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In this talk we present the solution  $f : \mathbb{R}^2 \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$  of the equation  $f(ux - vy, uy - vx) = f(x, y) + f(u, v) + f(x, y)f(u, v)$  for all  $x, y, u, v \in \mathbb{R}$  without any regularity assumption. The solution of the functional equation  $f(ux + vy, uy - vx) = f(x, y) + f(u, v) + f(x, y)f(u, v)$  will also be presented. The methods of solution of these equations are simple and elementary. Furthermore, the solution of a more generalized functional equation will be discussed. These equations arise in connection with the characterizations of determinant and permanent of two-by-two symmetric matrices. (Received August 28, 2006)