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A FIXED POINT APPROACH TO THE STABILITY OF AN ADDITIVE-QUADRATIC-QUARTIC FUNCTIONAL EQUATION

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ABSTRACT. In this paper, we investigate the stability of a functional equation

f(x+3y) - 5f(x+2y) + 10f(x+y) - 8f(x) + 5f(x-y) - f(x-2y) - 2f(-x) - f(2x) + f(-2x) = 0

by using the fixed point theory in the sense of L. Cădariu and V. Radu.

1. Introduction

The stability of functional equation has begun to become a research topic from Ulam's question [20] about the stability of group homomorphisms. Hyers [8] gave an affirmative answer to this problem for additive mappings between Banach spaces. Subsequently many mathematicians came to deal with this problem (cf. [6, 13, 18]).

In this paper, let V and W be real vector spaces and Y a real Banach space. For a given mapping $f: V \to W$, we use the following

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abbreviations

$$\begin{split} f_e(x) &:= \frac{f(x) + f(-x)}{2}, \quad f_o(x) := \frac{f(x) - f(-x)}{2}, \\ Af(x,y) &:= f(x+y) - f(x) - f(y), \\ Qf(x,y) &:= f(x+y) + f(x-y) - 2f(x) - 2f(y), \\ Q'f(x,y) &:= f(x+2y) - 4f(x+y) + 6f(x) - 4f(x-y) \\ &+ f(x-2y) - 24f(y), \\ Df(x,y) &:= f(x+3y) - 5f(x+2y) + 10f(x+y) - 8f(x) \\ &+ 5f(x-y) - f(x-2y) - 2f(-x) - f(2x) + f(-2x) \end{split}$$

for all $x, y \in V$. Each functional equation Af(x, y) = 0, Q(x, y) = 0and Q'f(x, y) = 0 is called an additive functional equation, a quadratic functional equation and a quartic functional equation, respectively. Every solution of the functional equations Af(x, y) = 0, Q(x, y) = 0 and Q'f(x, y) = 0 are called an additive mapping, a quadratic mapping and a quartic mapping, respectively. If a mapping can be expressed by the sum of a quartic mapping, a quadratic mapping and an additive mapping, then we call the mapping an additive-quadratic-quartic mapping. A functional equation is called an additive-quadratic-quartic functional equation provided that each solution of that equation is an additivequadratic-quartic mapping and every additive-quadratic-quartic mapping is a solution of that equation.

Many mathematicians [7, 16, 17] investigated the stability of the additive-quadratic-quartic functional equation

$$\begin{aligned} f(x+2y) + f(x-2y) - 2f(x+y) - 2f(-x-y) - 2f(x-y) \\ - 2f(y-x) + 4f(-x) + 2f(x) - f(2y) - f(-2y) + 4f(y) + 4f(-y) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

for all $x, y \in V$. They proved the stability of the above functional equation by dividing into three parts: the additive part, the quadratic part and the quartic part of the given mapping f. However, in this paper, we will show the stability of another type of additive-quadraticquartic functional equation Df(x, y) = 0 by using fixed point theorem without dividing into three parts. We will show that every solution of functional equation Df(x, y) = 0 is an additive-quadraticquartic functional equation and we introduce a strictly contractive mapping which allows me to use the fixed point theory in the sense of L. Cădariu and V. Radu([2, 3, 4]) (See also [9, 10, 11, 12, 14, 15]). And then we can adopt the fixed point method for proving the stability of the functional equation Df(x, y) = 0.

Namely, starting from the given mapping f that approximately satisfies the functional equation Df(x, y) = 0, a solution F of the functional equation Df(x, y) = 0 is explicitly constructed by using the formula

$$F(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{f_o(3^n x)}{3^n} + \sum_{i=0}^n {}_n C_i \frac{(-1)^{n-i}(90)^i}{729^n} f_e(3^{2n-i}x) \right)$$

or

$$F(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} 3^n \left(f_o\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right) + \sum_{i=0}^n {}_n C_i 90^i (-729)^{n-i} f_e\left(\frac{x}{3^{2n-i}}\right) \right),$$

which approximates the mapping f.

