

# ELECTRONIC DEVICES AND CIRCUIT THEORY

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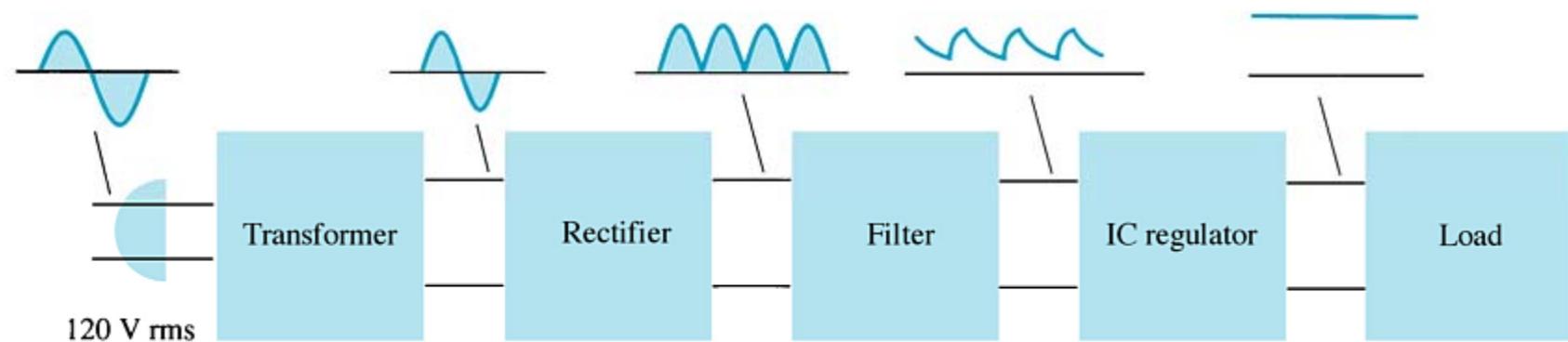
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Chapter 15  
Power Supplies  
(Voltage Regulators)

# Power Supply Diagram



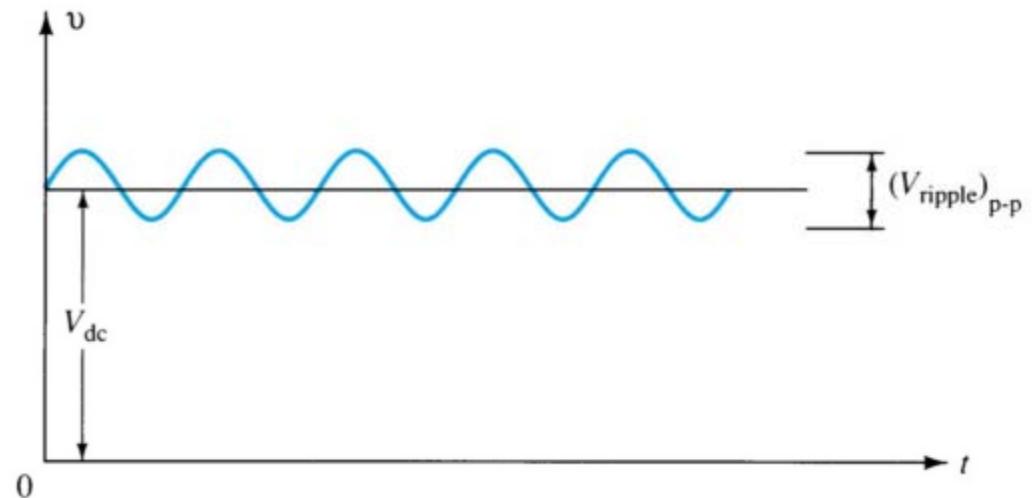
# Filter Circuits

- The output from the rectifier section is a pulsating DC.
- The filter circuit reduces the peak-to-peak pulses to a small ripple voltage.



