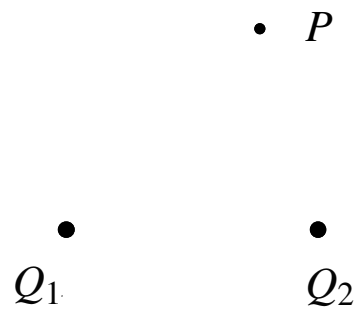
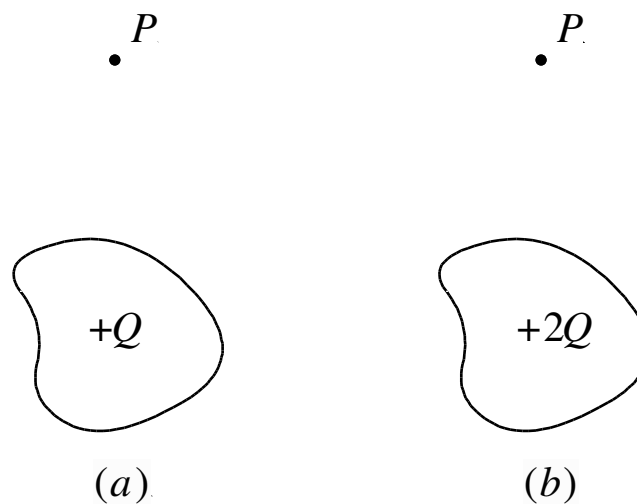


Consider the system of two charges shown below. To find the electric field at point P , we must take the vector sum of the electric fields of the individual charges at point P . The electrostatic potential, however, is a scalar. Can we simply take the algebraic sum of the potentials of the individual charges at point P to find the potential of the system at point P ?



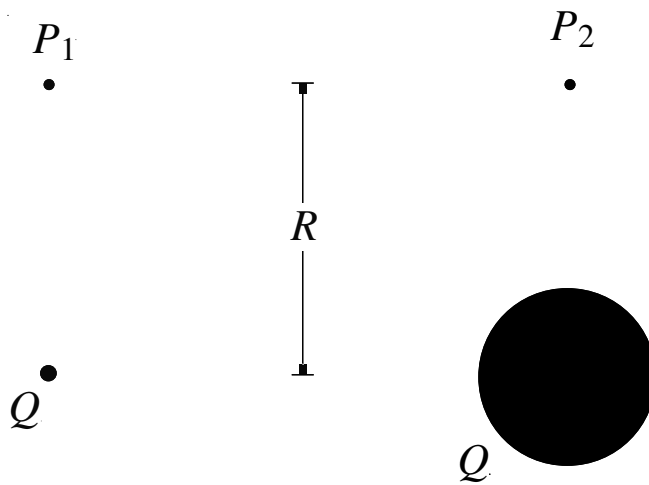
1. Yes.
2. No.
3. It depends.

Consider an arbitrarily shaped charged conductor (*a*). If we double the charge on the conductor (*b*), which of the following also doubles?



1. The electric field at point P
2. The potential at point P
3. Both of the above
4. Neither of the above

Consider a point P_1 a distance R away from a point charge Q and a point P_2 , a distance R away from the center of an insulating sphere of radius $r < R$ carrying a total charge of Q which is uniformly distributed on its surface. If we choose $V(\infty) = 0$ for both systems, which of the two points is at the higher potential?



1. P_1 .
2. P_2 .
3. Both are at the same potential.
4. The answer can only be determined by integrating over the surface charge.