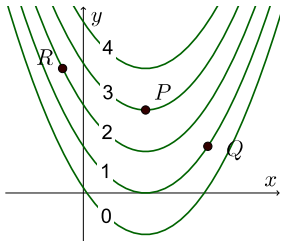


## Question

The figure shows the level curves of a function  $f(x, y)$ . At which of the points  $P$ ,  $Q$ , or  $R$  does  $f_y$  have the smallest value?



- A.  $P$
- B.  $Q$
- C.  $R$
- D. There is not enough information to decide.