# Ripple Factor

After the filter circuit a small amount of AC is still remaining. The amount of ripple voltage can be rated in terms of **ripple factor (r)**.



$$\%r = \frac{\text{ripple voltage (rms)}}{\text{dc voltage}} = \frac{V_r(\text{rms})}{V_{dc}} \times 100$$

# Rectifier Ripple Factor

## Half-Wave

**DC output:**

$$V_{dc} = 0.318V_m$$

**AC ripple output:**

$$V_{r(rms)} = 0.385V_m$$

**Ripple factor:**

$$\begin{aligned}\%r &= \frac{V_{r(rms)}}{V_{dc}} \times 100 \\ &= \frac{0.385V_m}{0.318V_m} \times 100 = 121\%\end{aligned}$$

## Full-Wave

**DC output:**

$$V_{dc} = 0.636V_m$$

**AC ripple output:**

$$V_{r(rms)} = 0.308V_m$$

**Ripple factor:**

$$\begin{aligned}\%r &= \frac{V_{r(rms)}}{V_{dc}} \times 100 \\ &= \frac{0.308V_m}{0.636V_m} \times 100 = 48\%\end{aligned}$$

# Types of Filter Circuits

## Capacitor Filter RC Filter



# Capacitor Filter

## Ripple voltage

$$V_{r(\text{rms})} = \frac{I_{\text{dc}}}{4\sqrt{3}fC} = \frac{2.4I_{\text{dc}}}{C} = \frac{2.4V_{\text{dc}}}{RLC}$$

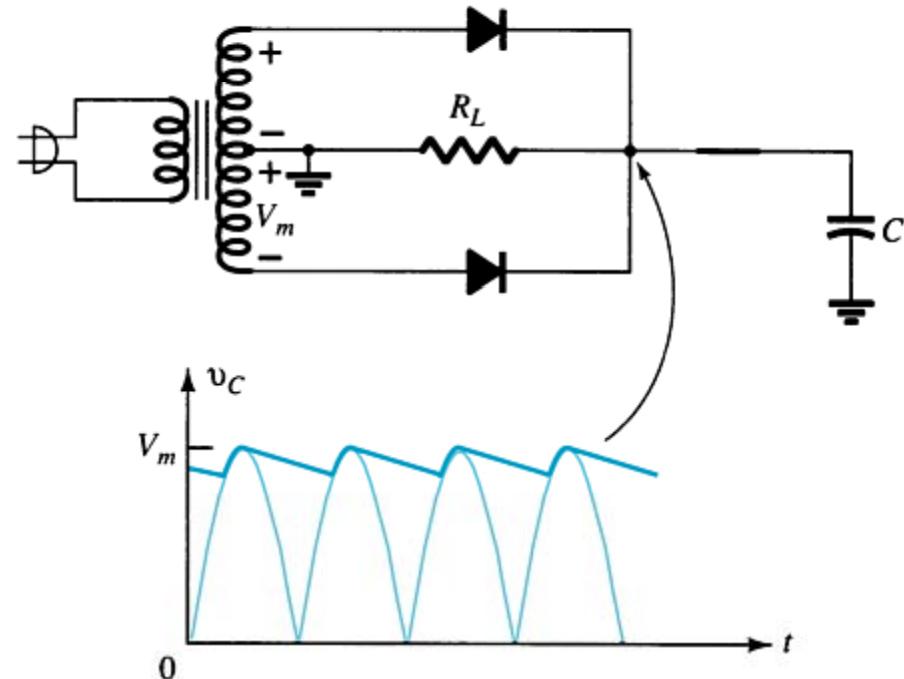
The larger the capacitor the smaller the ripple voltage.

## DC output

$$V_{\text{dc}} = V_m - \frac{I_{\text{dc}}}{4fC} = V_m - \frac{4.17I_{\text{dc}}}{C}$$

## Ripple factor

$$\%r = \frac{V_{r(\text{rms})}}{V_{\text{dc}}} \times 100 = \frac{2.4I_{\text{dc}}}{CV_{\text{dc}}} \times 100 = \frac{2.4}{RLC} \times 100$$



# Diode Ratings with Capacitor Filter

The size of the capacitor increases the current drawn through the diodes—the larger the capacitance, the greater the amount of current.

