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We investigate the matings of pairs of cubic polynomials which have a fixed critical point. We will show that the only possible obstructions are Levy cycles. We will discuss similarities with the quadratic case and provide a simple condition under which the matings are obstructed. (Received September 13, 2014)