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Abstract :

In this project , we will complete a design of room thermostat using important electronic devices like Schmitt trigger comparator , transistor, diode (led), and learning how they work. And we will show the simulation of the design, and will compare results and find a conclusion.

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Theory

Room Thermostat

Room thermostat which is used to control heating has been one of the common device used in residential and industrial buildings to control the temperature of a space in a room or an office. It is basically consists of a comparator that controls the ON and OFF of the circuit based on the sensor temperature.

The temperature range of thermostat here is from 26 °C to 28 °C. The LM358 Op Amp is used as a comparator to sense the inputs of the reference voltage and room temperature .

When the room temperature increases than V_{ut} , the thermistor resistance will drop and hence the output of the operational amplifier will be high. This cause transistor to turn off and the led is turn off. And when the room temperature decreasing than V_{Lt} , the output of the operational amplifier will be low. This cause transistor to turn on and the led is turn on.

The problem :

Complete the design of the room thermostat to keep the room temperature between two threshold temperatures TH (28 °C) and TL (26 °C)

- Determine by calculation the values of R_1 , R_2 , and R_3 . (Consider that $+V_{sat} = 11.6V$ And $-V_{sat} = 0.4V$)
- Using PSPICE, determine V_x, V_{o1}, V_{o2} , V_{o3} , and the status of (the BJT and the diode) at $T = 8^\circ C$ and $T = 32^\circ C$ ($V_{out} = 0.08V$ and $V_{out} = 0.32V$)
- Using PSPICE, plot $V_{o2}(t)$ as the temperature increases from $8^\circ C$ to $32^\circ C$. (replace the temperature sensor by VPWL piece wise linear voltage source).
- Using PSPICE, plot $V_{o2}(t)$ as the temperature decreases from $32^\circ C$ to $8^\circ C$. (in pspice replace the temperature sensor by VPWL or Vpulse voltage source).