**Peak Current vs. Capacitance:**

$$I = \frac{CV}{t}$$

**where**

**C = capacitance**

**V = change in capacitor voltage during charge/discharge**

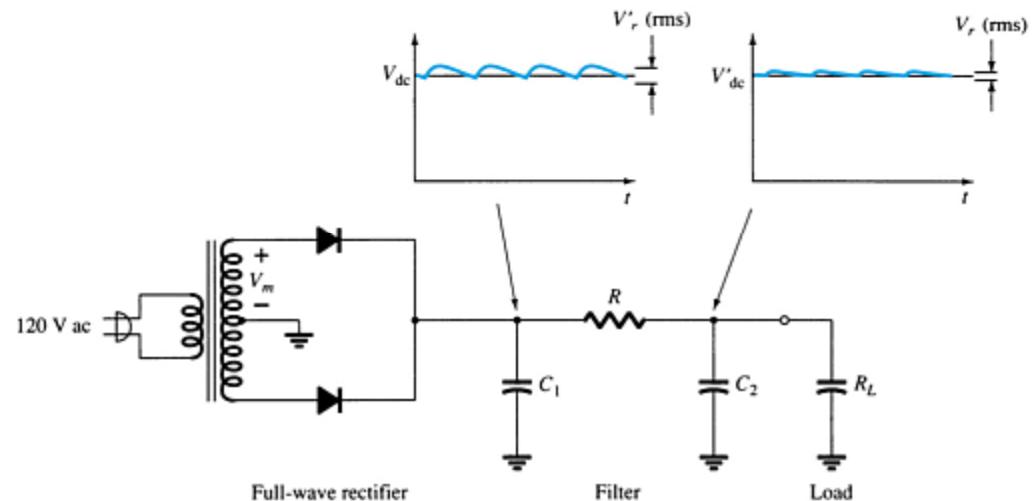
**t = the charge/discharge time**



# RC Filter Circuit

Adding an RC section further reduces the ripple voltage and decrease the surge current through the diodes.