2. Main theorems

We recall the following result of the fixed point theory by Margolis and Diaz.

THEOREM 2.1. ([5] or [19]) Suppose that a complete generalized metric space (X, d), which means that the metric d may assume infinite values, and a strictly contractive mapping $J : X \to X$ with the Lipschitz constant 0 < L < 1 are given. Then, for each given element $x \in X$, either

$$d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) = +\infty, \ \forall n \in \mathbb{N} \cup \{0\},\$$

or there exists a nonnegative integer k such that:

(1) $d(J^n x, J^{n+1} x) < +\infty$ for all $n \ge k$;

(2) the sequence $\{J^n x\}$ is convergent to a fixed point y^* of J;

(3) y^* is the unique fixed point of J in $Y := \{y \in X, d(J^k x, y) < +\infty\};$ (4) $d(y, y^*) \le (1/(1-L))d(y, Jy)$ for all $y \in Y$.

The following theorem is a particular case of Baker's theorem [1] when $\delta = 0$.

THEOREM 2.2. (Theorem 1 in [1]) Suppose that V and W are vector spaces over \mathbb{Q} , \mathbb{R} or \mathbb{C} and $\alpha_0, \beta_0, \ldots, \alpha_m, \beta_m$ are scalar such that $\alpha_j \beta_l - \alpha_l \beta_j \neq 0$ whenever $0 \leq j < l \leq m$. If $f_l : V \to W$ for $0 \leq l \leq m$ and

$$\sum_{l=0}^{m} f_l(\alpha_l x + \beta_l y) = 0$$

for all $x, y \in V$, then each f_l is a "generalized" polynomial mapping of "degree" at most m - 1.

Baker [1] also states that if f is a "generalized" polynomial mapping of "degree" at most m-1, then f is expressed as $f(x) = x_0 + \sum_{l=1}^{m-1} a_l^*(x)$ for $x \in V$, where a_l^* is a monomial mapping of degree l and f has a property $f(rx) = x_0 + \sum_{l=1}^{m-1} r^l a_l^*(x)$ for $x \in V$ and $r \in \mathbb{Q}$. The monomial mapping of degree 1, 2 and 4 are also called an additive mapping, a quadric mapping and a quartic mapping, respectively.

THEOREM 2.3. A mapping $f: V \to W$ satisfies Df(x, y) = 0 for all $x, y \in V$ with f(0) = 0 if and only if f is an additive-quadratic-quartic mapping.

Proof. First, we assume that a mapping $f: V \to W$ satisfies Df(x, y) = 0 for all $x, y \in V$. Since the equalities $f_e(9x) - 90f_e(3x) + 729f_e(x) = 0$ and $f_o(3x) = 3f_o(x)$ are obtained from

$$\begin{aligned} f_e(9x) - 90f_e(3x) + 729f_e(x) = Df_e(0, 3x) + 6Df_e(0, 2x) \\ &+ 36Df_e(x, x) + 75Df_e(0, x), \\ f_o(3x) - 3f_o(x) = 2Df_o(-x, x) + Df_o(0, -x) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in V$, we can say that $Df_o(x, y) = 0$, Dg(x, y) = 0, Dh(x, y) = 0, $g(3x) = 3^4g(x)$ and $h(3x) = 3^2(x)$ and $f_o(3x) = 3f_o(x)$, where g, h are defined by $g(x) := f_e(3x) - 3^2f_e(x)$ and $h(x) := f_e(3x) - 3^4f_e(x)$. Therefore, by the comments mentioned after Theorem 2.2, we conclude that f_o , g and h are an additive mapping and a quadratic mapping and a quartic mapping, respectively. With the equality $f(x) = f_o(x) + \frac{g(x)}{72} + \frac{-h(x)}{72}$, we obtain that f is an additive-quartic-quadratic mapping.