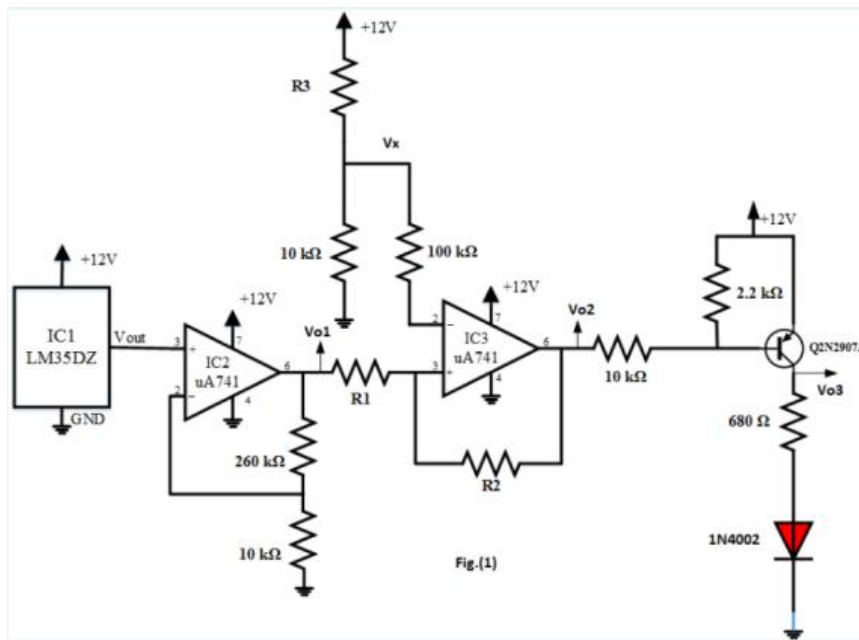


Figure 1 the problem

The calculations of R1,R2,R3

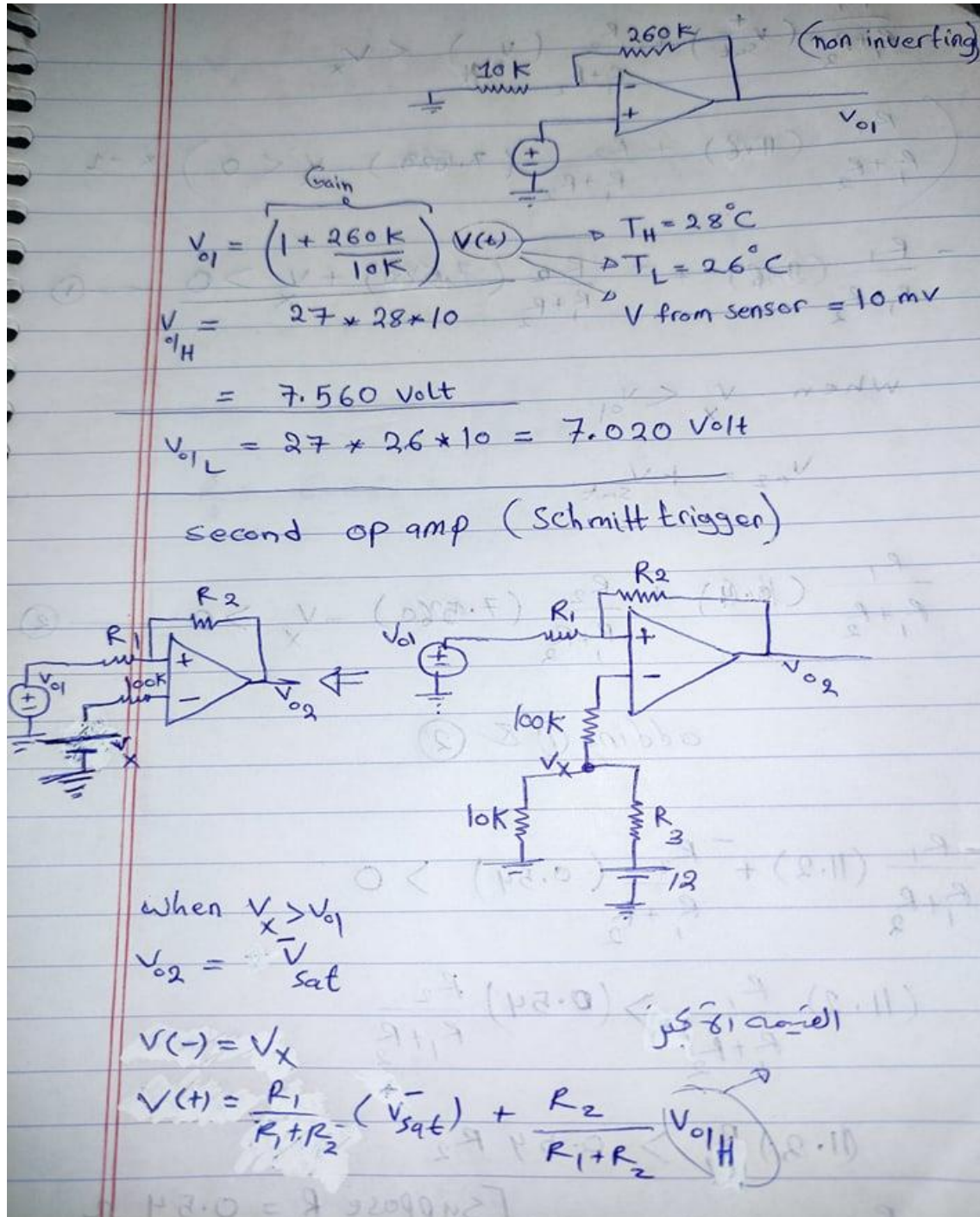


Figure 2 calculations

$$\frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} (V_{sat}^-) + \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} (V_{01}) < V_x$$

$$\left(\frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} (0.4) + \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} (7.560) - V_x < 0 \right) \times -1$$

$$-\frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} (0.4) - \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} (7.560) + V_x > 0 \quad \text{--- (1)}$$

When $V_x < V_{01}$

$$V_{02} = +V_{sat}$$

$$\frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} (11.6) + \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} (7.020) - V_x > 0 \quad \text{--- (2)}$$

adding (1) & (2)

$$-\frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} (11.2) + \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} (0.54) > 0$$

$$(11.2) \frac{R_1}{R_1 + R_2} > (0.54) \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$(11.2) R_1 > 0.54 R_2$$

$$\frac{R_1}{R_2} = \frac{0.54}{11.2} \rightarrow \left[\begin{array}{l} \text{suppose } R_1 = 0.54 \Omega \\ \text{then } R_2 \text{ will be } 11.2 \Omega \end{array} \right.$$

