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Question 1:

This is a classical Bayesian condition problem

$$P(\text{outside AFC East} | \text{win}) = \frac{P(\text{win outside AFC East})}{P(\text{win})}$$
$$= \frac{\frac{4}{6+4+6} \times 50\% + \frac{6}{6+4+6} \times 60\%}{\frac{6}{6+4+6} \times 70\% + \frac{4}{6+4+6} \times 50\% + \frac{6}{6+4+6} \times 60\%} = 0.571$$

Question 2:

Assume the amount placed on the 4 horses are respectively a, b, c, d. (dollars)

They satisfy

$$\begin{cases} 2a - b - c - d > 0 \\ 3b - a - c - d > 0 \\ 4c - a - b - d > 0 \\ 5d - a - b - c > 0 \end{cases}$$

The answer can be infinite sets. For example, $a = 5, b = 4, c = 3, d = 2.5$ can always make money regardless who wins.

Question 3:

This problem can be divided into two situations, the score gap is larger than 2 and equal to 2.

Situation 1, there is only one score 4:1 or 1:4,

$$P(\text{Situation 1 win}) = (60\%)^3 = 0.216$$

$$P(\text{Situation 1 lose}) = (40\%)^3 = 0.064$$

Situation 2, one player must win the final two points to end game.

$$P(\text{Situation 2 win}) = P(\text{Former rounds})(60\%)^2$$

$$P(\text{Situation 2 lose}) = P(\text{Former rounds})(40\%)^2$$

So in situation 2, the probability of win and lose is in ratio $\frac{(60\%)^2}{(40\%)^2} = \frac{9}{4}$.

$$\begin{aligned}
P(\text{Situation 2 win}) &= P(\text{game ends in Situation 2}) \times \frac{9}{9+4} \\
&= [1 - P(\text{game ends in Situation 1})] \times \frac{9}{9+4} \\
&= \frac{9}{13} [1 - P(\text{Situation 1 win}) - P(\text{Situation 1 lose})] \\
&= \frac{9}{13} \times (1 - 0.216 - 0.064) = \frac{162}{325}
\end{aligned}$$

Thus,

$$P(\text{win}) = P(\text{Situation 1 win}) + P(\text{Situation 2 win}) = 0.216 + \frac{162}{325} = 0.714$$

Question 4:

All these teams can be seemed as Team A and Team B. Team A plays games 1, 2, 5, at home, Team B plays games 3, 4 at home.

$$P(\text{Team A } 3:0) = \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{4}{27}$$

$$P(\text{Team A } 3:1) = \left(\frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \right) \times \frac{1}{3} = \frac{4}{27}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(\text{Team A } 3:2) &= \left(\frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} + \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \right. \\
&\quad \left. + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{2}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} + \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \times \frac{1}{3} \right) \times \frac{2}{3} = \frac{22}{81}
\end{aligned}$$

$$\begin{aligned}
P(\text{Team A win}) &= P(\text{Team A } 3:0) + P(\text{Team A } 3:1) + P(\text{Team A } 3:2) = \frac{4}{27} + \frac{4}{27} + \frac{22}{81} \\
&= \frac{46}{81}
\end{aligned}$$

$$P(\text{Team B win}) = 1 - P(\text{Team A win}) = 1 - \frac{46}{81} = \frac{35}{81}$$

Thus the question is to calculate $P(\text{Team A win}) P(\text{Team B win}) P(\text{Team A } 3:2) = \frac{46}{81} \times$

$$\frac{35}{81} \times \frac{22}{81} = 0.0666$$