

4.15. Let $x > 0$ be a constant and define

$$X_t = (x^{1/3} + \frac{1}{3}B_t)^3; \quad t \geq 0.$$

Show that

$$dX_t = \frac{1}{3}X_t^{1/3}dt + X_t^{2/3}dB_t; \quad X_0 = x.$$

Let $g(t, y) = \left(x^{1/3} + \frac{1}{3}y \right)^3$ and compute

$$\bullet \frac{\partial g}{\partial t} = 0$$

$$\bullet \frac{\partial g}{\partial y} = 3 \left(x^{1/3} + \frac{1}{3}y \right)^2 \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \left(x^{1/3} + \frac{1}{3}y \right)^{3 \cdot \frac{2}{3}}$$

$$\bullet \frac{\partial^2 g}{\partial y^2} = 2 \left(x^{1/3} + \frac{1}{3}y \right) \cdot \frac{1}{3} = \frac{2}{3} \left(x^{1/3} + \frac{1}{3}y \right)^{3 \cdot \frac{1}{3}}$$

By Itô's formula,

$$\begin{aligned} dX_t &= \left(x^{1/3} + \frac{1}{3}y \right)^{3 \cdot \frac{2}{3}} dB_t + \frac{1}{2} \frac{2}{3} \left(x^{1/3} + \frac{1}{3}y \right)^{3 \cdot \frac{1}{3}} dt \\ &= X_t^{2/3} dB_t + \frac{1}{3} X_t^{1/3} dt \end{aligned}$$