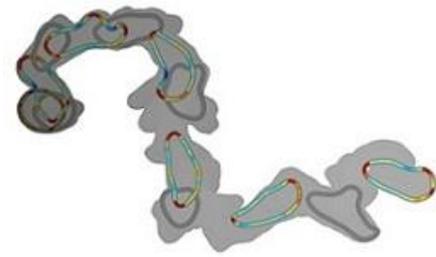


Physics 131- Fundamentals of Physics for Biologists I



Potential Energy

Heat

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Office Hours:

12/4 Wednesday 5.30-6.30pm AV Williams

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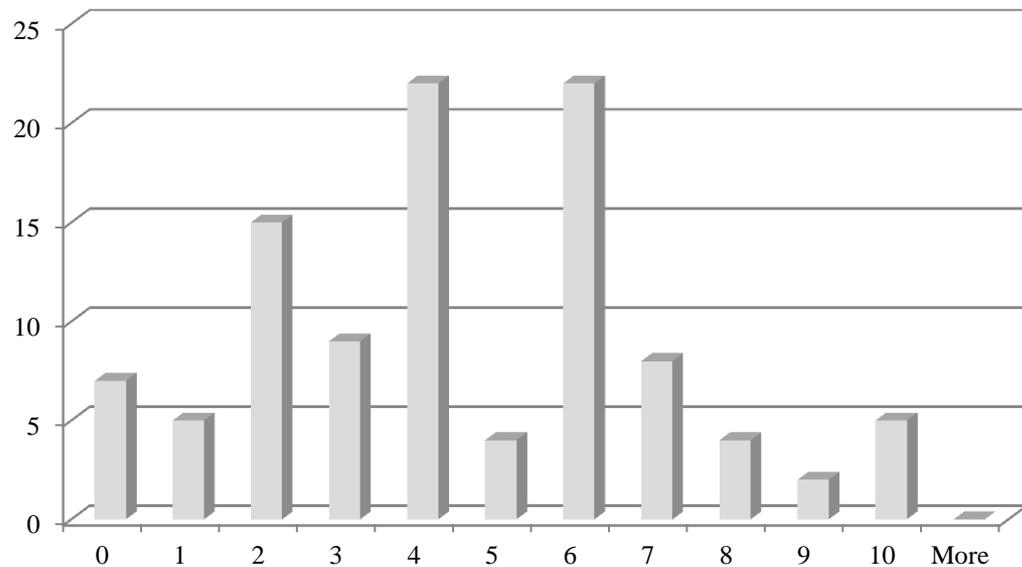
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Quiz 10

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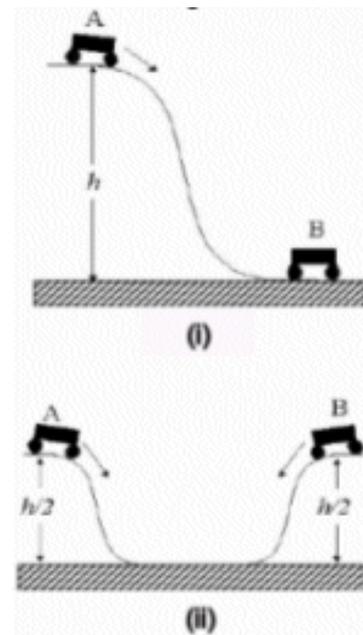
BC E BC CD



1 Two identical carts A and B roll down a hill and collide as shown in the figures at the right.

(i): A starts from rest. It rolls down and collides head-on with B which is initially at rest on the ground. The two carts stick together.

(ii): A and B are at rest on opposite hills. They roll down, collide head-on and stick together.



- A. The momentum of the system is zero in both cases.
- B. The momentum of the system is zero in case (ii).**
- C. The momentum of the system is greater in case (i) than in case (ii).**
- D. The momentum of the system is greater in case (ii) than in case (i).
- E. The momentum of the system is the same in both cases (but not 0).