$$V'_{r(\text{rms})} \approx \frac{X_C}{R} V_{r(\text{rms})}$$



$V'_{r(\text{rms})}$  = ripple voltage after the RC filter

$V_{r(\text{rms})}$  = ripple voltage before the RC filter

$R$  = resistor in the added RC filter

$X_C$  = reactance of the capacitor in the added RC filter

$$\%V_R = \frac{V_{NL} - V_{FL}}{V_{FL}} \times 100\%$$

$V_{NL}$  = no-load voltage

$V_{FL}$  = full-load voltage

# Voltage Regulation Circuits

**There are two common types of circuitry for voltage regulation:**

- Discrete Transistors
- IC's

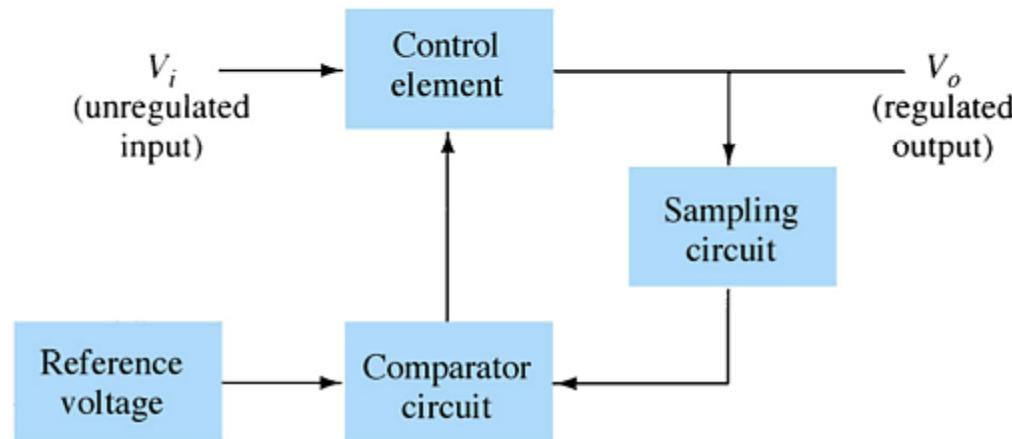


# Discrete-Transistor Regulators

**Series voltage regulator  
Current-limiting circuit  
Shunt voltage regulator**



# Series Voltage Regulator Circuit

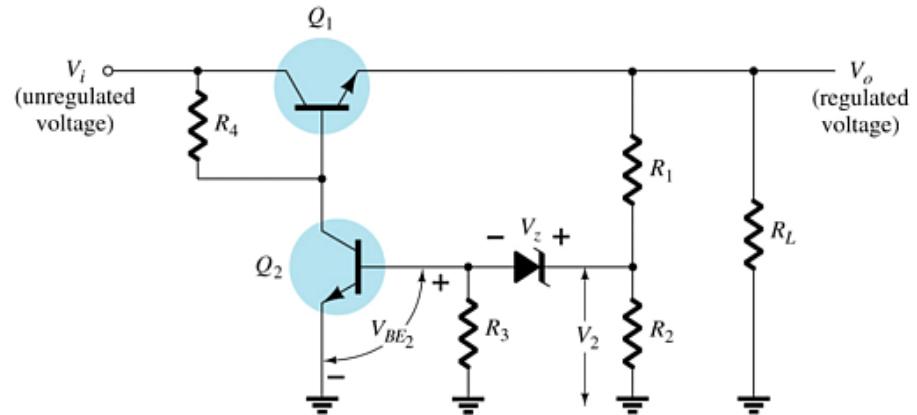


**The series element controls the amount of the input voltage that gets to the output.**

**If the output voltage increases (or decreases), the comparator circuit provides a control signal to cause the series control element to decrease (or increase) the amount of the output voltage.**

# Series Voltage Regulator Circuit

- **R<sub>1</sub> and R<sub>2</sub> act as the sampling circuit**
- **Zener provides the reference voltage**
- **Q<sub>2</sub> controls the base current to Q<sub>1</sub>**
- **Q<sub>1</sub> maintains the constant output voltage**



When the output increases:

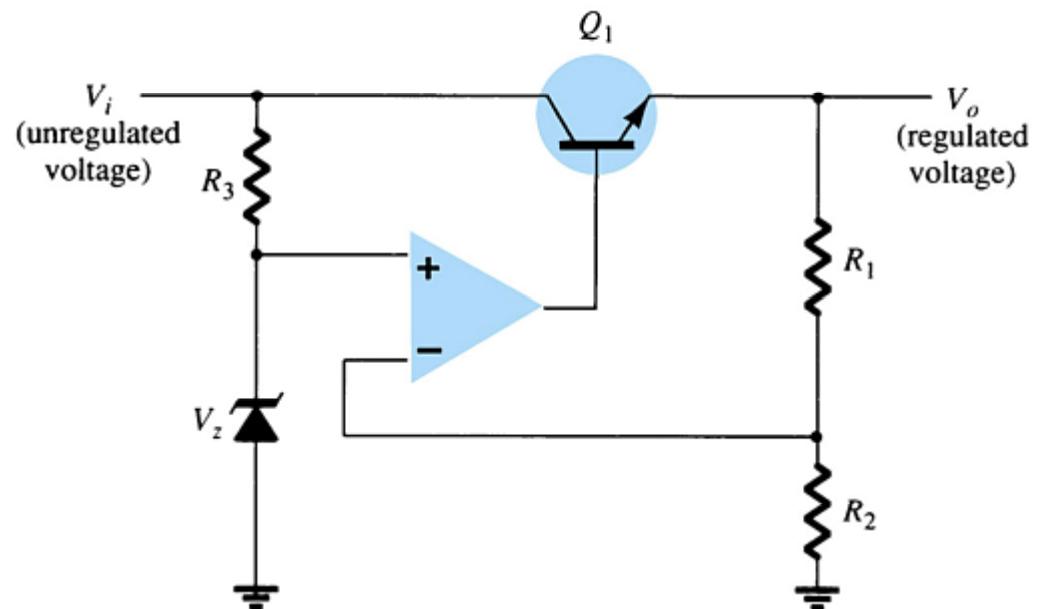
1. The voltage at V<sub>2</sub> and V<sub>BE</sub> of Q<sub>2</sub> increases
2. The conduction of Q<sub>2</sub> increases
3. The conduction of Q<sub>1</sub> decreases
4. The output voltage decreases

