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# normalize()

Scales the components of a **p5.Vector** object so that its magnitude is 1.

The static version of `normalize()`, as in `p5.Vector.normalize(v)`, returns a new **p5.Vector** object and doesn't change the original.

## Examples

```
function setup() {
  createCanvas(100, 100);

  background(200);

  // Create a p5.Vector.
  let v = createVector(10, 20, 2);

  // Normalize.
  v.normalize();

  // Prints "p5.Vector Object : [0.445..., 0.890..., 0.089...]" to the console.
  print(v.toString());
}
```

```
function setup() {
  createCanvas(100, 100);

  background(200);

  // Create a p5.Vector.
  let v0 = createVector(10, 20, 2);

  // Create a normalized copy.
  let v1 = p5.Vector.normalize(v0);

  // Prints "p5.Vector Object : [10, 20, 2]" to the console.
  print(v0.toString());
  // Prints "p5.Vector Object : [0.445..., 0.890..., 0.089...]" to the console.
  print(v1.toString());
}
```

```
function setup() {
  createCanvas(100, 100);

  describe("A red and blue arrow extend from the center of a circle. Both arrows follow the mouse, but the blue arrow's length is fixed to the circle's radius.");
}

function draw() {
  background(240);

  // Vector to the center.
  let v0 = createVector(50, 50);

  // Vector from the center to the mouse.
  let v1 = createVector(mouseX - 50, mouseY - 50);

  // Circle's radius.
  let r = 25;

  // Draw the red arrow.
  drawArrow(v0, v1, 'red');

  // Draw the blue arrow.
  v1.normalize();
  drawArrow(v0, v1.mult(r), 'blue');

  // Draw the circle.
  noFill();
  circle(50, 50, r * 2);
}
```

## Syntax

`normalize()`

`normalize(v, [target])`

## Parameters

**v** p5.Vector: The vector to normalize  
**target** p5.Vector: The vector to receive the result

## Returns

p5.Vector: normalized **p5.Vector**.

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## Related References

<b>add</b> Adds to a vector's x, y, and z components.	<b>angleBetween</b> Calculates the angle between two vectors.	<b>array</b> Returns the vector's components as an array of numbers.	<b>clampToZero</b> Replaces the components of a p5.Vector that are very close to zero with zero.
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