Figure 3 cont.
calculations

$$V_x = \left(\frac{10}{10 + R_3} \right) (12)$$

Suppose:- $V_x = \frac{V_{o1H} + V_{o1L}}{2}$

$$= \frac{7.560 + 7.020}{2}$$

$$= 7.29 \text{ Volt}$$

So, $7.29 = \left(\frac{10}{10 + R_3} \right) (12)$

$$R_3 = 6.461 \Omega$$

Figure 4 cont.. calculations

- So, I found above the values of R1,R2,R3.

$$R1 = 0.54 \text{ OHM}$$

$$R2 = 11.2 \text{ OHM}$$

$$R3 = 6.461 \text{ OHM}$$

determine $V_x, V_{o1}, V_{o2}, V_{o3}$, and the status of (the BJT and the diode) at $T = 8^\circ\text{C}$ ($V_{out} = 0.08\text{V}$)



so from design in pspice we notice that :

$$v_x = 7.289\text{V}, \quad v_{o1} = 2.186\text{V}, \quad v_{o2} = 386.57\text{mV}, \quad v_{o3} = 11.93\text{V}$$

About BJT and diode :

transistor is PNP junction, $V_e = 12\text{V}$, $V_b = 11.19\text{V}$, $V_c = 11.93\text{V}$, $V_{cb} = 0.07\text{V}$ (Reverse biased), $V_{eb} = 0.74\text{V}$ (forward biased), so transistor is in active region, it is working, and current flow through diode, so diode on.

Or we can just look at the voltage on anode of diode :

the voltage that enter the diode (voltage on anode) is 717.20mV (shown in figure bellow), it is high enough, so diode on, and because diode will not work unless BJT is on (in active mode), so BJT is working. **BJT works (active) and diode on.**

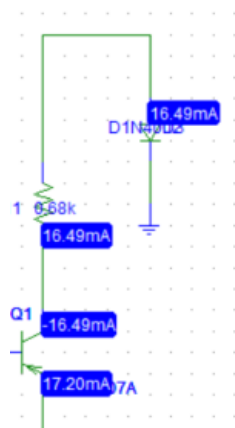


Figure 7 current flow through diode, diode on

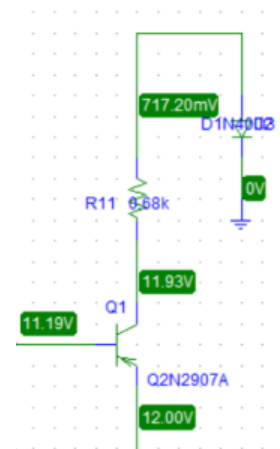


Figure 8 voltage on anode is high, diode on

Values $V_x, V_{out1\&2\&3}$ at $T = 32\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$

determine $V_x, V_{o1}, V_{o2}, V_{o3}$, and the status of (the BJT and the diode) at $T = 32\text{ }^{\circ}\text{C}$ ($V_{out} = 0.32\text{V}$)