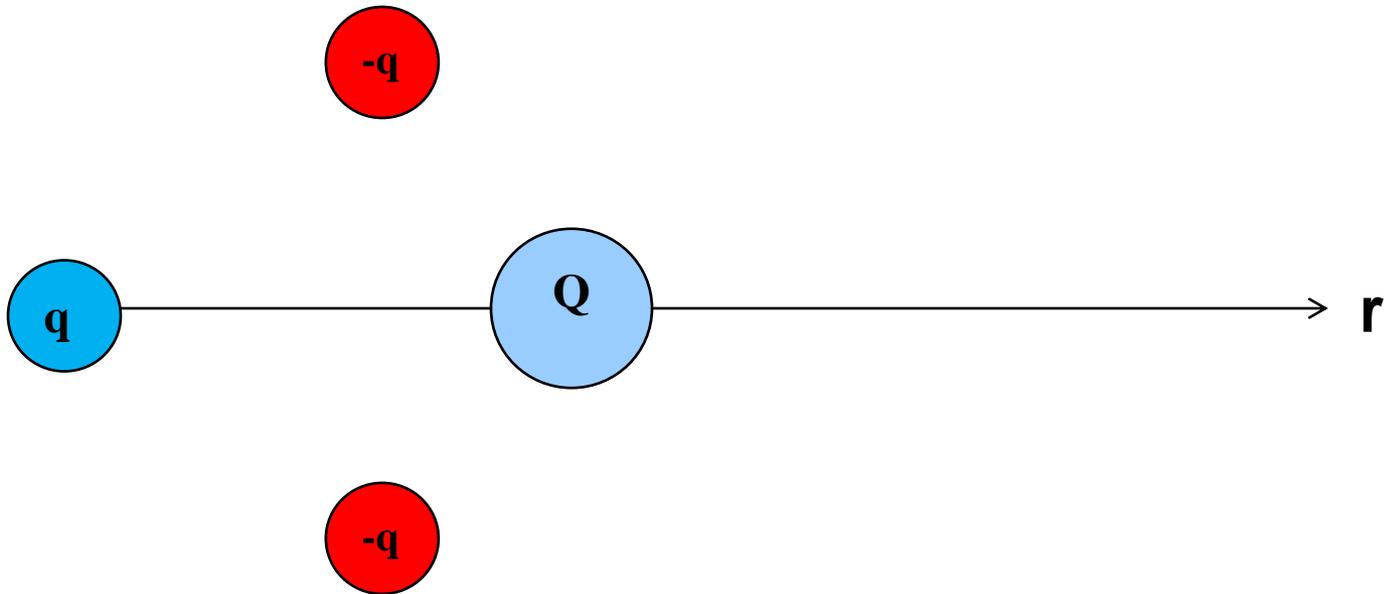
Consider a system with two positive charges (blue) (one of them dashed) and two negative charges (red). The charge Q can only move along the line. For the positions shown what is the magnitude and direction of the net force on Q exerted by the other charges



1. **Large** force to **right**
2. **Medium** force to **right**
3. **Weak** force to **right**
4. No force
5. **Weak** force to **left**
6. **Medium** force to **left**
7. **Strong** force to **left**

Sketch total potential energy as a function of position r of charge Q

$$\vec{F} \cdot \Delta\vec{r} = -\Delta U$$



Energies between charge clusters

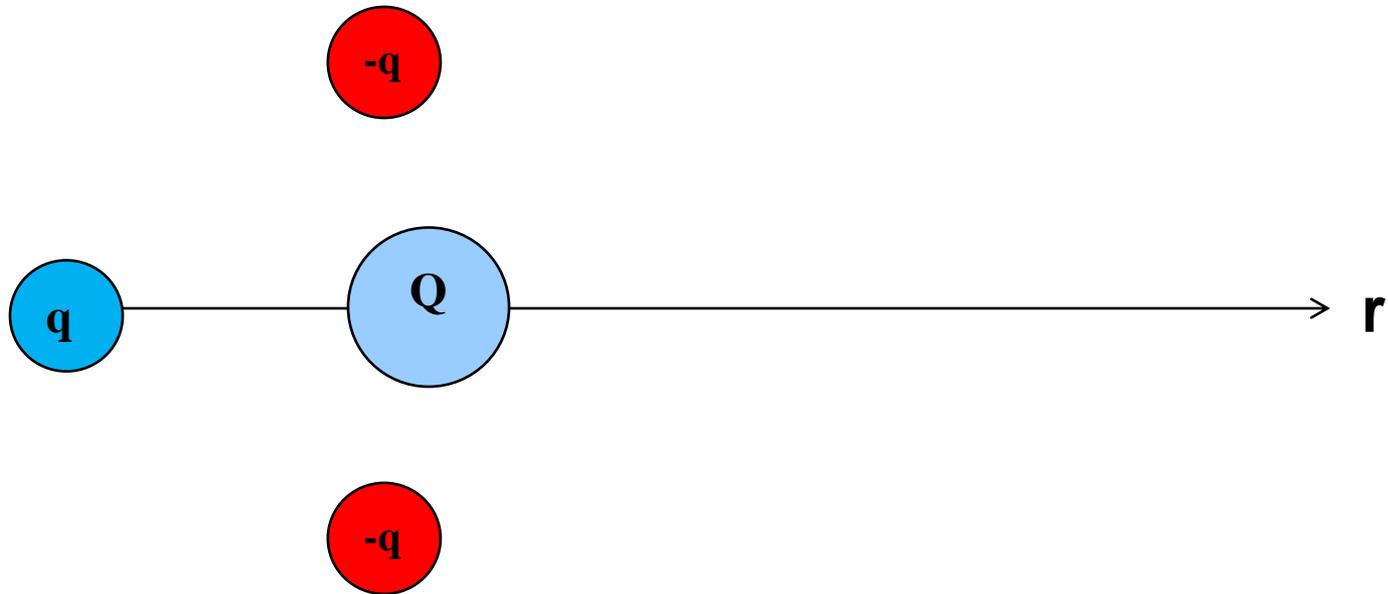
- Atoms and molecules are made up of charges.
- The potential energy between two charges is

