17.

因为
$$var(X) = var(Y)$$
,所以
$$cov(X+Y,X-Y) = cov(X+Y,X) - cov(X+Y,Y) \\ = cov(X,X) + cov(Y,X) - cov(X,Y) - cov(Y,Y) \\ = cov(X,X) - cov(Y,Y) \\ = var(X) - var(Y) \\ = 0$$
 所以 $X+Y,X-Y$ 不相关。证毕。

18.

由題意得:
$$cov(W,X) = cov(W,Y) = cov(W,Z) = cov(X,Y) = cov(X,Z) = cov(X,Z) = 0$$
,所以:
$$\rho(R,S) = \frac{cov(R,S)}{\sqrt{var(R)var(S)}} = \frac{cov(W+X,X+Y)}{\sqrt{var(W+X)var(X+Y)}} = \frac{cov(W,X)+cov(W,Y)+cov(X,X)+cov(X,Y)}{\sqrt{(var(W)+var(X)+2cov(W,X))(var(X)+var(Y)+2cov(X,Y))}} = \frac{var(X)}{\sqrt{(var(W)+var(X))(var(X)+var(Y)}} = \frac{1}{2}$$
 同理 $\rho(S,T) = \frac{1}{2}$

19.

$$\begin{split} \rho(X,Y) &= \frac{cov(X,Y)}{\sqrt{var(X)var(Y)}} \\ &= \frac{cov(X,a+bX+cX^2)}{\sqrt{var(X)var(a+bX+cX^2)}} \\ &= \frac{cov(X,bX)+cov(X,cX^2)}{\sqrt{var(X)(var(a+bX)+var(cX^2)+2cov(a+bX,cX^2))}} \\ &= \frac{b\times var(X)+c\times cov(X,X^2)}{\sqrt{var(X)(a^2var(X)+c^2var(X^2)+2bc\times cov(X,X^2))}} \\ &= \frac{b}{\sqrt{a+2c^2}} \end{split}$$

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