Uphill = "towards higher potential"



Negative target charges tend to move <u>uphill</u>.

Positive target charges tend to move <u>downhill</u>.



## Potential of a Single Point Charge



For this chapter, we'll assume  $V_{\infty}$ =0.





What is the potential at the star?  $V_{\infty} = 0$ 

$$V = k\frac{q_1}{d_1} + k\frac{q_2}{d_2}$$

$$V = (9 \times 10^9) \left[ \frac{3 \times 10^{-6}}{(0.4)} + \frac{6 \times 10^{-6}}{0.8} \right]$$

$$V = (9 \times 10^9) \left[ 7.5 \times 10^{-6} + 7.5 \times 10^{-6} \right]$$

 $V = 1.35 \times 10^5 = 135 \text{kV}$ 



What is the potential at the star?  $V_{\infty} = 0$ 

$$V = k\frac{q_1}{d_1} + k\frac{q_2}{d_2}$$

$$V = (9 \times 10^9) \left[ \frac{3 \times 10^{-6}}{(0.4)} - \frac{6 \times 10^{-6}}{0.8} \right]$$

$$V = (9 \times 10^9) \left[ 7.5 \times 10^{-6} - 7.5 \times 10^{-6} \right]$$

V = 0V







Total PE of this system is sum of PE of each relationship



target charge only one that can move Total PE of a target charge is sum of PE of the relationships *involving* that target charge