Conversely, assume that f_1, f_2, f_3 are mappings such that the equalities $f(x) := f_1(x) + f_2(x) + f_3(x)$, $Af_1(x, y) = 0$, $Qf_2(x, y) = 0$, and $Q'f_3(x, y) = 0$ hold for all $x, y \in V$. Then the equalities $f_1(x) =$ $-f_1(-x), f_2(x) = f_2(-x), f_3(x) = f_3(-x), f_1(2x) = 2f_1(x), f_2(2x) =$ $4f_2(x)$, and $f_3(2x) = 16f_3(x)$ hold for all $x \in V$. From the above equalities, we obtain the equalities

$$Df_{1}(x,y) = -Af_{1}(x+3y,x+y) + 3Af_{1}(x+2y,x)$$

$$-3Af_{1}(x+y,x-y) + Af_{1}(x,x-2y),$$

$$Df_{2}(x,y) = -\frac{Qf_{2}(x+3y,x+y)}{2} + \frac{3Qf_{2}(x+2y,x)}{2}$$

$$-\frac{3Qf_{2}(x+y,x-y)}{2} + \frac{Qf_{2}(x,x-2y)}{2},$$

$$Df_{3}(x,y) = Q'f_{3}(x+y,y) - Q'f_{3}(x,y)$$

for all $x, y \in V$, which mean that

$$Df(x,y) = Df_1(x,y) + Df_2(x,y) + Df_3(x,y) = 0$$

as we desired.

In the following theorem, we can prove the generalized Hyers-Ulam stability of the functional equation Df(x,y) = 0 for all $x, y \in V$ by using the fixed point method.

THEOREM 2.4. Let $f: V \to Y$ be a mapping for which there exists a mapping $\varphi: V^2 \to [0, \infty)$ such that the inequality

$$||Df(x,y)|| \le \varphi(x,y)$$

holds for all $x, y \in V$. If there exists a constant 0 < L < 1 such that φ has the property

(2.2)
$$\varphi(3x, 3y) \le (\sqrt{59778} - 243)L\varphi(x, y)$$

for all $x, y \in V$, then there exists a unique solution mapping $F: V \to Y$ of DF(x, y) = 0 such that

(2.3)
$$||f(x) - f(0) - F(x)|| \le \frac{\Phi(x)}{729(1-L)}$$

for all $x \in V$ with F(0) = 0, where $\Phi(x) = \varphi_e(0, 3x) + 6\varphi_e(0, 2x) + 36\varphi_e(x, x) + 75\varphi_e(0, x) + 486\varphi_e(x, -x) + 243\varphi_e(0, x)$. In particular, F is represented by

(2.4)

$$F(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{f_o(3^n x)}{3^n} + \sum_{i=0}^n {}_n C_i \frac{(-1)^{n-i}(90)^i}{729^n} (f_e(3^{2n-i}x) - f(0)) \right)$$

for all $x \in V$.

Proof. Let $\tilde{f}: V \to Y$ be the mapping defined by $\tilde{f}(x) := f(x) - f(0)$. Then $D\tilde{f}(x,y) = Df(x,y)$ for all $x, y \in V$ and $\tilde{f}(0) = 0$. Let S be the set of all mappings $g: V \to Y$ with g(0) = 0. We introduce a generalized metric on S by

$$d(g,h) = \inf \left\{ K \in \mathbb{R}_+ \middle| \|g(x) - h(x)\| \le K\Phi(x) \text{ for all } x \in V \right\}.$$

It is easy to show that (S, d) is a generalized complete metric space. Now we consider the mapping $J: S \to S$, which is defined by

$$Jg(x) := -\frac{g(9x)}{1458} - \frac{g(-9x)}{1458} + \frac{333g(3x)}{1458} - \frac{153g(-3x)}{1458}$$

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for all $x \in V$. Notice that the equality

$$J^{n}g(x) = \frac{g_{o}(3^{n}x)}{3^{n}} + \sum_{i=0}^{n} C_{i} \frac{(-1)^{n-i}(90)^{i}}{729^{n}} g_{e}(3^{2n-i}x)$$

holds for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x \in V$. Let $g, h \in S$ and let $K \in [0, \infty]$ be an arbitrary constant with $d(g, h) \leq K$. From the definition of d, we have