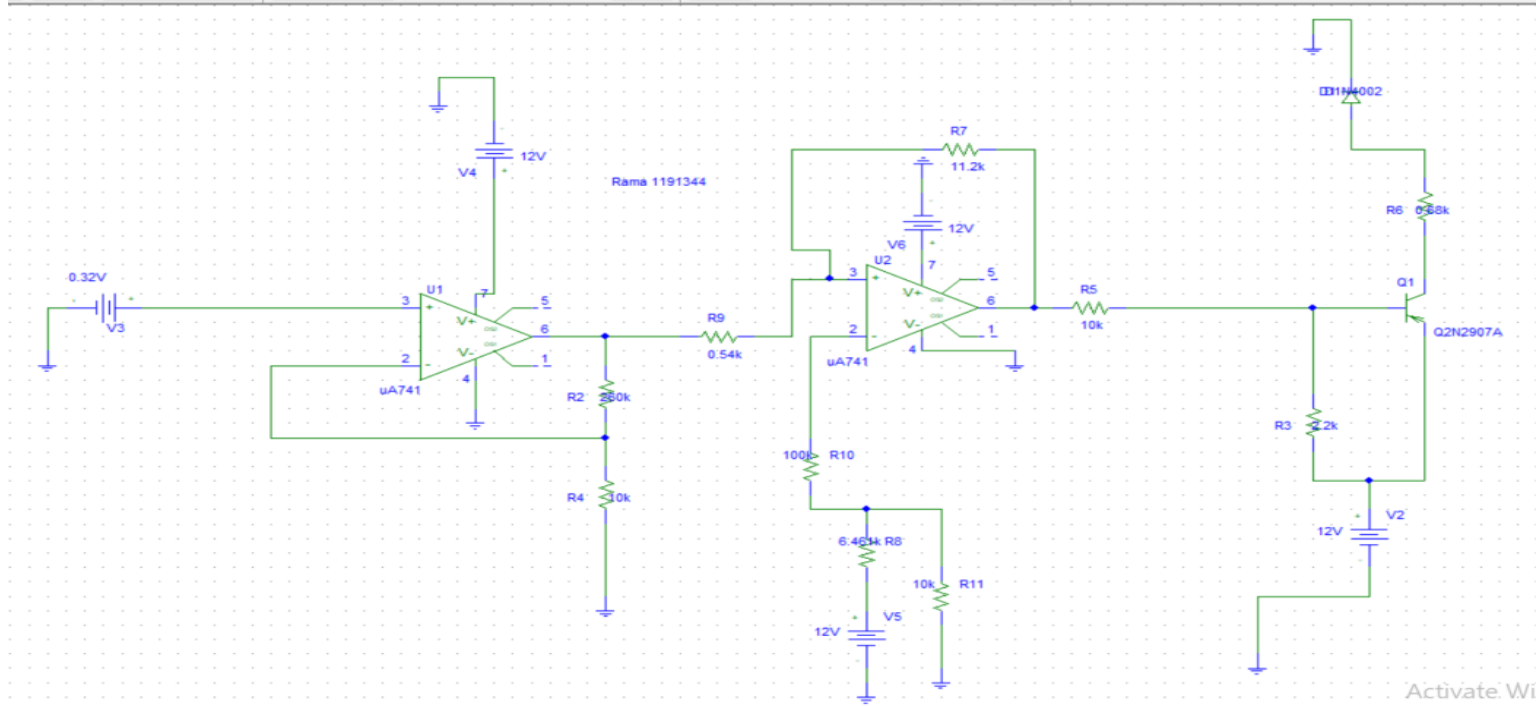


Figure 9 part b (2)

