

Three charges  $Q$ ,  $+q$  and  $+q$  are placed at the vertices of a right angle triangle (isosceles triangle) as shown. The net electrostatic energy of the configuration is zero, if  $Q$  is equal to

(A)  $-q/1+\sqrt{2}$

(B)  $-2q/2+\sqrt{2}$

(C)  $-2q$

(D)  $+q$

Net electrostatic energy of the configuration will be

$$U = K \left[ \frac{q \cdot q}{a} + \frac{Q \cdot q}{\sqrt{2}a} + \frac{Q \cdot q}{a} \right]$$

$$\text{Here, } K = \frac{1}{4\pi\epsilon_0}$$

Putting  $U = 0$  we get,  $Q$

$$= \frac{-2q}{2 + \sqrt{2}}$$