

Trouble Printing Your Powerpoints?

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As you can tell, the Powerpoint files are created with a very colorful background. You're not likely to want to print them in their natural color. Hence, it is best to print them as "Grayscale" or "Pure Black and White". These will look about the same. When this is done, the background should be white. The equations, which appear to be white on the screen, are converted to black. Otherwise, you would not be able to see them. Nonetheless, some people have reported problems seeing them. The Powerpoint files were set up to automatically convert the equations to black when printing, but a few people have reported that the problem still exists.

If it does, here is the procedure for converting them.

Select the equation in question. (You will have to do this for each equation.)

Format Object

Picture

Recolor

On the first line, the top left box should be checked, the color in the middle box (under "Original") should be black, and the color in the right box (under "New") should be white. On the second line, the box should be unchecked, the color in the middle box (under "Original") should be white, and the color in the right box (under "Original") should be white.

If this does not solve the problem, try this.

View

Grayscale (or Pure Black and White)

From "Setting" on the Grayscale View menu

Black with Grayscale fill or Black with White fill

Another problem that might occur is that if you print them as handouts (more than two to a page), the equations will be very small. There is no solution to this problem. There is only so much space on a page.