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The functional equation f(xy) = f(x)g(y) + g(x)f(y) is called the sine addition formula, and in a very general setting it is known that g must be the average of two multiplicative functions. Here we consider the case in which the two multiplicative functions coincide, but we generalize that case to a functional equation with four unknown functions. That is, assuming that M is a nonzero multiplicative function, we solve f(xy) = k(x)M(y) + g(x)h(y) for the four unknown functions f, g, h, k on groups and certain semigroups under the additional assumption that the unknown functions are at least central.

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