

Recall that a constant solution is an equilibrium solution. Thus its derivative is 0.

To find an equilibrium solution (i.e., constant solution), plug it in (for example, plug in  $y(t) = k$  or  $x_1(t) = k_1, x_2(t) = k_2$  depending on variables used and if you have one DE or a system of two DEs). Since the derivative of a constant is zero, this is equivalent to setting the derivative = 0.

Find all equilibrium solutions and classify them (stable, asymptotically stable, semi-stable, unstable and if system of DEs, node, saddle, spiral, center). In the case of non-linear system of DEs, state all possibilities for type of equilibrium solution.

If the (system of) differential equation(s) does not have an equilibrium solution, state so (note 4 of the following 16 problems below do not have an equilibrium solution).

Hint: The eigenvalues of upper and lower triangular matrices are the diagonal entries.

Note: You do not need to draw any direction fields.

1.)  $y' = (y - 3)^4(y - 5)^9$       $y = 3$  is semi-stable,  $y = 5$  is unstable.

2.)  $y' = y^2 + 2$      no equilibrium solution.

3.)  $y' = \sin(y)$       $y = 2n\pi$  is unstable,  $y = (2n+1)\pi$  is asymptotically stable.

4.)  $y' = \sin(t)$      no equilibrium solution.

5.)  $y' = \sin^2(y)$       $y = n\pi$  is semi-stable.

6.)  $y' = \sin^2(t)$      no equilibrium solution.

7.)  $y' = ty$       $y = 0$  is unstable.

8.)  $x' = 4 - y^2, y' = (x+1)(y-x)$

If  $4 - y^2 = 0$ , then  $y = \pm 2$

If  $y = 2$ , then  $(x+1)(y-x) = (x+1)(2-x) = 0$ . Thus  $x = -1, 2$ .

If  $y = -2$ , then  $(x+1)(y-x) = (x+1)(-2-x) = 0$ . Thus  $x = -1, -2$ .

Jacobian matrix:  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -2y \\ y - 2x - 1 & x + 1 \end{bmatrix}$

For  $(x, y) = (-1, 2)$ , Jacobian matrix is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4 \\ 3 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus  $(x(t), y(t)) = (-1, 2)$  is a stable center or unstable spiral or asymptotically stable spiral.

For  $(x, y) = (2, 2)$ , Jacobian matrix is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & -4 \\ -3 & 3 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus  $(x(t), y(t)) = (2, 2)$  is an unstable saddle.

$\lambda_1 > 0$

$\lambda_2 < 0$

$$\begin{aligned} r &= \frac{0 \pm \sqrt{0 - 4(12)}}{2} = 0 \pm bi \\ \varepsilon &> 0 \end{aligned}$$

$$r = \frac{3 \pm \sqrt{9 - 4(-12)}}{2}$$

For  $(x, y) = (-1, -2)$ , Jacobian matrix is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus  $(x(t), y(t)) = (-1, -2)$  is a stable center or unstable spiral or asymptotically stable spiral.

For  $(x, y) = (-2, -2)$ , Jacobian matrix is  $\begin{bmatrix} 0 & 4 \\ 1 & -1 \end{bmatrix}$

Thus  $(x(t), y(t)) = (-2, -2)$  is an unstable saddle.

9.)  $x' = x - 2, y' = x - 1$  no equilibrium solution.

$$10.) \mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 0 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

One positive (1) and one negative eigenvalue (-2). Thus  $(x_1(t), x_2(t)) = (0, 0)$  is an unstable saddle.

$$11.) \mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

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$$12.) \mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -1 & 0 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

Purely imaginary eigenvalues  $i, -i$ . Thus  $(x_1(t), x_2(t)) = (0, 0)$  is a stable center.

$$13.) \mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 1 & 0 \\ 5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

Two positive eigenvalues 1, 2. Thus  $(x_1(t), x_2(t)) = (0, 0)$  is an unstable node.

$$14.) \mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -5 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

Two complex eigenvalues,  $-1 \pm 2i$ , with negative real part. Thus  $(x_1(t), x_2(t)) = (0, 0)$  is an asymptotically stable spiral.

$$15.) \mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} 0 & 1 \\ -5 & 2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

Two complex eigenvalues,  $1 \pm 2i$ , with positive real part. Thus  $(x_1(t), x_2(t)) = (0, 0)$  is an unstable spiral.

$$16.) \mathbf{x}' = \begin{bmatrix} -1 & 0 \\ 5 & -2 \end{bmatrix} \mathbf{x}$$

Two negative eigenvalues -1, -2. Thus  $(x_1(t), x_2(t)) = (0, 0)$  is an asymptotically stable node.