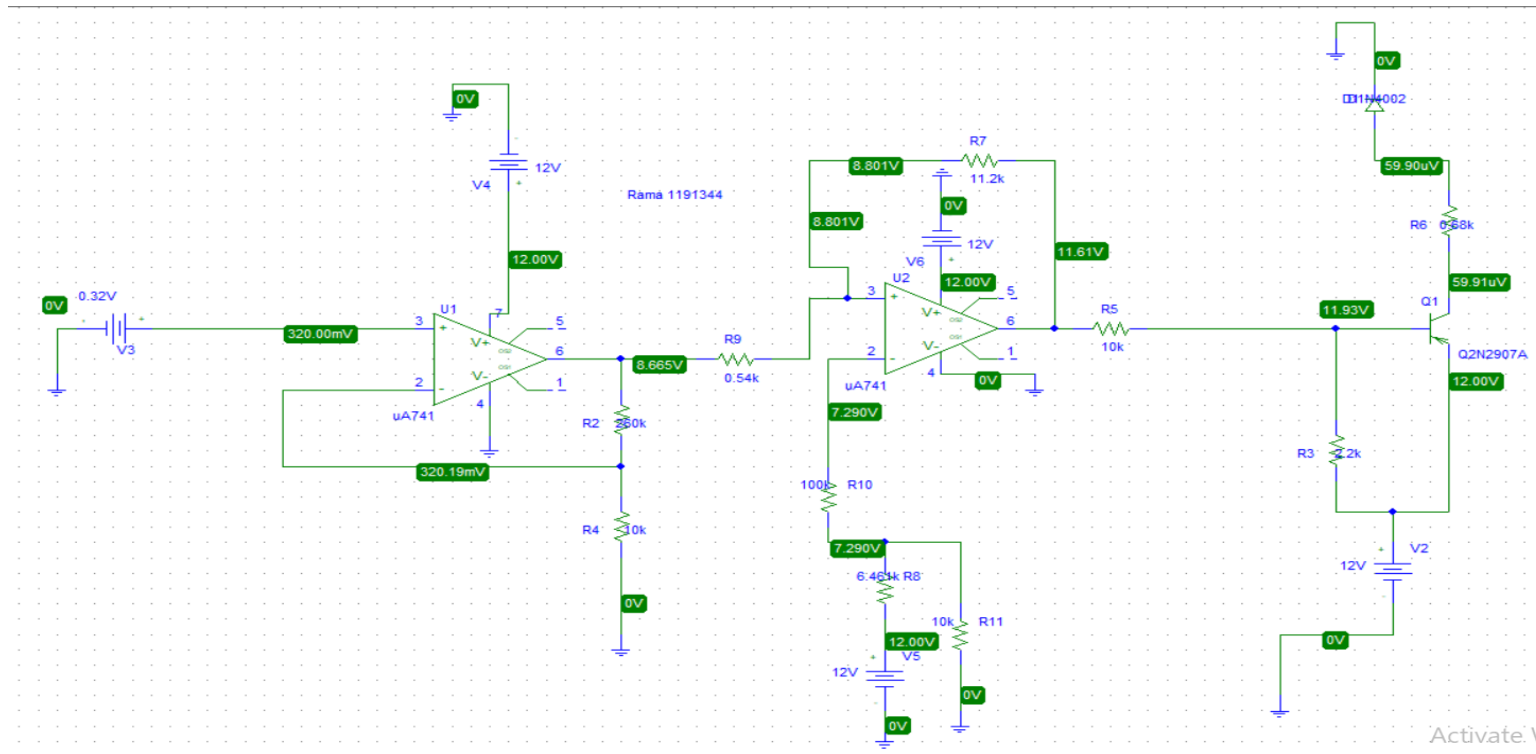


Figure 10 part b (2) determining voltages on design

so from design in pspice we notice that :

$$v_x = 7.290\text{v}, \quad v_{o1} = 8.665\text{v}, \quad v_{o2} = 11.61\text{v}, \quad v_{o3} = 59.91\mu\text{v}$$

about BJT and diode :

transistor is PNP junction, $V_e = 12\text{v}$, $V_c = 59.91\mu\text{v}$, $V_b = 11.93\text{v}$, V_{cb} (Reverse biased), V_{eb} nearly (reversed biased), so transistor is in cut off region, it is not working, and current doesn't flow through diode (current flowing through diode nearly zero), so diode off.

Or we can just look at the voltage on anode of diode :

the voltage that enter the diode (voltage on anode) is $59.90\mu\text{v}$ (shown in figure 12), it is very low, so diode off, and because diode will not work unless BJT on (in active mode) so BJT is not working. **BJT doesn't work and diode off.**

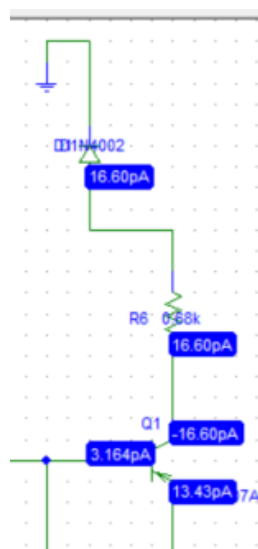


Figure 11 nearly no current flow through diode, diode off

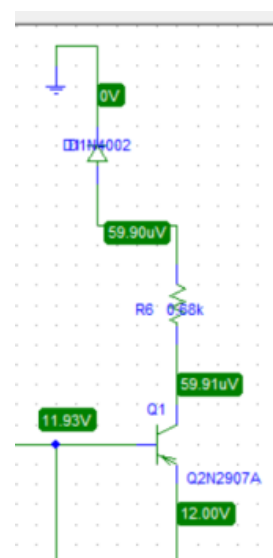


Figure 12 voltage on anode is very small, diode off

Increasing & Decreasing of temperature (part C&D of project)

Plotting $V_{o2}(t)$ as the temperature increases from 8 °C to 32 °C and as the temperature decreases from 32 °C to 8 °C. (I replaced the temperature sensor by Vpulse voltage source).

