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Claim: $D^{\infty,even}(\psi(x)) = \psi(x+1) + \psi(x-1)$.

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Proposition: $\forall p(x) \in \wp(x)$, $D^{\infty,even}p(x) = p(x+1) + p(x-1)$, where $\wp(x)$ is the set of all polynomial functions in x

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Note: One can show the validity of following results:

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