$$\begin{split} \|Jg(x) - Jh(x)\| &\leq \frac{1}{1458} \|g(9x) - h(9x)\| + \frac{1}{1458} \|g(-9x) - h(-9x)\| \\ &\quad + \frac{333}{1458} \|g(3x) - h(3x)\| + \frac{153}{1458} \|g(-3x) - h(-3x)\| \\ &\leq \frac{\Phi(9x)K}{729} + \frac{\Phi(3x)K}{3} \\ &\leq \frac{(\sqrt{59778} - 243)KL\Phi(3x)}{729} + \frac{K\Phi(3x)}{3} \\ &\leq \frac{(\sqrt{59778} - 243)^2}{729} KL^2 \Phi(x) + \frac{\sqrt{59778} - 243}{3} KL\Phi(x)) \\ &\leq \frac{(\sqrt{59778} - 243)^2 + 486(\sqrt{59778} - 243)}{729} KL\Phi(x) \\ &= KL\Phi(x) \end{split}$$

for all $x \in V$, which implies that

$$d(Jg, Jh) \le Ld(g, h)$$

for any $g, h \in S$. That is, J is a strictly contractive self-mapping of S with the Lipschitz constant L. Moreover, by (2.1) we see that

$$\begin{split} \|\tilde{f}(x) - J\tilde{f}(x)\| &= \frac{1}{729} \|Df_e(0, 3x) + 6Df_e(0, 2x) + 36Df_e(x, x) \\ &+ 75Df_e(0, x) + 486Df_o(x, -x) + 243Df_o(0, x)\| \\ &\leq \frac{1}{729} (\varphi_e(0, 3x) + 6\varphi_e(0, 2x) + 36\varphi_e(x, x) + 75\varphi_e(0, x) \\ &+ 486\varphi_e(x, -x) + 243\varphi_e(0, x)) \\ &\leq \frac{\Phi(x)}{729} \end{split}$$

for all $x \in V$. It means that $d(\tilde{f}, J\tilde{f}) \leq \frac{1}{729} < \infty$ by the definition of d. Therefore according to Theorem 2.1, the sequence $\{J^n \tilde{f}\}$ converges to the unique fixed point $F: V \to Y$ of J in the set $T = \{g \in S | d(\tilde{f}, g) < 0\}$

 ∞ }, which is represented by (2.4) for all $x \in V$. Notice that

$$d(\tilde{f}, F) \le \frac{1}{1-L} d(\tilde{f}, J\tilde{f}) \le \frac{1}{729(1-L)},$$

which implies (2.3). By the definition of F, together with (2.1) and (2.2), we have

$$\begin{split} \|DF(x,y)\| &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \|DJ^n \tilde{f}(x,y)\| \\ &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \|\frac{Df_o(3^n x, 3^n y)}{3^n} + \sum_{i=0}^n nC_i \frac{(-1)^{n-i}90^i}{729^n} Df_e(3^{2n-i}x, 3^{2n-i}y)\| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{\varphi_e(3^n x, 3^n y)}{3^n} + \frac{1}{729^n} \sum_{i=0}^n nC_i 90^i \varphi_e(3^{2n-i}x, 3^{2n-i}y)\right) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{3^n} + \frac{1}{729^n} \sum_{i=0}^n nC_i (\sqrt{59778} - 243)^{n-i} L^{n-i} 90^i\right) \varphi_e(3^n x, 3^n y) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{1}{3^n} + \frac{1}{729^n} \left((\sqrt{59778} - 243)L + 90\right)^n\right) \varphi_e(3^n x, 3^n y) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\left(\frac{243}{729}\right)^n + \frac{1}{729^n} \left(\sqrt{59778} - 243 + 90\right)^n\right) \varphi_e(3^n x, 3^n y) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\left(\frac{\sqrt{59778} + 243}{729}\right)^n + \left(\frac{\sqrt{59778} + 243}{729}\right)^n\right) \varphi_e(3^n x, 3^n y) \\ &\leq 2\lim_{n \to \infty} \left(\frac{(\sqrt{59778} + 243)(\sqrt{59778} - 243)}{729}\right)^n L^n \varphi_e(x, y) \\ &= 2\lim_{n \to \infty} L^n \varphi_e(x, y) \\ &= 0 \end{split}$$

for all $x, y \in V$ i.e., F is a solution of the functional equation DF(x, y) = 0 and F(0) = 0. Notice that if F is a solution of the functional equation DF(x, y) = 0 with F(0) = 0, then the equality

$$F(x) - JF(x) = \frac{1}{729} (DF_e(0, 3x) + 6DF_e(0, 2x) + 36DF_e(x, x) + 75DF_e(0, x) + 486DF_o(x, -x) + 243DF_o(0, x))$$

implies that F is a fixed point of J.

