

mag()

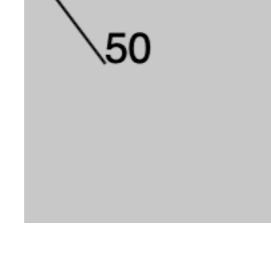
Calculates the magnitude, or length, of a vector.

A vector can be thought of in different ways. In one view, a vector is a point in space. The vector's components, `x` and `y`, are the point's coordinates `(x, y)`. A vector's magnitude is the distance from the origin `(0, 0)` to `(x, y)`. `mag(x, y)` is a shortcut for calling `dist(0, 0, x, y)`.

A vector can also be thought of as an arrow pointing in space. This view is helpful for programming motion. See [p5.Vector](#) for more details.

Use [p5.Vector.mag\(\)](#) to calculate the magnitude of a [p5.Vector](#) object.

Examples



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

  background(200);

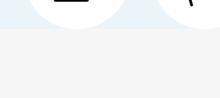
  // Set the vector's components.
  let x = 30;
  let y = 40;

  // Calculate the magnitude.
  let m = mag(x, y);

  // Style the text.
  textSize(16);

  // Display the vector and its magnitude.
  line(0, 0, x, y);
  text(m, x, y);

  describe('A diagonal line is drawn from the top left of the
  canvas. The number 50 is written at the end of the line.');
}
```



Syntax

```
mag(x, y)
```



Parameters

`x` Number: first component.
`y` Number: second component.

Returns

Number: magnitude of vector.

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Calculates the absolute value of a number.

[ceil](#)
Calculates the closest integer value that is greater than or equal to a number.

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