

Potential Energy of Many Charges

Two charges are separated by a distance d . What is the change in potential energy when a third charge q is brought from far away to a distance d from the original two charges?

$$\Delta U = \frac{qQ_1}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{d} + \frac{qQ_2}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \frac{1}{d}$$

(superposition)

