

- 4 Two point charges A and B each have a charge of $+6.4 \times 10^{-19} \text{ C}$. They are separated in a vacuum by a distance of $12.0 \mu\text{m}$, as shown in Fig. 4.1.

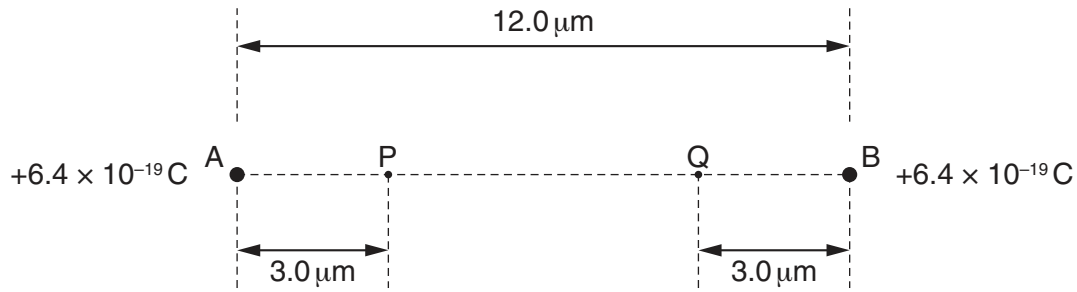


Fig. 4.1

Points P and Q are situated on the line AB. Point P is $3.0 \mu\text{m}$ from charge A and point Q is $3.0 \mu\text{m}$ from charge B.

- (a) Calculate the force of repulsion between the charges A and B.

force = N [3]

- (b) Explain why, without any calculation, when a small test charge is moved from point P to point Q, the net work done is zero.

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- (c) Calculate the work done by an electron in moving from the midpoint of line AB to point P.

work done = J [4]