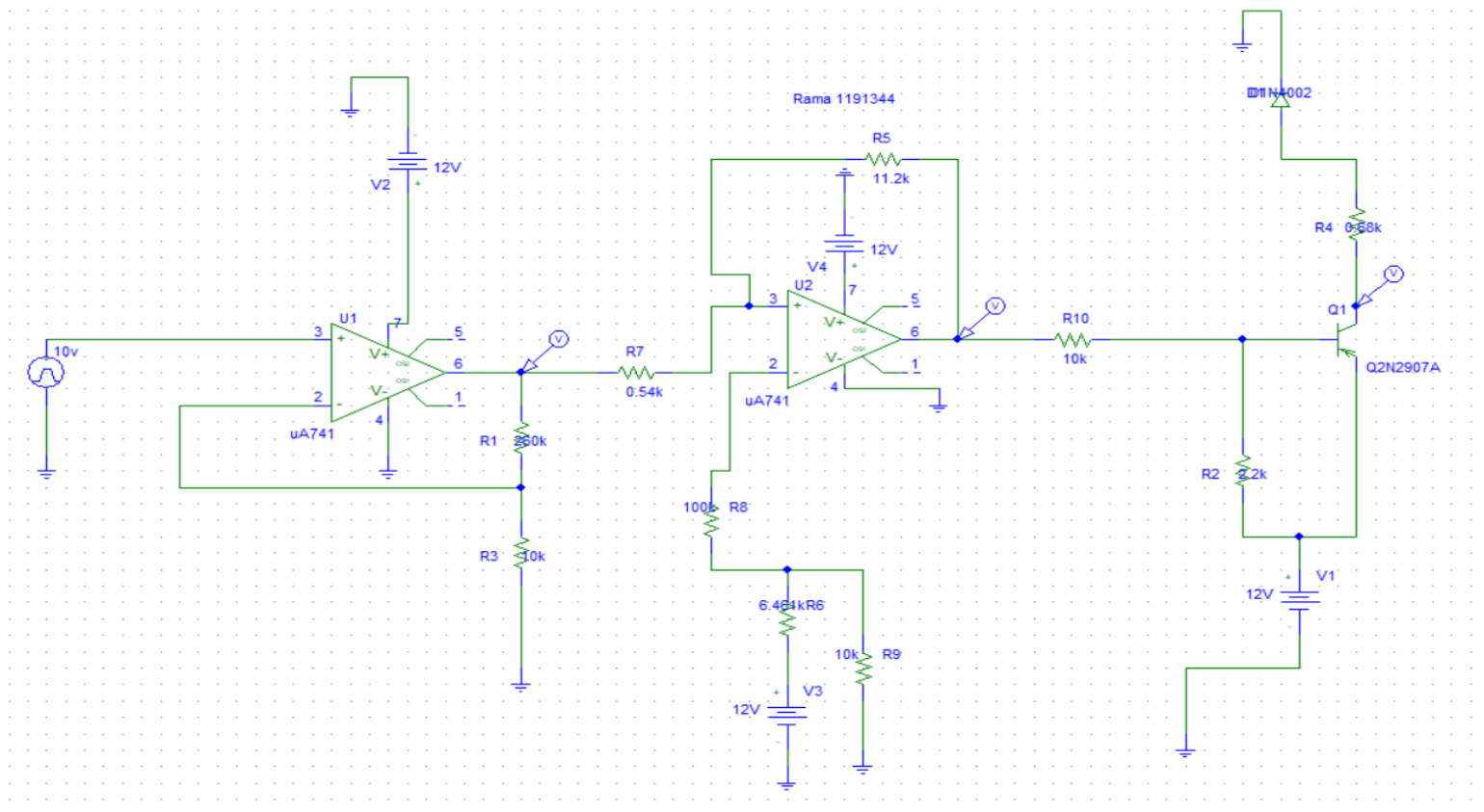


Figure 13 the design of last two parts using Vpulse

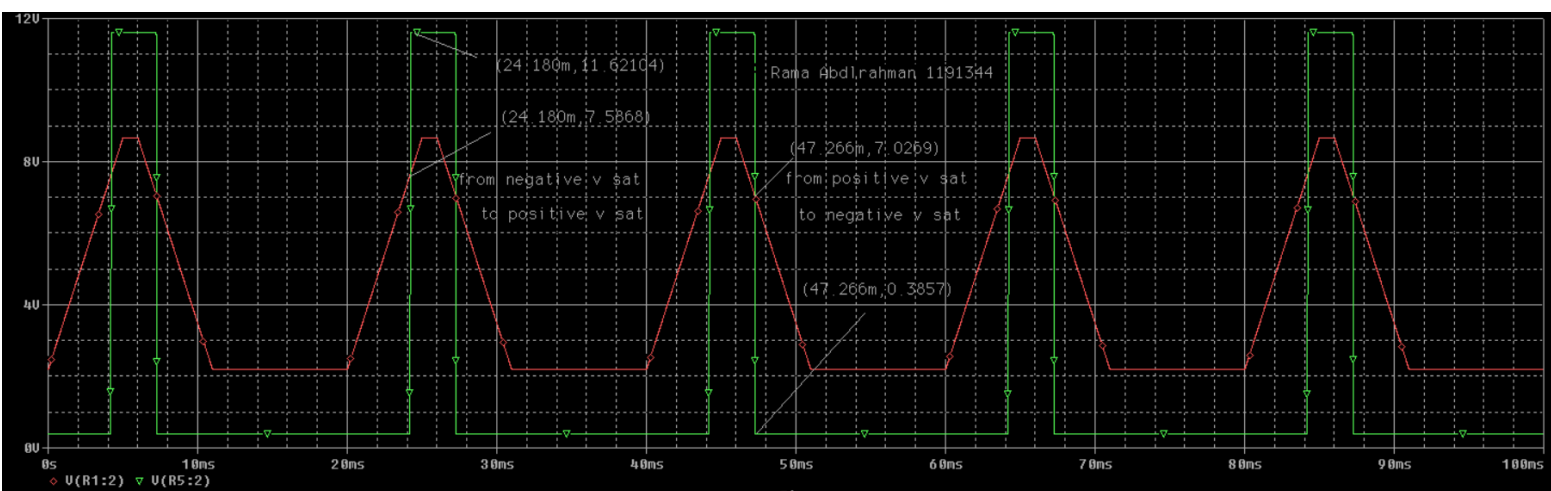


Figure 14 simulation of last two parts of project

The red wave shoes the output of non inverting op amp (vo1).

The green wave shoes the output of schmitt trigger (vo2).

On figure 14 , I determined the point where vo2 increase from $-v_{sat}$ to $+v_{sat}$, and the point where vo2 decrease from $+v_{sat}$ to $-v_{sat}$.

The values on simulation($+v_{sat}$, $-v_{sat}$, vo1 upper threshold, vo1 lower threshold) are nearly the same of the values I have theoretically .

