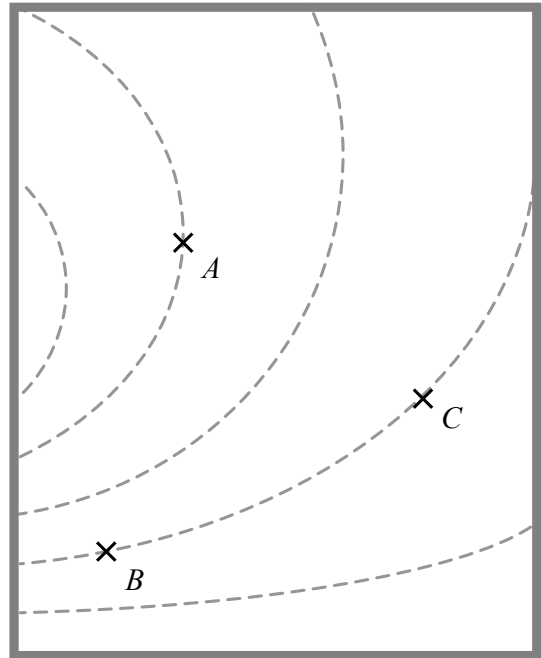


The diagram shown below right depicts a region of space. The dashed curves indicate positions of *equal potential energy* for a test charge $+q_{\text{test}}$ that is placed at various locations within this region. Three such locations (*A*, *B*, and *C*) are labeled.

It is known that the potential energy at location *A* is *greater than* that at locations *B* and *C*.

- A. At each location, draw an arrow to indicate the direction in which the test charge $+q_{\text{test}}$ would move when released from rest at that location. Explain your reasoning.



- B. Rank the locations *A*, *B*, and *C* according to the magnitude of the force that would be exerted on the test charge $+q_{\text{test}}$ at those locations, from greatest to smallest. Explain your reasoning.