Suppose an object moves in the 2D plane (the  $x_1, x_2$  plane) so that it is at the point  $(x_1(t), x_2(t))$  at time  $t$ . Suppose the object's velocity is given by

$$\begin{aligned} x'_1(t) &= ax_1 + bx_2, \\ x'_2(t) &= cx_1 + dx_2 \end{aligned}$$

Or in matrix form  $\begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}' = \begin{pmatrix} a & b \\ c & d \end{pmatrix} \begin{pmatrix} x_1 \\ x_2 \end{pmatrix}$

To solve, find eigenvalues and corresponding eigenvectors:

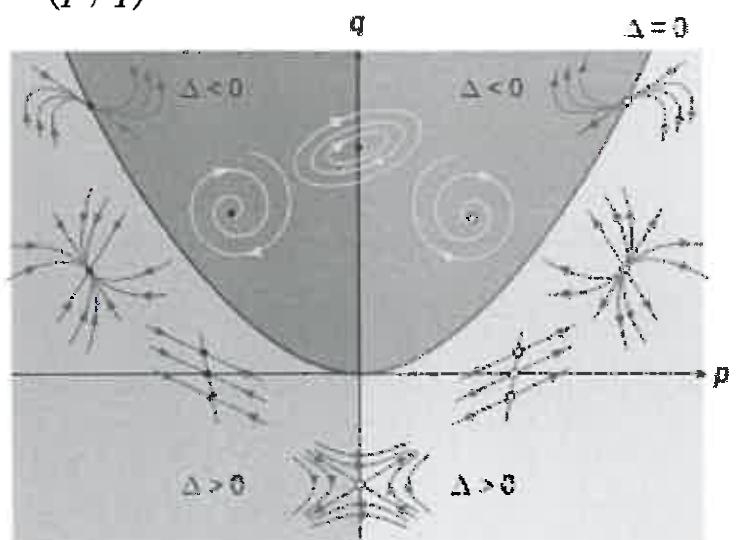
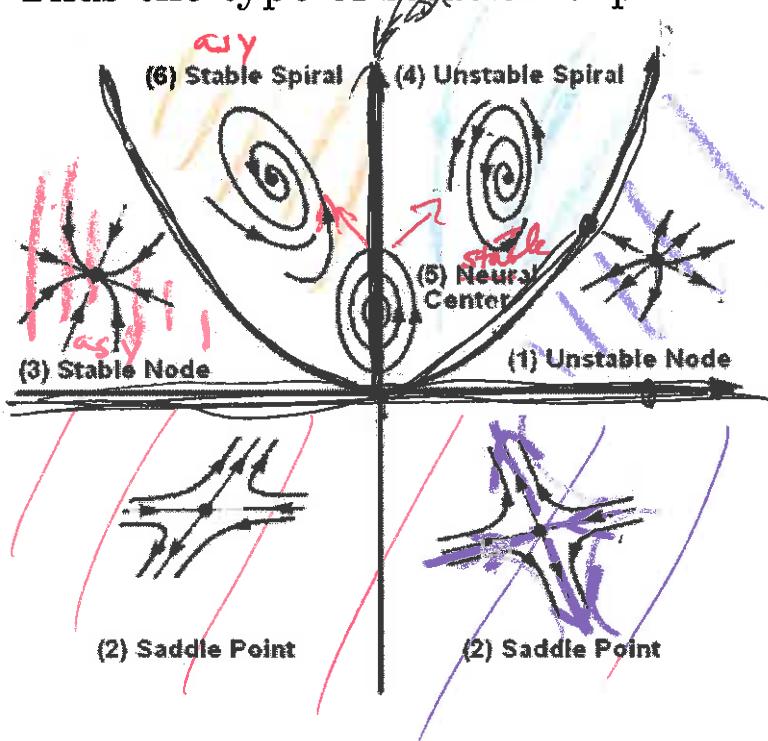
$$\begin{vmatrix} a - r & b \\ c & d - r \end{vmatrix} = (a - r)(d - r) - bc = r^2 - (a + d)r + ad - bc = 0.$$

