

# Math 111: Final Review 5

1. In chemistry,  $C$  denotes the concentration of hydrogen ions (measured in moles/liter) in a solution;  $C \in (0, 1)$ . The  $pH$  of a solution is calculated as:

$$pH = -\log C$$

- a) A moderately acidic solution, like coffee, has a  $pH = 5$ . Find the concentration of hydrogen ions in a solution with a  $pH$  of 5.

$$\begin{aligned} 5 &= -\log C \\ -5 &= \log C \\ 10^{-5} &= \log C \end{aligned} \quad C = 10^{-5}$$

- b) A highly alkaline solution, like ammonia, has a  $pH = 11$ . Find the concentration of hydrogen ions in a solution with a  $pH$  of 11.

$$\begin{aligned} 11 &= -\log C \\ C &= 10^{-11} \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} D: (0, 1) \\ R: (0, \infty) \end{aligned}$$

- c) Find the inverse function for the function  $pH(C)$  including the domain & range.

$$\begin{aligned} pH &= -\log C \\ -pH &= \log C \\ 10^{-pH} &= \log C \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} 10^{-pH} &= C \\ D: (0, \infty) \\ R: (0, 1) \end{aligned}$$

- d) How many times greater is the hydrogen ion concentration in a solution with a  $pH = 2.3$  than the hydrogen ion concentration in a solution with a  $pH = 9.5$ ? State the exact answer, then give the answer rounded to two places.

$$\begin{aligned} 2.3 &= -\log C \\ C &= 10^{-2.3} \end{aligned} \quad \begin{aligned} 9.5 &= -\log C \\ C &= 10^{-9.5} \end{aligned}$$

$10^{9.5-2.3}$   
 $10^{7.2}$  times

$$\frac{10^{-2.3}}{10^{-9.5}} = 15,848,931.92 \text{ times greater} = 10^{7.2}$$