

QUESTION

Find the general solution of the differential equation $\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{xt^3}$.

ANSWER

$$\frac{dx}{dt} = \frac{1}{xt^3}, \text{ therefore } \int x dx = \int \frac{1}{t^3} dt = \int t^{-3} dt$$

$$\text{Therefore } \frac{x^2}{2} = \frac{t^{-2}}{-2} + c, \quad x^2 = 2c - \frac{1}{t^2}$$

$$\text{Therefore } x = \pm \left(2c - \frac{1}{t^2}\right)^{\frac{1}{2}}$$