$$\text{Thus } r = \frac{(a+d) \pm \sqrt{(a+d)^2 - 4(ad-bc)}}{2}$$

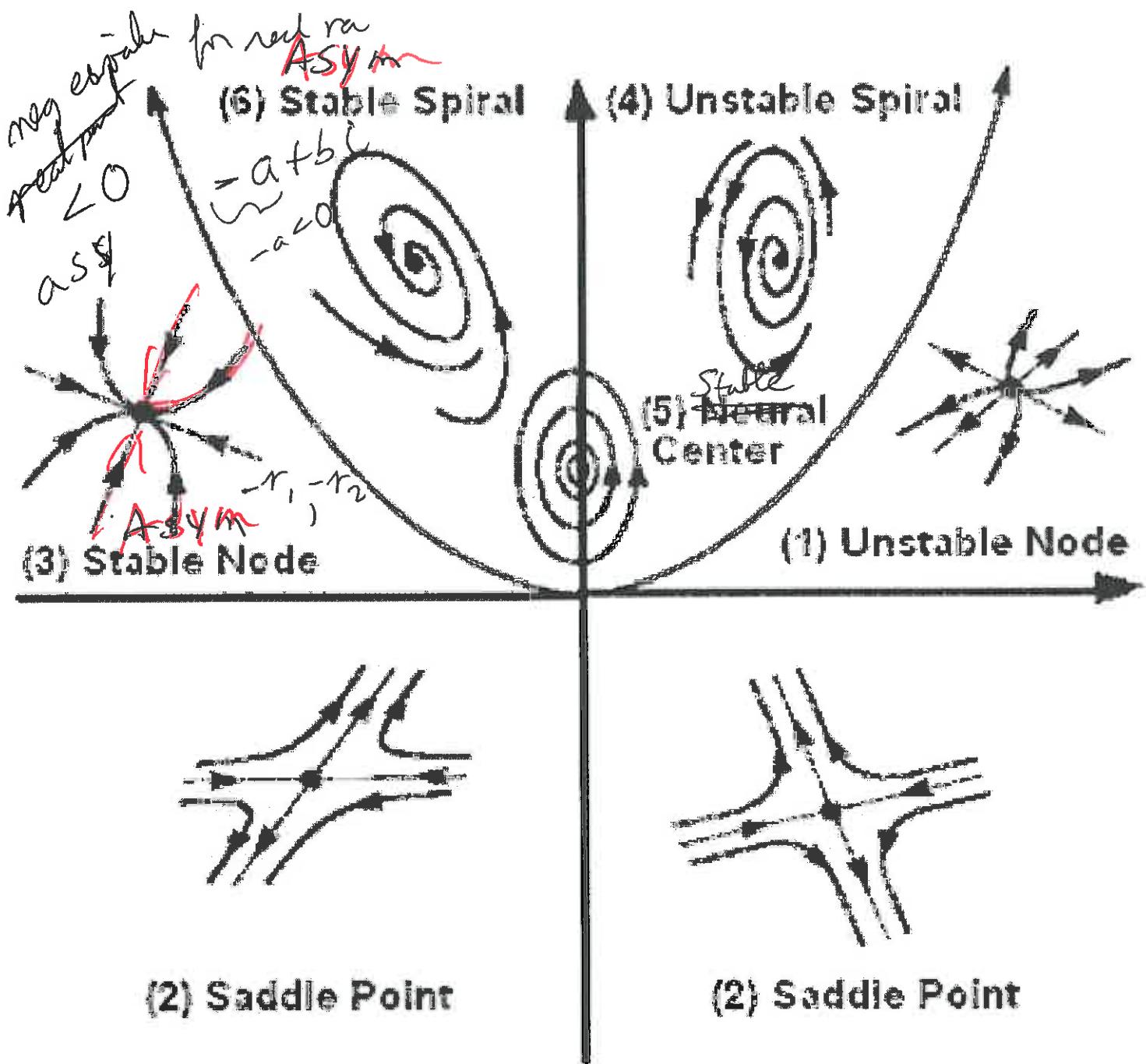
Let  $p = \text{trace}(A) = a + d$  and let  $q = \det A = ad - bc$