When the output decreases:

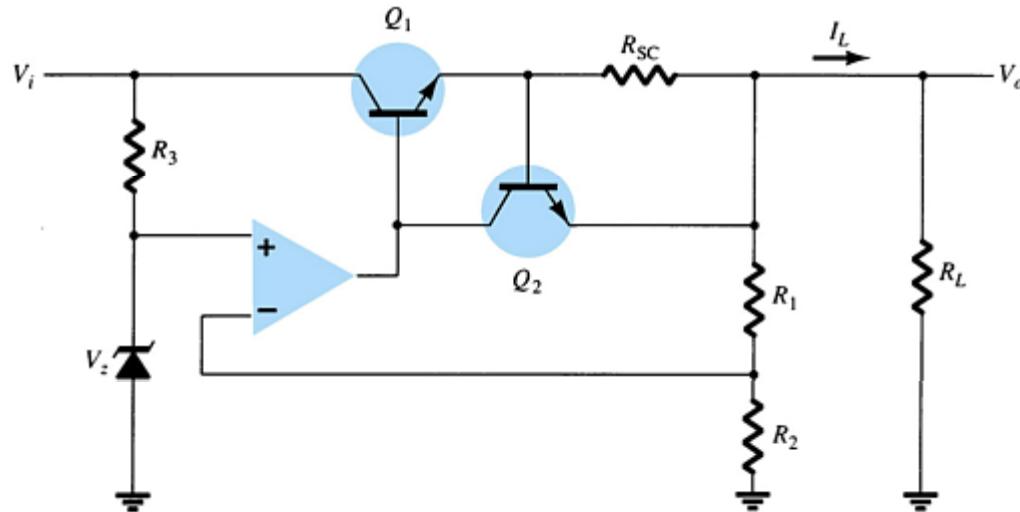
1. The voltage at V<sub>2</sub> and V<sub>BE</sub> of Q<sub>2</sub> decreases
2. The conduction of Q<sub>2</sub> decreases
3. The conduction of Q<sub>1</sub> increases
4. The output voltage increases

# Series Voltage Regulator Circuit

The op-amp compares the Zener diode voltage with the output voltage (at  $R_1$  and  $R_2$ ) and controls the conduction of  $Q_1$ .



# Current-Limiting Circuit

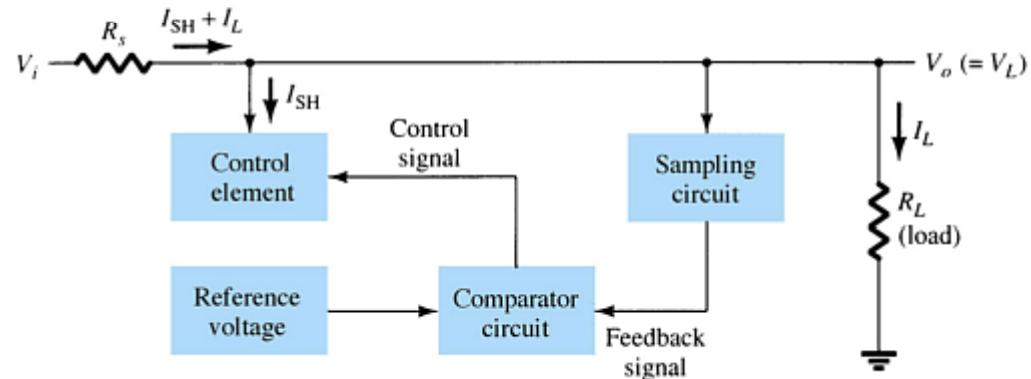


When  $I_L$  increases:

- The voltage across  $R_{SC}$  increases
- The increasing voltage across  $R_{SC}$  drives  $Q_2$  on
- Conduction of  $Q_2$  reduces current for  $Q_1$  and the load

