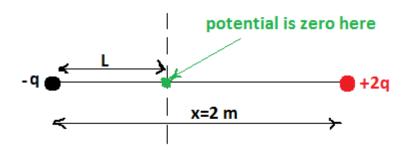
Answer on question 61002

Charges of -q and +2q are fixed in place, with a distance of 2.00 m between them. A dashed line is drawn through the negative charge, perpendicular to the line between the charges. On the dashed line, at a distance L from the negative charge, there is at least one spot where the total potential is zero. Find L.

Solution



Using this figure, we write the potential in the green point:

$$\varphi = \frac{-q}{L} + \frac{+2q}{X-L} = 0 \to \frac{1}{L} = \frac{2}{X-L} \to X - L = 2L \to L = \frac{X}{3} = \frac{2}{3}m.$$

Answer $L = \frac{2}{3}m$.

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