$$U_{12}^{elec} = \frac{k_C Q_1 Q_2}{r_{12}} \quad \text{No vectors!}$$

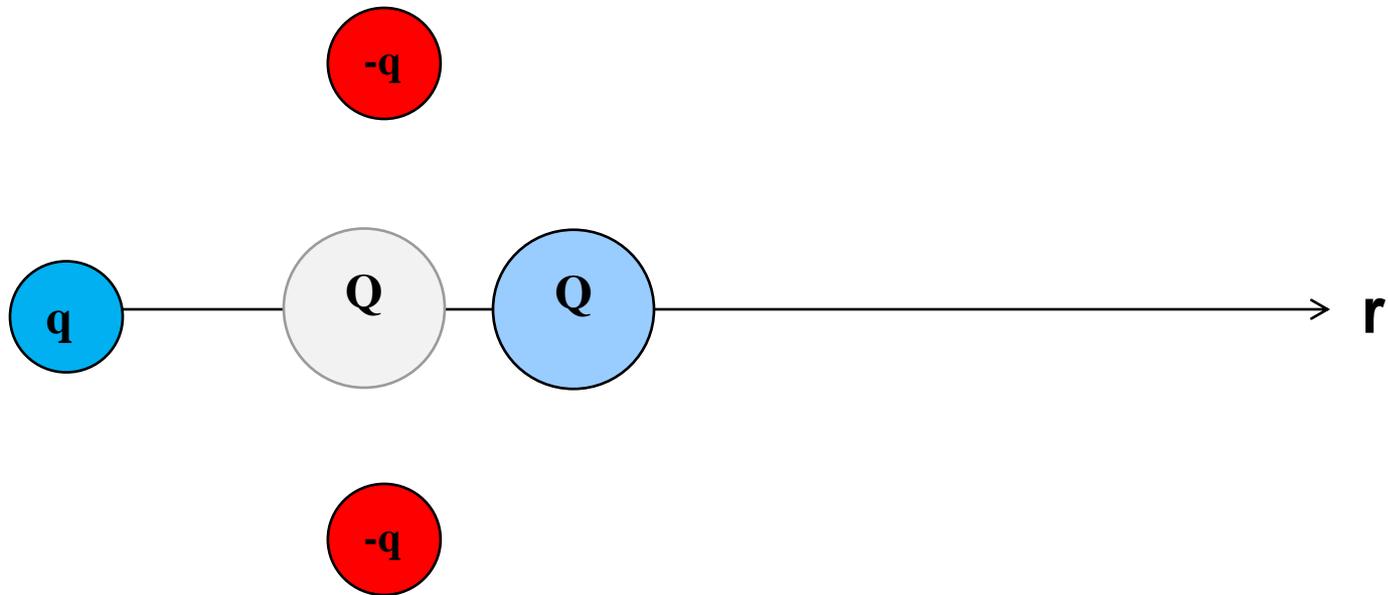
- The potential energy between many charges is

$$U_{12\dots N}^{elec} = \sum_{i < j=1}^N \frac{k_C Q_i Q_j}{r_{ij}} \quad \text{Just add up all pairs!}$$

