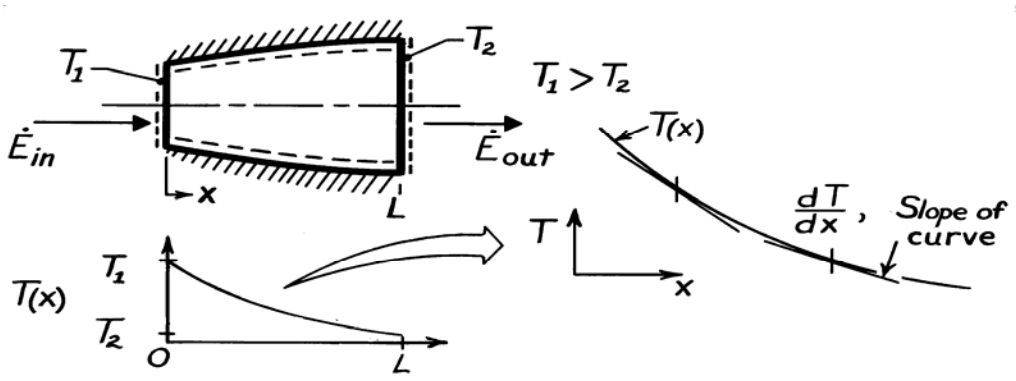
PROBLEM 2.1

KNOWN: Steady-state, one-dimensional heat conduction through an axisymmetric shape.

FIND: Sketch temperature distribution and explain shape of curve.

SCHEMATIC:



ASSUMPTIONS: (1) Steady-state, one-dimensional conduction, (2) Constant properties, (3) No internal heat generation.

ANALYSIS: Performing an energy balance on the object according to Eq. 1.12c, $\dot{E}_{in} - \dot{E}_{out} = 0$, it follows that

$$\dot{E}_{in} - \dot{E}_{out} = q_x$$

and that $q_x \neq q_x(x)$. That is, the heat rate within the object is everywhere constant. From Fourier's law,

$$q_x = -kA_x \frac{dT}{dx},$$

and since q_x and k are both constants, it follows that

$$A_x \frac{dT}{dx} = \text{Constant}.$$

That is, the product of the cross-sectional area normal to the heat rate and temperature gradient remains a constant and independent of distance x. It follows that since A_x increases with x, then dT/dx must decrease with increasing x. Hence, the temperature distribution appears as shown above.

COMMENTS: (1) Be sure to recognize that dT/dx is the slope of the temperature distribution. (2) What would the distribution be when $T_2 > T_1$? (3) How does the heat flux, q''_x, vary with distance?