

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 $u'_1 e^t + u'_2 te^t = 0$

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

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

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

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

$$u'_2 e^t + 2u_2 e^t + u_2 te^t - 2u_2 e^t - 2u_2 te^t + u_2 te^t = e^t \ln(t)$$

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

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

$u_2 = t \ln(t) - t$. 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

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