Then  $r = \frac{p \pm \sqrt{p^2 - 4q}}{2}$  *stable chart*

Thus the type of solution depends on  $(p, q)$



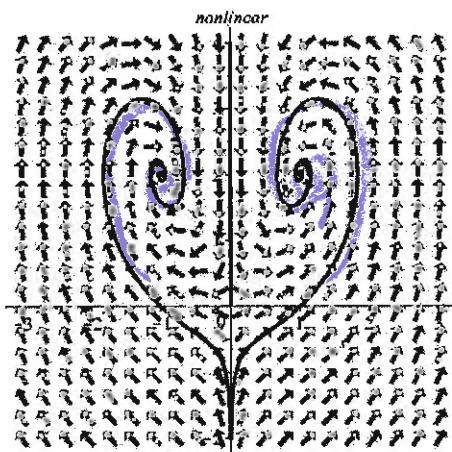
$$\begin{aligned} \frac{dx}{dt} &= Ax + By & p &= A + D \\ \frac{dy}{dt} &= Cx + Dy & q &= AD - BC \\ \Delta &= p^2 - 4q & \Delta &= p^2 - 4q \end{aligned}$$



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21.)



$(x_1(t), x_2(t)) = (0, 0)$  is an unstable saddle.

$(x_1(t), x_2(t)) = (1, 2)$  is an asymptotically stable node.

basin of attraction:  $x_1 > 0$ .

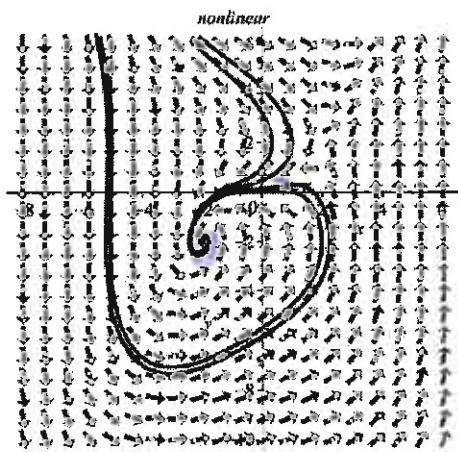
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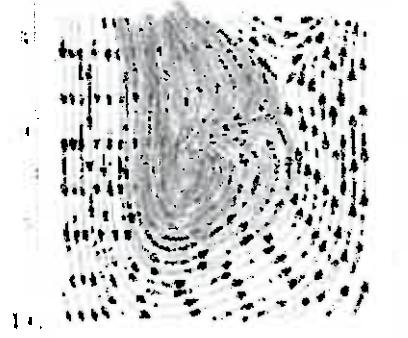
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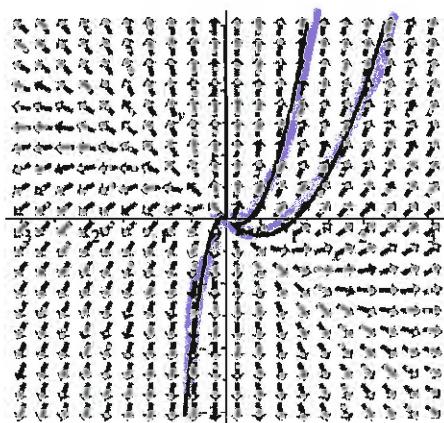
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basin of attraction:



