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4. An electric heating element for a furnace is connected to the electric power source at each end by water-cooled clamps as shown below.

The rod's temperature is a function of the distance along the axis.

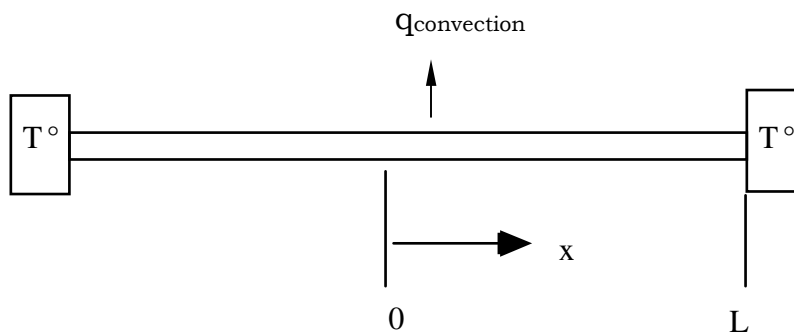
There are no significant radial gradients.

The electric power generates heat within the element at a rate of  $S$  Watts/cm<sup>3</sup>.

The rate of heat loss per unit surface area from the surface of the rod is  $q_{\text{convection}} = h(T_{\text{Rod}} - T_{\text{air}})$ . Assume  $h$  is given.

Derive an equation for the steady state axial temperature profile in a rod  $L$  in length. Since the temperature profile will be symmetrical about the center of the rod's axis, put your coordinate at the rod's center. The rod's length is  $2L$  and its radius is  $R$ .

Show the BC's, the finite element, the heat balance, the temperature profile equation.



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4. Obtain a differential equation for the temperature distribution in a sphere as a function of time and radius. The sphere has a heat generation term per unit volume of  $S$ , an outside radius of  $R$ , an initial temperature of  $T_i$ , and at time equal 0 and later a surface temperature of  $T_s$ . **State all BC's and the IC.**