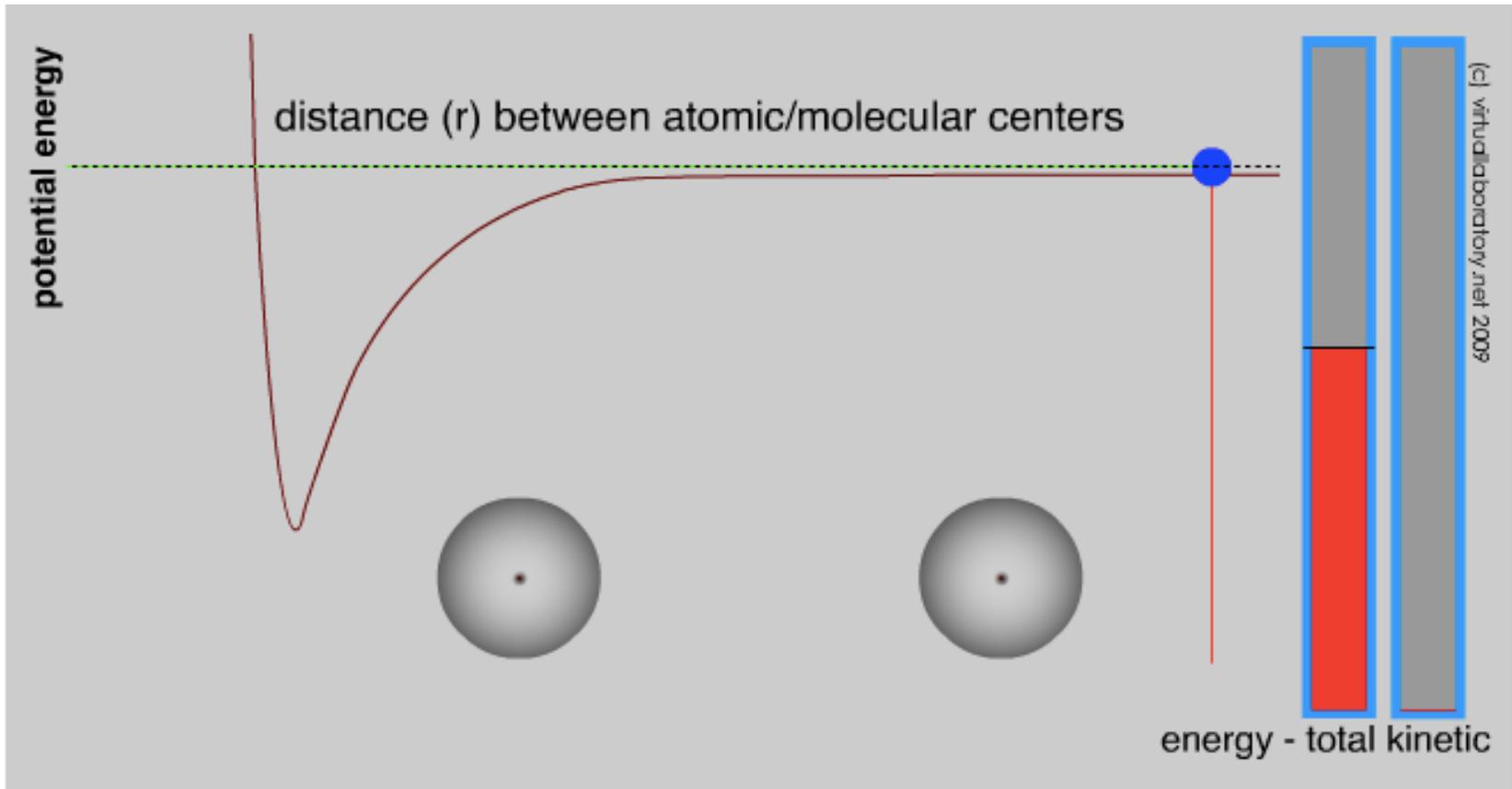
How many interactions in the system hold potential energy?



How many of the potential energies change when the charge Q moves to the right?



Molecular forces



<http://besocratic.colorado.edu/CLUE-Chemistry/activities/LondonDispersionForce/1.2-interactions-0.html>