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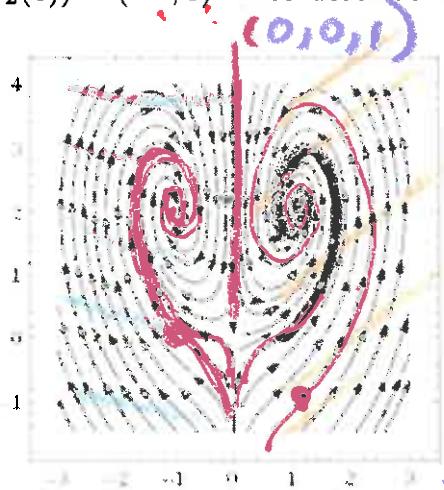


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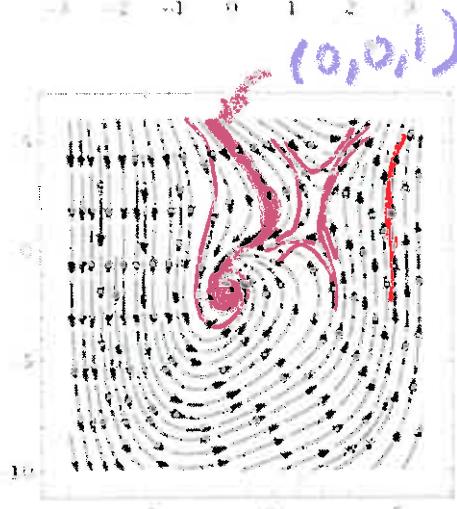
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basin of attraction:  $x_1 > 0$ .

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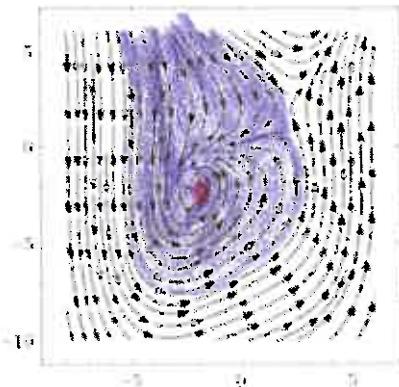
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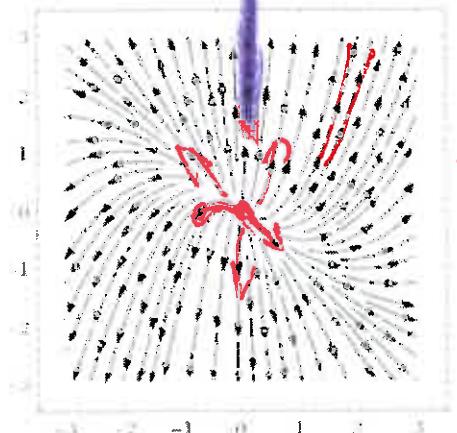
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### 3.6 Variation of Parameters

Solve  $y'' - 2y' + y = e^t \ln(t)$

1) Find homogeneous solutions: Solve  $y'' - 2y' + y = 0$

Guess:  $y = e^{rt}$ , then  $y' = re^{rt}$ ,  $y'' = r^2 e^{rt}$ , and

$$r^2 e^{rt} - 2re^{rt} + e^{rt} = 0 \text{ implies } r^2 - 2r + 1 = 0$$

$$(r - 1)^2 = 0, \text{ and hence } r = 1$$

General homogeneous solution:  $y = c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t$

since have two linearly independent solutions:  $\{e^t, t e^t\}$

2.) Find a non-homogeneous solution:

Sect. 3.5 method: Educated guess

Sect. 3.6: Guess  $y = u_1(t)e^t + u_2(t)t e^t$  and solve for  $u_1$  and  $u_2$

$$u_1(t) = \int \begin{vmatrix} 0 & \phi_2 \\ 1 & \phi'_2 \\ \phi_1 & \phi_2 \\ \phi'_1 & \phi'_2 \end{vmatrix} g(t) dt = - \int \frac{\phi_2(t)g(t)}{W(\phi_1, \phi_2)} dt = - \int \frac{(te^t)(e^t \ln(t))}{e^{2t}} dt$$

$$= - \int t \ln(t) = - \left[ \frac{t^2 \ln(t)}{2} - \int \frac{t}{2} \right] = - \frac{t^2 \ln(t)}{2} + \frac{t^2}{4}$$