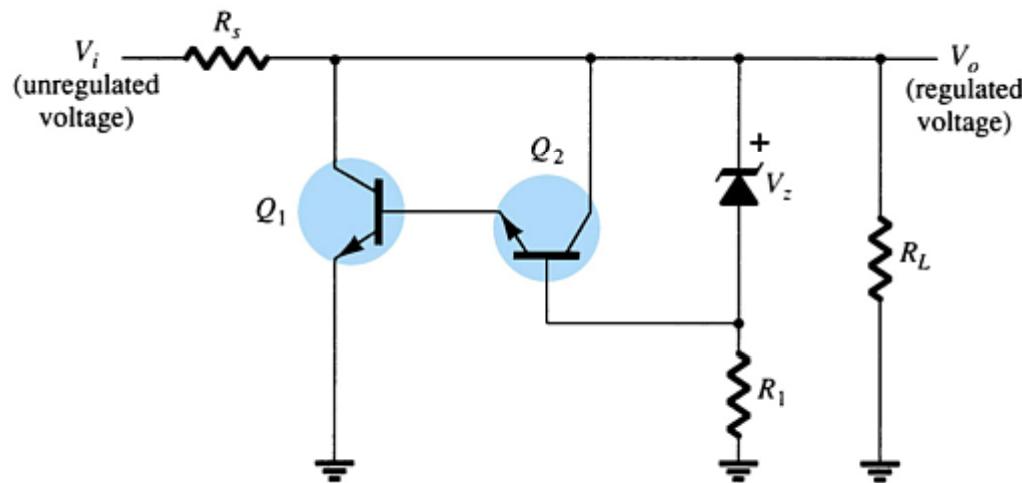
# Shunt Voltage Regulator Circuit

The shunt voltage regulator shunts current away from the load.



The load voltage is sampled and fed back to a comparator circuit. If the load voltage is too high, control circuitry shunts more current away from the load.

# Shunt Voltage Regulator Circuit



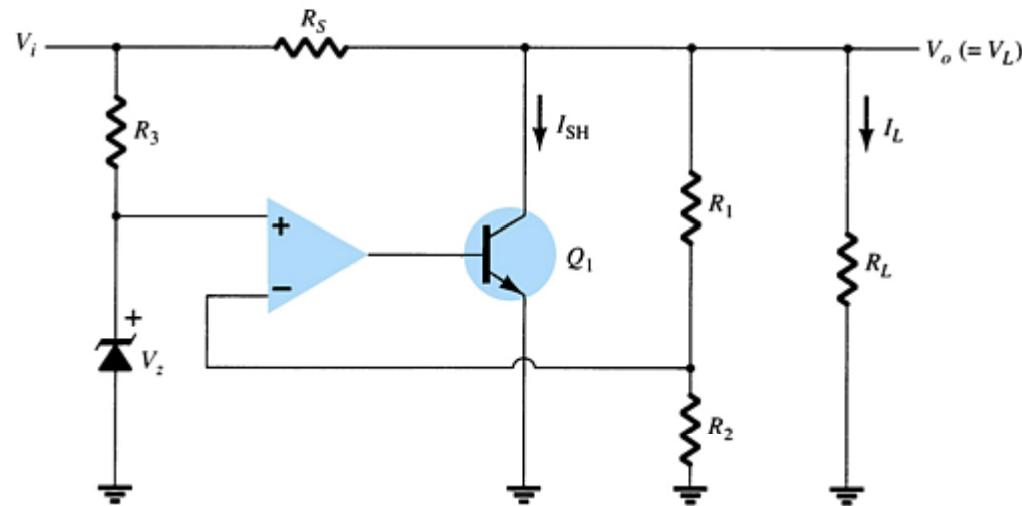
When the output voltage increases:

- The Zener current increases
- The conduction of  $Q_2$  increases
- The voltage drop at  $R_s$  increases
- The output voltage decreases

When the output voltage decreases:

- The Zener current decreases
- The conduction of  $Q_2$  decreases
- The voltage drop at  $R_s$  decreases
- The output voltage increases

