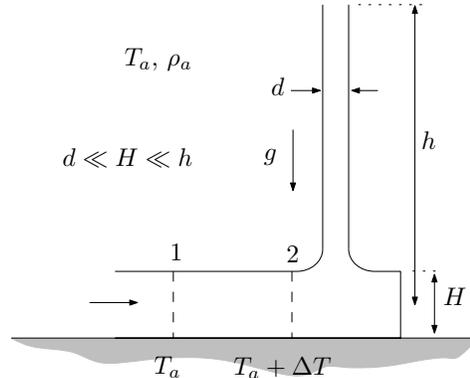


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**Problem 4.09**

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Consider a furnace of height  $H$  with a tall cylindrical smoke stack of diameter  $d$  ( $d \ll H$ ) and height  $h$  ( $h \gg H$ ). Air, an ideal gas ( $P = \rho RT$ ), enters the furnace at atmospheric density and temperature and at local atmospheric pressure. Between stations 1 and 2, heat is added at constant pressure and the air temperature is raised by an amount  $\Delta T$ . Thereafter, heat addition is negligible and the air rises through the stack at a sensibly constant density.

- (a) On the assumption that viscous effects are negligible, derive an expression for the steady mass flow rate of air drawn by a stack of given height,  $h$ , in terms of the temperature rise in the furnace.
- (b) If the chimney were capped off at the top, what would be the pressure differential across the cap, assuming that  $\Delta T$  would not be altered by the flow stoppage?

Note: The height  $h$  of the stack is small compared with the length  $RT_a/g$  over which the atmosphere density falls by  $1/e$  (see Problem 1.8). Hence, gravitational density changes can be neglected.

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