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So, again we are overall the sample space is number of ways of picking three books out of twelve, so that will be ${}^{12}C_3$ and over here in the numerator we have 5C_2 which is two books from electrical, five books of electrical into 7C_1 which is one book of mechanical out of the 7. So, that gives us $\frac{10 \times 7}{220} = \frac{7}{22}$ which is roughly 0.318. So, this is the probability.