

## Workaround for Microsoft Equation Editor 3.0 objects in Office versions up through Office 2016

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Microsoft removed Equation Editor features in Office for security reasons in January 2018 patches, which will make existing equation objects made with the tool read-only.

Per Microsoft recommendations here: <<https://support.microsoft.com/en-us/help/4057882/error-when-editing-an-equation-in-office>>, the resolution is:

You can insert and edit new equations using the editor built into Office version 2007 or later. For more information about inserting and editing equations, see [Write, insert, or change an equation](#). However, you will not be able to edit existing equations that were inserted using Equation Editor 3.0 in that manner.

Alternatively, the third-party app MathType enables you to edit Equation Editor 3.0 equations without security issues. MathType is now part of the Wiris Suite. You can download a free MathType 30-day trial at: <[http://www.wiris.com/en/equation\\_editor/microsoft](http://www.wiris.com/en/equation_editor/microsoft)>

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