# Shunt Voltage Regulator Circuit



# IC Voltage Regulators

**Regulator ICs contain:**

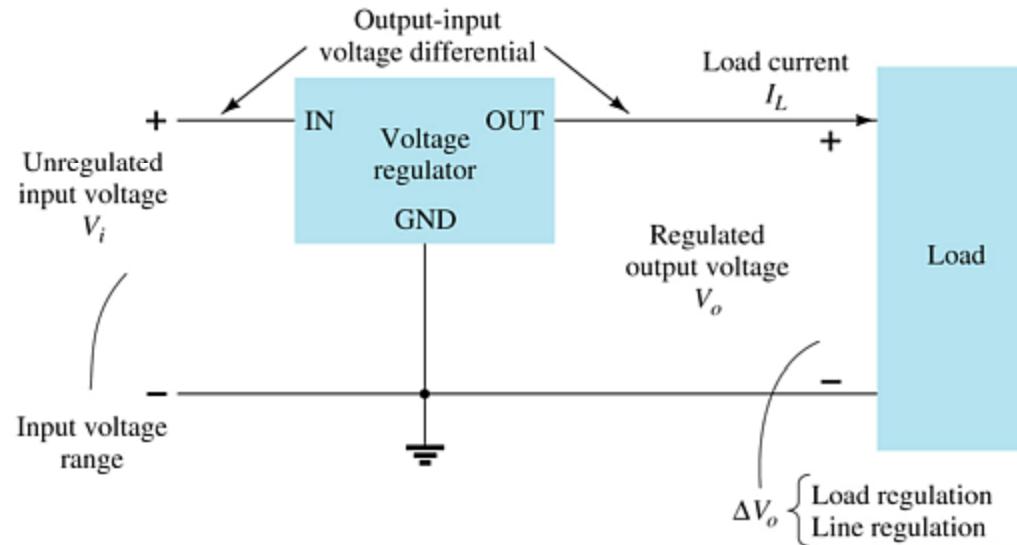
- Comparator circuit
- Reference voltage
- Control circuitry
- Overload protection

**Types of three-terminal IC voltage regulators**

- Fixed positive voltage regulator
- Fixed negative voltage regulator
- Adjustable voltage regulator



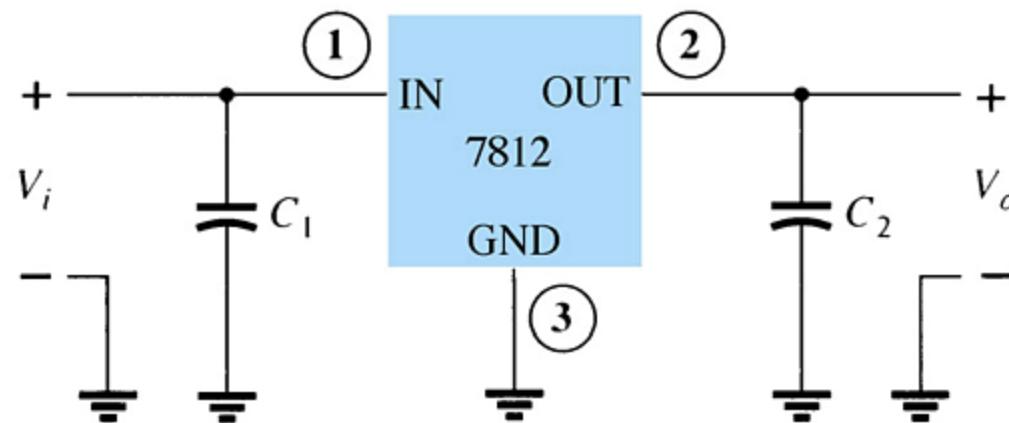
# Three-Terminal Voltage Regulators



The specifications for this IC indicate:

