

given: $dB_t = rB_t dt$

$$B_0 = 1$$

$$dS_t = \mu S_t dt + \sigma S_t dW_t$$

$$S_0 > 0$$

(a) Calculate the Itô process representation of the **cubic stock process** $X_t := S_t^3$ and the associated **quadratic variation process** $[X, X]_t$.

function $f(X_t) = S_t^3$

1st step Get derivatives for $f(X_t)$

$$f'(X_t) = 3S_t^2$$

$$f''(X_t) = 6S_t$$

no ∂_t since function
not depend on t

2nd step Apply Itô's Lemma

$$d(f(X_t)) = f'(X_t) \cdot dX_t + \frac{1}{2} f''(X_t) d[X, X](t) \quad (\text{Theorem 1})$$

$$df(X(t)) = \left(f'(X(t))\mu(t) + \frac{1}{2} f''(X(t))\sigma^2(t) \right) dt + f'(X(t))\sigma(t)dW(t) \quad (\text{p. 31})$$

we get: substitute terms

$$\begin{aligned} dS_t^3 &= 3S_t^2 \mu(t) dt + 3S_t \sigma^2(t) dt + 3S_t^2 \sigma(t) dW(t) \\ &= (\mu(t) + \sigma(t) dW(t)) 3S_t^2 + 3S_t \sigma^2(t) dt \end{aligned}$$

3rd step Quadratic Variation

$$d[X, X]_t = X_t^2 \sigma^2 dt$$