Probability and Statistics: Lecture-4

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Hint

Use the answer to previous two problems!



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- st Hence, answer is $inom{9+(4-1)}{(4-1)}=inom{12}{3}=220$