Determining the Impulse Response



$$u(t) = e^{st}, \ t \ge 0$$
 $\xrightarrow{x(0)=0; \text{ LTI system}}$ $y(t) = e^{st}H(s)$

Back to our two questions:

- 1. If we know h, how can we find y for a given u?
- 2. If we don't know h, how can we determine it?

We have answered Question 1. Now let's turn to Question 2.

One idea: inject the input $u(t) = e^{st}$, determine y(t), compute

$$H(s) = \frac{y(t)}{u(t)};$$

repeat for all s of interest. Q: Is this a good idea?