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$$\begin{aligned}\alpha(\alpha - 1)t^\alpha - 2t^\alpha &= 0 \\ \alpha(\alpha - 1) - 2 &= 0 \\ (\alpha - 2)(\alpha + 1) &= 0 \\ \alpha &\in \{-1, 2\}\end{aligned}$$

Since both t^2 and $1/t$ satisfy the differential equation, then $x_1(t) = t^2, x_2(t) = \frac{1}{t}$. Thus we have two linearly independent solutions. For the given initial condition we have the system $\begin{bmatrix} 1 & 1 \\ 2 & -1 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 2 \end{bmatrix}$, which when solved gives the solution $c_1 = 1, c_2 = 0$. Computing $\det(M(s)) = -3, \det(N(t, s)) = \frac{s^2}{t} - \frac{t^2}{s}$, we are now ready to apply the variation of constants formula:

$$\begin{aligned}x(t) &= t^2 + \int_1^t \frac{\det(N(t, s))}{\det(M(s))} r(s) ds \\ &= t^2 - \int_1^t \left(\frac{s^2}{t} - \frac{t^2}{s} \right) \frac{1}{s^3} ds \\ &= t^2 + \frac{t^3 - 3 \log(t) - 1}{3t} \\ &\quad t \text{ is strictly positive, no absolute value} \\ &= \frac{4t^3 - 3 \log(t) - 1}{3t}.\end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned}\alpha^2 e^{\alpha t} - \alpha \frac{t+2}{t} e^{\alpha t} + \frac{2}{t} e^{\alpha t} &= 0 \\ \alpha^2 - \alpha \frac{t+2}{t} + \frac{2}{t} &= 0 \\ \alpha^2 - 3\alpha + 2 &= 0 && \text{evaluating at } t = 1 \\ (\alpha - 1)(\alpha - 2) &= 0 \\ \alpha &\in \{1, 2\}\end{aligned}$$

After testing the values of α we find that only $\alpha = 1$ is a valid value. Therefore $x_1(t) = e^t$. Therefore

$$x_2(t) = x_1(t)v(t) = x_1(t) \int \frac{1}{x_1^2(t)} e^{P(t)} dt = e^t \int \frac{t^2 e^t}{e^{2t}} dt = -(t^2 + 2t + 2).$$

Thus we have two linearly independent solutions. For the given initial condition we have the system $\begin{bmatrix} e & -5 \\ e & -4 \end{bmatrix} \begin{bmatrix} c_1 \\ c_2 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} 1 \\ 3 \end{bmatrix}$, which when solved gives the solution $c_1 = \frac{11}{e}, c_2 =$

2. Computing $\det(M(s)) = s^2 e^s$, $\det(N(t, s)) = e^t(s^2 + 2s + 2) - e^2(t^2 + 2t + 2)$, we are now ready to apply the variation of constants formula:

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= 11e^{t-1} - 2(t^2 + 2t + 2) + \int_1^t \frac{\det(N(t, s))}{\det(M(s))} r(s) ds \\ &= 11e^{t-1} - 2(t^2 + 2t + 2) + \int_1^t \frac{e^t(s^2 + 2s + 2) - e^2(t^2 + 2t + 2)}{s^2 e^s} s^2 e^s ds \\ &= 11e^{t-1} - 2(t^2 + 2t + 2) + e^t \left(\frac{1}{3} t^3 - \frac{16}{3} \right) + e(t^2 + 2t + 2). \end{aligned}$$

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$$\begin{aligned} \alpha^2 e^{\alpha t} - \alpha e^{\alpha t} - 6e^{\alpha t} &= 0 \\ \alpha^2 - \alpha - 6 &= 0 \\ (\alpha + 2)(\alpha - 3) &= 0 \end{aligned}$$

Since both e^{-2t} and e^{3t} satisfy the differential equation, then $x_1(t) = e^{-2t}$, $x_2 = e^{3t}$. Computing $\det(M(s)) = 5e^s$, $\det(N(t, s)) = e^{3t-2s} - e^{3s-2t}$, we are now ready to apply the variation of constants formula:

$$\begin{aligned} x(t) &= c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{3t} + \int_{t_0}^t \frac{\det(N(t, s))}{\det(M(s))} r(s) ds \\ &= c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{3t} + \frac{1}{5} \int_{t_0}^t e^{3t-2s} - e^{3s-2t} ds \\ &= c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{3t} + \frac{1}{5} \left(\frac{1}{2} e^{3t-2t_0} + \frac{1}{3} e^{3t_0-2t} - \frac{5}{6} e^t \right) \end{aligned}$$

since the two terms with t_0 are multiples of x_1, x_2 our solution becomes

$$= c_1 e^{-2t} + c_2 e^{3t} - \frac{1}{6} e^t.$$