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$$f(y+x) + f(y-x) = 2f(x)f(y)$$
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D'Alembert equation.

Solutions:

$$f(x) = \cos(Cx),$$
 $f(x) = \cosh(Cx),$ $f(x) \equiv 0,$

where C is an arbitrary constant.

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