THEOREM 2.5. Let $f: V \to Y$ be a mapping for which there exists a mapping $\varphi: V^2 \to [0, \infty)$ such that the inequality (2.1) holds for all

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 $x, y \in V$. If there exists a constant 0 < L < 1 such that φ has the property

(2.5)
$$L\varphi(3x, 3y) \ge \frac{729}{\sqrt{2754} - 45}\varphi(x, y)$$

for all $x, y \in V$, then there exists a unique solution mapping $F: V \to Y$ of DF(x, y) = 0 such that

(2.6)
$$||f(x) - f(0) - F(x)|| \le \frac{\Psi(x)}{1 - L}$$

for all $x \in V$ with F(0) = 0, where $\Psi(x)$ is given by

$$\Psi(x) := \varphi_e\left(0, \frac{x}{3}\right) + 6\varphi_e\left(0, \frac{2x}{9}\right) + 36\varphi_e\left(\frac{x}{9}, \frac{x}{9}\right) + 75\varphi_e\left(0, \frac{x}{9}\right) + 2\varphi_e\left(\frac{-x}{3}, \frac{x}{3}\right) + \varphi_e\left(0, \frac{-x}{3}\right).$$

In particular, F is represented by (2.7)

$$F(x) = \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(3^n f_o\left(\frac{x}{3^n}\right) + \sum_{i=0}^n {}_n C_i 90^i (-729)^{n-i} \left(f_e\left(\frac{x}{3^{2n-i}}\right) \right) - f(0) \right)$$

for all $x \in V$.

Proof. Let the mapping \tilde{f} and the set S be as in the proof of Theorem 2.3 with a generalized metric d on S given by

$$d(g,h) = \inf \left\{ K \in \mathbb{R}_+ \left| \|g(x) - h(x)\| \le K\Psi(x) \text{ for all } x \in V \right\}.$$

Now we consider the mapping $J: S \to S$ defined by

$$Jg(x) := \frac{1}{2} \left(93g\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) + 87g\left(\frac{-x}{3}\right) - 729g\left(\frac{x}{9}\right) - 729g\left(\frac{-x}{9}\right)\right)$$

for all $x \in V$. Notice that the equality

$$J^{n}g(x) = 3^{n}g_{o}\left(\frac{x}{3^{n}}\right) + \sum_{i=0}^{n} {}_{n}C_{i}90^{i}(-729)^{n-i}g_{e}\left(\frac{x}{3^{2n-i}}\right)$$

holds for all $n \in \mathbb{N}$ and $x \in V$. Let $g, h \in S$ and let $K \in [0, \infty]$ be an arbitrary constant with $d(g, h) \leq K$. From the definition of d, we have

$$\begin{aligned} \|Jg(x) - Jh(x)\| &\leq \frac{1}{2} \left(93 \left\| g\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) - h\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) \right\| + 87 \left\| g\left(\frac{-x}{3}\right) - h\left(\frac{-x}{3}\right) \right\| \\ &+ 729 \left\| g\left(\frac{x}{9}\right) - h\left(\frac{x}{9}\right) \right\| + 729 \left\| g\left(\frac{-x}{9}\right) - h\left(\frac{-x}{9}\right) \right\| \right) \\ &\leq 729 K \Psi\left(\frac{x}{9}\right) + 90 K \Psi\left(\frac{x}{3}\right) \\ &\leq L^2 \frac{(\sqrt{2754} - 45)^2}{729} K \Psi(x) + \frac{90(\sqrt{2754} - 45)}{729} L K \Psi(x) \\ &\leq L K \Psi(x) \end{aligned}$$

