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Note: This is very useful in both this course and in life.

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So the answer is:

$$\frac{(1/2)^{10}}{(1/2)^{10} + (3/16)^5} = \frac{1}{1 + 2^{10}(3/16)^5} = \frac{1}{1 + 2^2(3/8)^5} \sim 0.97.$$