

15. First, we observe that $V(x)$ cannot be equal to zero for $x > d$. In fact $V(x)$ is always negative for $x > d$. Now we consider the two remaining regions on the x axis: $x < 0$ and $0 < x < d$. For $x < 0$ the separation between q_1 and a point on the x axis whose coordinate is x is given by $d_1 = -x$; while the corresponding separation for q_2 is $d_2 = d - x$. We set

$$V(x) = k \left(\frac{q_1}{d_1} + \frac{q_2}{d_2} \right) = \frac{q}{4\pi\epsilon_0} \left(\frac{1}{-x} + \frac{-3}{d-x} \right) = 0$$

to obtain $x = -d/2$. Similarly, for $0 < x < d$ we have $d_1 = x$ and $d_2 = d - x$. Let

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and solve: $x = d/4$.