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The setup, part 1

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Let's consider a function $A(x, y)$ that describes the area of a rectangle of length x and width y . Note that we are considering x and y to be variables, so this is a **2**-variable function. What is the function $A(x, y)$?

$A(x, y) =$

x*y

$x \cdot y$

✓ Answer: x*y

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Solution:

The area of a rectangle is the length x times the width y ,

$$A(x, y) = xy.$$

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The setup, part 2

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Suppose we want to take a tangent plane approximation to this function $A(x, y)$ to find the area of a rectangle with length $x = 2.1$ and width $y = 2.8$. Near which point should we take the approximation?

☐ $(x, y) = (0, 0)$

☐ $(x, y) = (2, 2)$

☒ $(x, y) = (2, 3)$

☐ I am not sure what you are asking.



Solution:

This may seem like a silly question. But we would want to take the approximation at nice integer values that are easy for us to multiply. A good choice is the one that makes Δx and Δy as small as possible.

- If you choose $(x, y) = (0, 0)$, you have $\Delta x = 2.1$ and $\Delta y = 2.8$.
- If you choose $(x, y) = (2, 2)$, you have $\Delta x = 0.1$ and $\Delta y = 0.8$.
- If you choose $(x, y) = (2, 3)$, you have $\Delta x = 0.1$ and $\Delta y = -0.2$. This is the c

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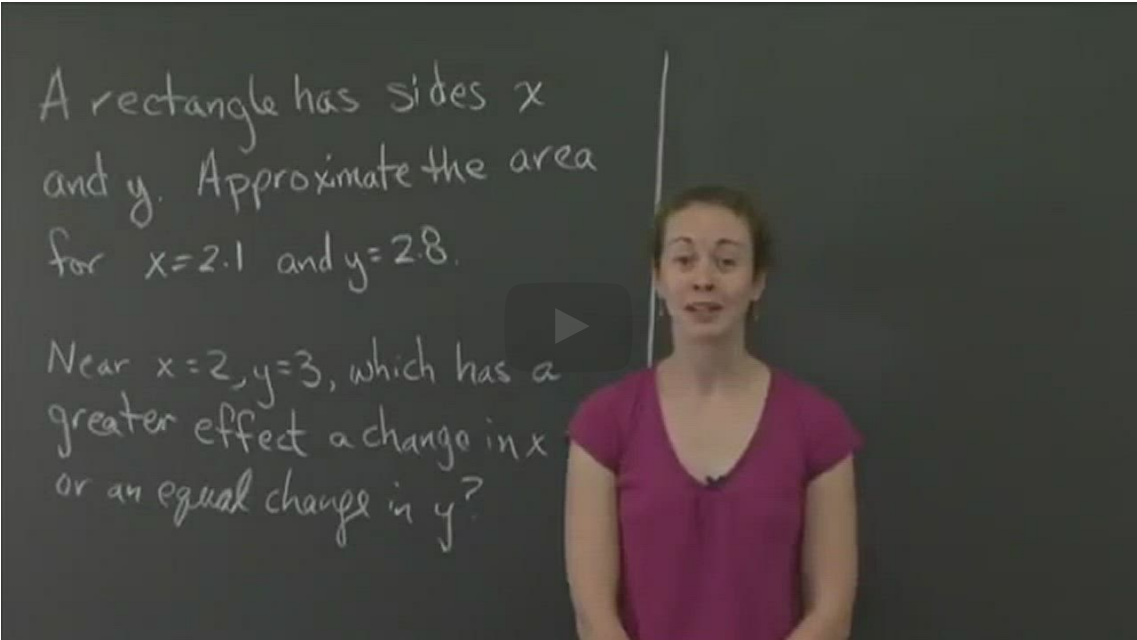
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A tangent approximation for area

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PROFESSOR: Welcome back to recitation.

In this video, I'd like us to work on the following problem that has to do with tangent planes and approximations.

So we know that a rectangle-- we'll say a rectangle has sides x and y .

And we know that to find the area of

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