt \leq \frac{(b-a)}{4} \int_a^b |f'(t)|^2 dt$$

which is the inequality (1.1).

**Remark 2.7.** If we take  $\phi(t) = t$  in the inequality (2.8), then we have the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b [|f'(t)| |g(t)| + |g'(t)| |f(t)|] dt \\ & \leq \left( \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |f'(t)| dt \right) \left( \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |g'(t)| dt \right) + \left( \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |f'(t)| dt \right) \left( \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |g'(t)| dt \right). \end{aligned} \quad (2.12)$$

By using Cauchy-Schwarz inequality in the right hand sides of inequality (2.12) and using AGM inequality, it follows that

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b [|f'(t)| |g(t)| + |g'(t)| |f(t)|] dt \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)}{2} \left[ \sqrt{\left( \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |f'(t)|^2 dt \right) \left( \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |g'(t)|^2 dt \right)} + \sqrt{\left( \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |f'(t)|^2 dt \right) \left( \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |g'(t)|^2 dt \right)} \right] \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)}{4} \left( \int_a^b |f'(t)|^2 + |g'(t)|^2 dt \right) \end{aligned}$$

which is provided by Pacpatte in (for  $m = 0$  in Theorem 4, [10]).

**Remark 2.8.** If we take  $\phi(t) = \frac{t^p}{p}$  for  $1 \leq p < \infty$  in the inequality (2.8), then we have the following inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b [|f(t)|^{p-1} |f'(t)| |g(t)|^p + |g(t)|^{p-1} |g'(t)| |f(t)|^p] dt \\ & \leq \frac{1}{p} \left( \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |f'(t)| dt \right)^p \left( \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |g'(t)| dt \right)^p \\ & \quad + \frac{1}{p} \left( \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |f'(t)| dt \right)^p \left( \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |g'(t)| dt \right)^p. \end{aligned}$$

It follows from the Hölder's inequality with indices  $p$  and  $\frac{p}{p-1}$ , in the right hand sides of above inequality, and by using AGM inequality we get

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b [|f(t)|^{p-1} |f'(t)| |g(t)|^p + |g(t)|^{p-1} |g'(t)| |f(t)|^p] dt \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^{2p-2}}{p 2^{2p-2}} \left\{ \left( \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |f'(t)|^p dt \right) \left( \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |g'(t)|^p dt \right) \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left( \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |f'(t)|^p dt \right) \left( \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |g'(t)|^p dt \right) \right\} \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^{2p-2}}{p 2^{2p-1}} \left\{ \left( \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |f'(t)|^p dt \right)^2 + \left( \int_a^{\frac{a+b}{2}} |g'(t)|^p dt \right)^2 \right. \\ & \quad \left. + \left( \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |f'(t)|^p dt \right)^2 + \left( \int_{\frac{a+b}{2}}^b |g'(t)|^p dt \right)^2 \right\}. \end{aligned}$$

By using Cauchy-Schwarz inequality

$$\begin{aligned} & \int_a^b \left[ |f(t)|^{p-1} |f'(t)| |g(t)|^p + |g(t)|^{p-1} |g'(t)| |f(t)|^p \right] dt \\ & \leq \frac{(b-a)^{2p-1}}{p2^{2p}} \int_a^b \left[ |f'(t)|^{2p} + |g'(t)|^{2p} \right] dt \end{aligned} \quad (2.13)$$

If we take  $p = 1$  in the inequality (2.13), then we have the following inequality

$$\int_a^b \left[ |f'(t)| |g(t)| + |g'(t)| |f(t)| \right] dt \leq \frac{(b-a)}{4} \int_a^b \left[ |f'(t)|^2 + |g'(t)|^2 \right] dt$$

which is presented by Pachpatte in (for  $m = 0$  in Theorem 4, [10]). If we take  $p = 2$  in the inequality (2.13), then we have the following inequality

$$\int_a^b \left[ |f(t)| |f'(t)| |g(t)|^2 + |g(t)| |g'(t)| |f(t)|^2 \right] dt \leq \frac{(b-a)^3}{32} \int_a^b \left[ |f'(t)|^4 + |g'(t)|^4 \right] dt.$$

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