



Logarithmic Scales - Measured Value (Number) to Magnitude



1

What is the pH on the pH scale when the hydrogen ion concentration is 0.01 mL/mol?

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+]$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 0.01 \text{ mL/mol}$$

A $\text{pH} = 3.5$

B $\text{pH} = 2$

2

What is the dB magnitude on the decibel scale when the sound energy is 0.0001 W/m²?

$$\text{dB} = 10 \log \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right)$$

$$I_0 = 10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2$$

$$I = 0.0001 \text{ W/m}^2$$

A $\beta = 80 \text{ dB}$

B $\beta = 87 \text{ dB}$

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What is the magnitude on the Richter scale when the wave height is 1 x 10⁹ micrometers?

$$M = \log \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right)$$

$$I_0 = 1 \mu\text{m}$$

$$I = 1 \times 10^9 \mu\text{m}$$

A $M = 11$

B $M = 9$

4

What is the pH on the pH scale when the hydrogen ion concentration is 1 x 10⁻⁶ mL/mol?

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+]$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ mL/mol}$$

A $\text{pH} = 6$

B $\text{pH} = 8$

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What is the pH on the pH scale when the hydrogen ion concentration is 1 x 10⁻⁸ mL/mol?

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+]$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 1 \times 10^{-8} \text{ mL/mol}$$

A $\text{pH} = 6$

B $\text{pH} = 8$

6

What is the dB magnitude on the decibel scale when the sound energy is 1 x 10⁻⁶ W/m²?

$$\text{dB} = 10 \log \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right)$$

$$I_0 = 10^{-12} \text{ W/m}^2$$

$$I = 1 \times 10^{-6} \text{ W/m}^2$$

A $\beta = 67 \text{ dB}$

B $\beta = 60 \text{ dB}$

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What is the magnitude on the Richter scale when the wave height is 100 micrometers?

$$M = \log \left(\frac{I}{I_0} \right)$$

$$I_0 = 1 \mu\text{m}$$

$$I = 100 \mu\text{m}$$

A $M = 2$

B $M = 1$

8

What is the pH on the pH scale when the hydrogen ion concentration is 1 x 10⁻⁷ mL/mol?

$$\text{pH} = -\log [\text{H}^+]$$

$$[\text{H}^+] = 1 \times 10^{-7} \text{ mL/mol}$$

A $\text{pH} = 7.5$

B $\text{pH} = 7$