

## Answer on Question #51173, Physics, Electromagnetism

Let the positive charge  $q_1=2\mu C$  be on the left on the ox axis and negative charge  $q_2=-1\mu C$  be on the right. The distance between charges is  $d=20\text{ cm}=0.2\text{ m}$ .

The potential created by point charge at distance  $r$  from it is  $\varphi=\frac{kq_1}{r}$ , where  $k=\frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$  in

SI system. Let the distance where the sum of the potentials created by two charges is zero be  $x$  (measuring the distance from positive charge). The potential created by positive charge at that point is  $\varphi_1=\frac{kq_1}{x}$  and created by negative charge is  $\varphi_2=\frac{kq_2}{d-x}$ .

The sum of two must be equal to zero, thus  $\varphi_1+\varphi_2=k\left(\frac{q_1}{x}+\frac{q_2}{d-x}\right)=0$ , or  $\frac{(d-x)q_1+xq_2}{x(d-x)}=0$ ,

from where  $x=\frac{-d q_1}{q_2 - q_1} \approx 0.133\text{ m}=13.3\text{ cm}$ .