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Scale a normalized 2D vector always to the same length

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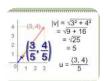
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To normalize a 2D vector means to scale it to have a length (or magnitude) of 1, while maintaining its original direction. This is achieved by dividing each component of the vector by its magnitude. \mathscr{P}



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Here's a breakdown:

1. Calculate the Magnitude:

The magnitude of a 2D vector (x, y) is calculated using the Pythagorean theorem: magnitude = $\sqrt{(x^2 + y^2)}$.

2. Normalize the Vector:

Divide each component of the vector by the calculated magnitude: (x / magnitude, y / magnitude). The resulting vector will have a magnitude of 1 and point in the same direction as the original vector. $\mathscr O$

Example:

Let's say you have a vector (3, 4). @

1. Calculate the magnitude: magnitude = $\sqrt{(3^2 + 4^2)} = \sqrt{(9 + 16)} = \sqrt{25} = 5$.

2. Normalize:

- x-component: 3 / 5 = 0.6
- y-component: 4 / 5 = 0.8
- The normalized vector is (0.6, 0.8).
- You can verify that the magnitude of this vector is indeed 1: $\sqrt{(0.6^2 + 0.8^2)} = \sqrt{(0.36 + 0.64)} = \sqrt{1} = 1$.

Why normalize?

Directional information:

Normalization is useful when you only need the direction of a vector and not its magnitude. For example, when calculating movement direction in games, you might want to move at a consistent speed regardless of how far the player is from the target.

Consistent comparison:

Normalizing vectors before comparing them allows you to compare their directions without being influenced by their lengths.

Avoids issues with large magnitudes:

Some algorithms or calculations may not work correctly with very large or very small vector magnitudes. Normalization can help prevent these issues. $\mathscr {P}$

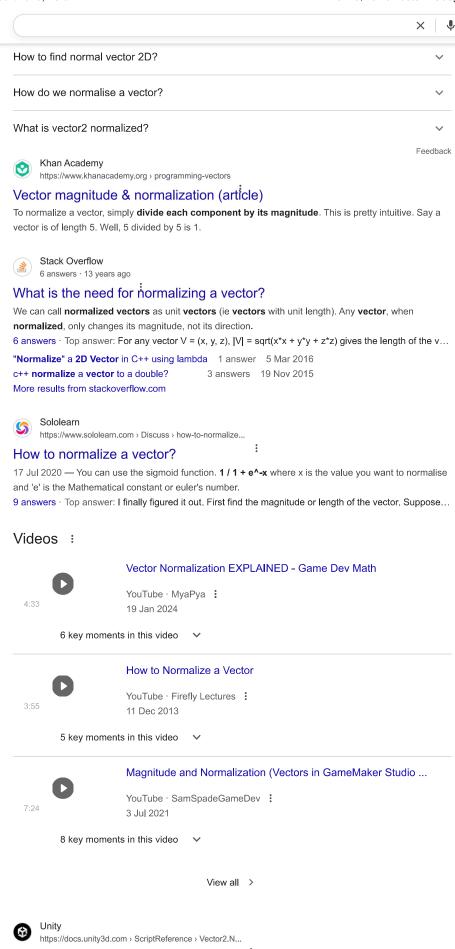
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When **normalized**, a **vector** keeps the same direction but its length is 1.0. Note that this function will change the current **vector**. If you want to keep the ...

Vectors - Normalizing

Normalizing a **vector** involves two steps: 1 calculate its length, then, 2 divide each of its (xy or xyz) components by its length.



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Vector2.Normalize(Vector2) Method (System.Numerics)

Returns a **vector** with the same direction as the specified **vector**, but with a length of one.



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