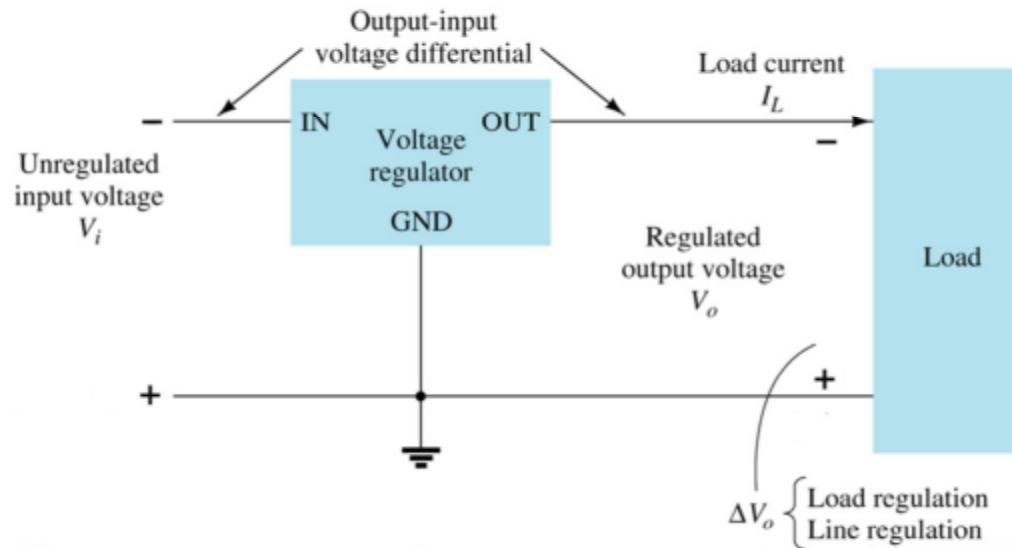
- The range of input voltages that can be regulated for a specific range of output voltage and load current
- Load regulation—variation in output voltage with variations in load current
- Line regulation—variation in output voltage with variations in input voltage

# Fixed Positive Voltage Regulator



These ICs provide a fixed positive output voltage.

# Fixed Negative Voltage Regulator

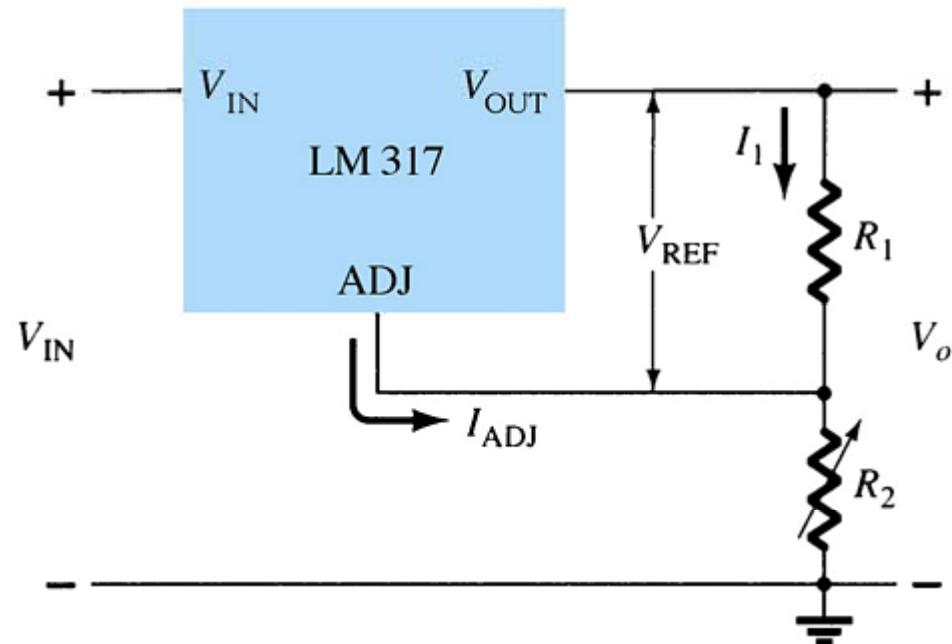


These ICs output a fixed negative output voltage.

# Adjustable Voltage Regulator

These regulators have adjustable output voltages.

The output voltage is commonly selected using a potentiometer.



# Practical Power Supplies

DC supply (linear power supplies)  
Chopper supply (switching power supplies)  
TV horizontal high voltage supply  
Battery chargers

