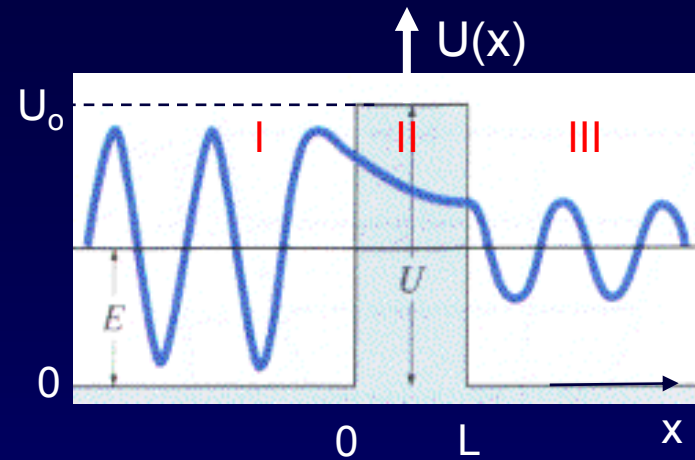


# Tunneling Through a Barrier (1)

What is the probability that an incident particle tunnels through the barrier?  
It's called the "Transmission Coefficient, T".

Consider a barrier (II) of height  $U_0$ .

$U = 0$  everywhere else.



Getting an exact result requires applying the boundary conditions at  $x = 0$  and  $x = L$ , then solving **six transcendental equations** for six unknowns:

$$\psi_I(x) = A_1 \sin kx + A_2 \cos kx$$

$$\psi_{II}(x) = B_1 e^{Kx} + B_2 e^{-Kx}$$

$$\psi_{III}(x) = C_1 \sin kx + C_2 \cos kx$$

$A_1$ ,  $A_2$ ,  $B_1$ ,  $B_2$ ,  $C_1$ , and  $C_2$  are unknown.  $K$  and  $k$  are known functions of  $E$ .

This is more complicated than the infinitely wide barrier, because we can't require that  $B_1 = 0$ . (Why not?)