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As stated in the paper, Theorem 2 cited from [1] does not hold. It should be replaced by the following trivial result:

Theorem 2. Let G be a group and \mathbb{K} be a field of characteristic different from 2. If the central function $f: G \to \mathbb{K}$ is a solution of

$$f(xy) + f(yx) = 2f(x) + 2f(y)$$
(1)

for all $x, y \in G$, then $f \in Hom(G, \mathbb{K})$. The converse is also true.

One should note that if the unknown function f is not central, this result does not hold. Several of the results within the paper were based upon Theorem 2 and because of this, the unknown function f needs to be assumed to be central in the following lemma, theorems, and corollaries: Theorem 7, Corollary 8, Corollary 9, Corollary 10, and Lemma 12. Similarly, in Theorem 13 the unknown functions f and g also need to be assumed to be central.

With these additional conditions the results within the paper still extend the previously known results of Riedel and Sahoo in [2–4].

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