$$u_2(t) = \int \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1 & 0 \\ \phi'_1 & 1 \\ \phi_1 & \phi_2 \\ \phi'_1 & \phi'_2 \end{vmatrix} g(t) dt = \int \frac{\phi_1(t)g(t)}{W(\phi_1, \phi_2)} dt = \int \frac{(e^t)(e^t \ln(t))}{e^{2t}} dt$$

$$= \int \ln(t) = t \ln(t) - t$$

$$W(\phi_1, \phi_2) = \begin{vmatrix} \phi_1 & \phi_2 \\ \phi'_1 & \phi'_2 \end{vmatrix} = \begin{vmatrix} e^t & te^t \\ e^t & e^t + te^t \end{vmatrix}$$

$$\begin{aligned} u &= \ln(t) & dv &= t dt \\ du &= \frac{dt}{t} & v &= \frac{t^2}{2} \end{aligned}$$

$$u = \ln(t) \quad dv = dt \quad u = \ln(t) \quad dv = dt$$

$$du = \frac{dt}{t} \quad v = t \quad du = \frac{dt}{t} \quad v = t$$

General solution:  $y = c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t + \left( -\frac{t^2 \ln(t)}{2} + \frac{t^2}{4} \right) e^t + (t \ln(t) - t) t e^t$

which simplifies to  $y = c_1 e^t + c_2 t e^t + \left( \frac{\ln(t)}{2} - \frac{3}{4} \right) t^2 e^t$

Only partial credit  
possible

✓ Sect.3.6: Guess  $y = u_1(t)e^t + u_2(t)te^t$  and solve for  $u_1$  and  $u_2$

$$y' = u'_1 e^t + u_1 e^t + u'_2 te^t + u_2(e^t + te^t) = e^{2t} + te^{2t} - te^{2t} - e^{2t}.$$

Two unknown functions,  $u_1$  and  $u_2$ , but only one equation ( $y'' - 2y' + y = e^t \ln(t)$ ). Thus might be OK to choose 2nd eq'n.

**Avoid 2nd derivative in  $y''$ :** Choose  $u'_1 e^t + u'_2 te^t = 0$

$$\text{Hence } y' = u_1 e^t + u_2(e^t + te^t).$$

$$\begin{aligned}\text{and } y'' &= u'_1 e^t + u_1 e^t + u'_2(e^t + te^t) + u_2(e^t + e^t + te^t). \\ &= u'_1 e^t + u_1 e^t + u'_2 e^t + u'_2 te^t + u_2(2e^t + te^t), \\ &= u_1 e^t + u'_2 e^t + u_2(2e^t + te^t).\end{aligned}$$

Solve  $y'' - 2y' + y = e^t \ln(t)$

$$\underbrace{u_1 e^t + u'_2 e^t + u_2(2e^t + te^t)}_{u'_2 e^t + 2u_2 e^t + u_2 te^t} - 2[u_1 e^t + u_2(e^t + te^t)] + \underbrace{u_1 e^t + u_2 te^t}_{-2u_2 e^t - 2u_2 te^t + u_2 te^t} = e^t \ln(t)$$

$$u'_2 = \ln(t) \text{ or in other words, } \frac{du_2}{dt} = \ln(t)$$

$$\text{Thus } \int du_2 = \int \ln(t) dt$$

$$u_2 = t \ln(t) - t. \text{ Note only need one solution, so don't need } +C.$$

$$y = u_1(t)e^t + [t \ln(t) - t]te^t$$

$$u'_1 e^t + u'_2 te^t = 0. \text{ Thus } u'_1 + u'_2 t = 0. \text{ Hence } u'_1 = -u'_2 t = -t \ln(t)$$

$$\text{Thus } u_1 = -\int t \ln(t) dt = -\frac{t^2 \ln(t)}{2} + \frac{t^2}{4}$$

Thus the general solution is

$$y = c_1 e^t + c_2 te^t + \left(-\frac{t^2 \ln(t)}{2} + \frac{t^2}{4}\right) e^t + (t \ln(t) - t) te^t$$