for all $x \in V$, which implies that

$$d(Jg, Jh) \le Ld(g, h)$$

for any $g, h \in S$. That is, J is a strictly contractive self-mapping of S with the Lipschitz constant L. Moreover, by (2.1) we see that

$$\begin{split} \|\tilde{f}(x) - J\tilde{f}(x)\| &= \left\| Df_e\left(0, \frac{x}{3}\right) + 6Df_e\left(0, \frac{2x}{9}\right) + 36Df_e\left(\frac{x}{9}, \frac{x}{9}\right) \\ &+ 75Df_e\left(0, \frac{x}{9}\right) + 2Df_o\left(\frac{-x}{3}, \frac{x}{3}\right) + Df_o\left(0, \frac{-x}{3}\right) \right\| \\ &\leq \varphi_e\left(0, \frac{x}{3}\right) + 6\varphi_e\left(0, \frac{2x}{9}\right) + 36\varphi_e\left(\frac{x}{9}, \frac{x}{9}\right) + 75\varphi_e\left(0, \frac{x}{9}\right) \\ &+ 2\varphi_e\left(\frac{-x}{3}, \frac{x}{3}\right) + \varphi_e\left(0, \frac{-x}{3}\right) \\ &= \Psi(x) \end{split}$$

for all $x \in V$. It means that $d(\tilde{f}, J\tilde{f}) \leq 1 < \infty$ by the definition of d. Therefore according to Theorem 2.1, the sequence $\{J^n \tilde{f}\}$ converges to the unique fixed point $F: V \to Y$ of J in the set $T = \{g \in S | d(\tilde{f}, g) < \infty\}$, which is represented by (2.7) for all $x \in V$. Notice that

$$d(\tilde{f},F) \leq \frac{1}{1-L} d(\tilde{f},J\tilde{f}) \leq \frac{1}{1-L},$$

which implies (2.6). By the definition of F, together with (2.1) and (2.5), we have

$$\begin{split} \|DF(x,y)\| &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \|DJ^n f(x,y)\| \\ &= \lim_{n \to \infty} \|3^n f_o\left(\frac{x}{3^n}, \frac{y}{3^n}\right) + \sum_{i=0}^n nC_i 90^{n-i} (-729)^i f_e\left(\frac{x}{3^{2n-i}}, \frac{y}{3^{2n-i}}\right) \Big| \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(3^n \varphi_e\left(\frac{x}{3^n}, \frac{y}{3^n}\right) + \sum_{i=0}^n nC_i 729^{n-i} 90^i \varphi_e\left(\frac{x}{3^{2n-i}}, \frac{y}{3^{2n-i}}\right)\right) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(3^n + \sum_{i=0}^n nC_i 90^i (\sqrt{2754} - 45)^{n-i} L^{n-i}) \varphi_e\left(\frac{x}{3^n}, \frac{y}{3^n}\right) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \left(3^n + ((\sqrt{2754} - 45) + 90)^n) \varphi_e\left(\frac{x}{3^n}, \frac{y}{3^n}\right) \\ &\leq \lim_{n \to \infty} \left((\sqrt{2754} + 45))^n + (\sqrt{2754} - 45))^n\right) \varphi_e\left(\frac{x}{3^n}, \frac{y}{3^n}\right) \\ &\leq 2 \lim_{n \to \infty} L^n \frac{((\sqrt{2754} + 45))^n (\sqrt{2754} - 45))^n}{729^n} \varphi_e(x,y) \\ &\leq 2 \lim_{n \to \infty} L^n \varphi_e(x,y) \\ &= 0 \end{split}$$

for all $x, y \in V$ i.e., F is a solution of the functional equation DF(x, y) = 0 with F(0) = 0. Notice that if F is a solution of the functional equation DF(x, y) = 0 with F(0) = 0, then the equality $F(x) - JF(x) = DF_e(0, \frac{x}{3}) + 6DF_e(0, \frac{2x}{9}) + 36DF_e(\frac{x}{9}, \frac{x}{9}) + 75DF_e(0, \frac{x}{9}) + 2DF_o(\frac{-x}{3}, \frac{x}{3}) + DF_o(0, \frac{-x}{3})$ implies that F is a fixed point of J.

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