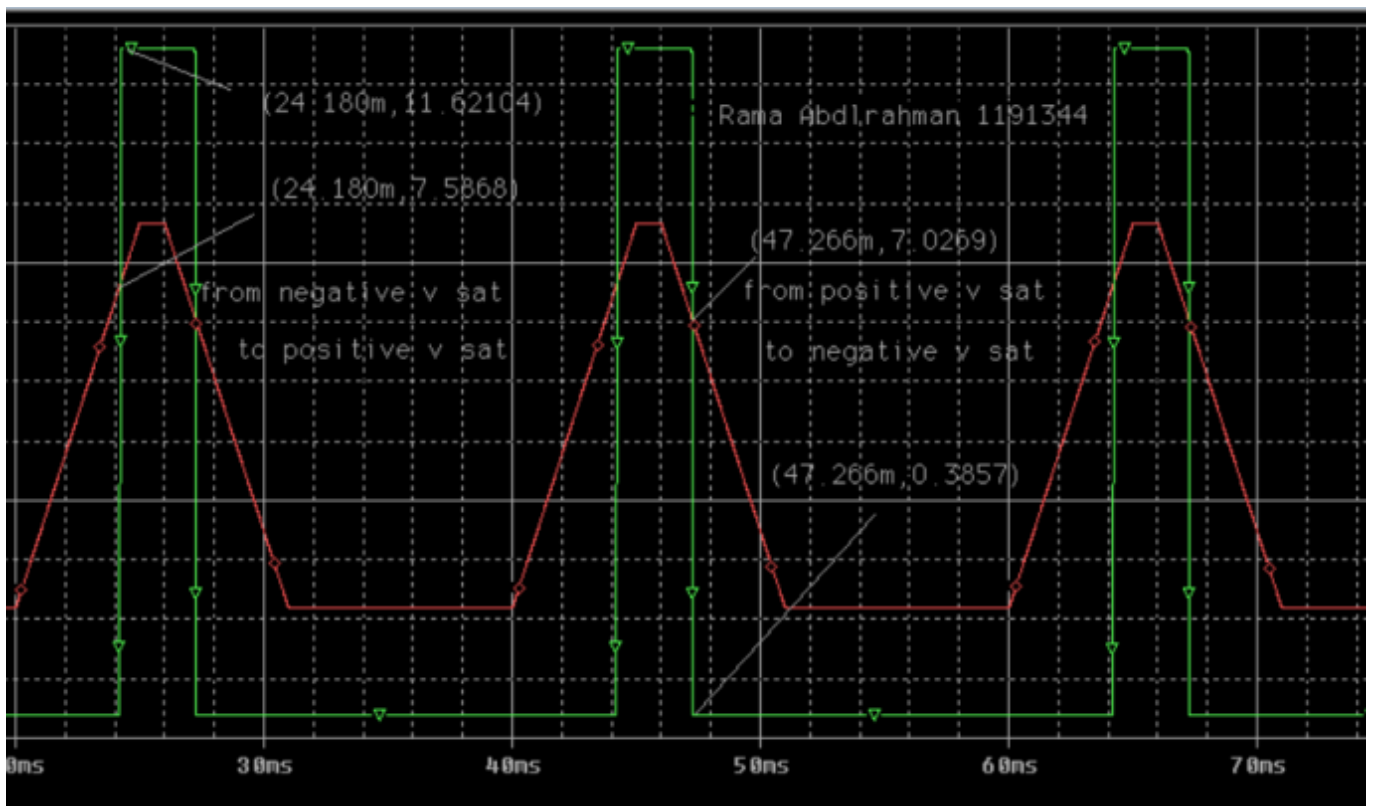


Figure 15 zoom in the previous figures to see the points clearly

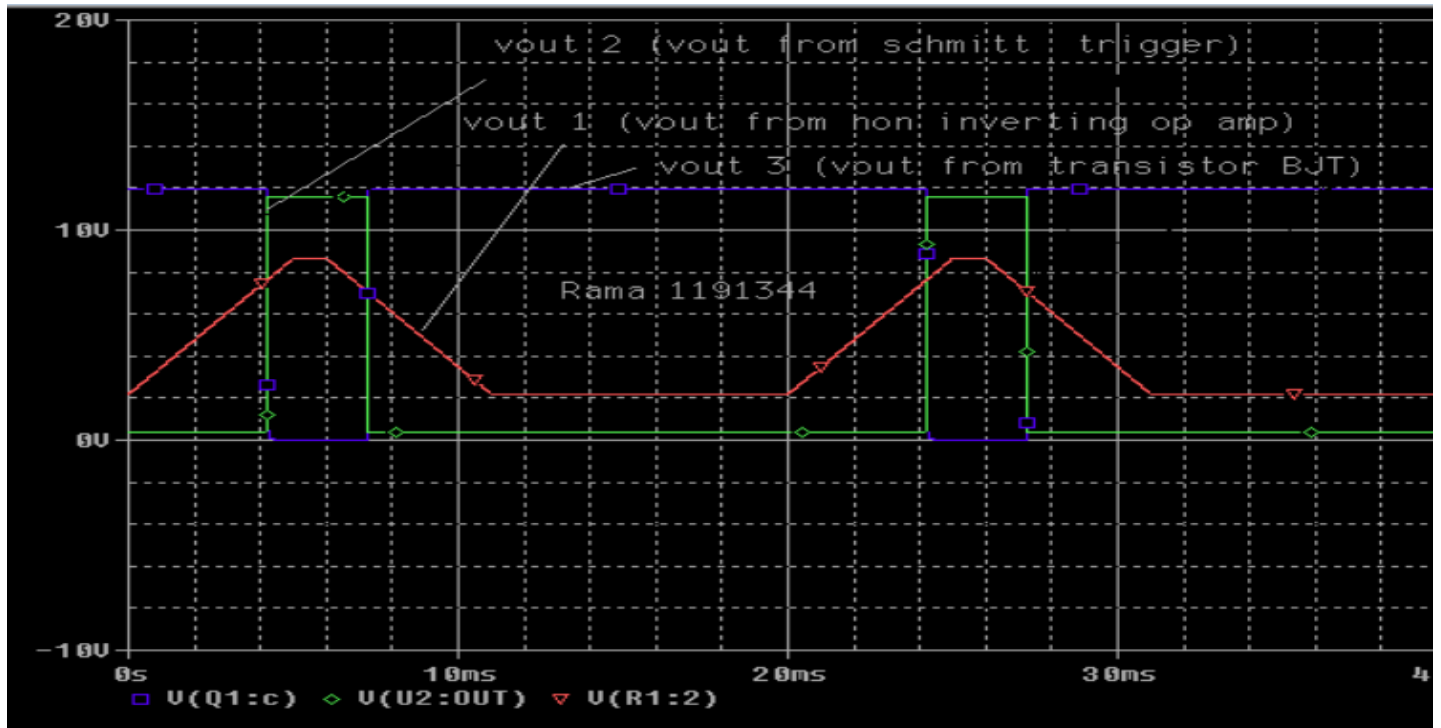


Figure 16 zoom in the figure of the simulation of vo1,vo2,vo3

- We have here another wave (blue wave), which shows vo3, the output of transistor (the voltage which will move through the diode).

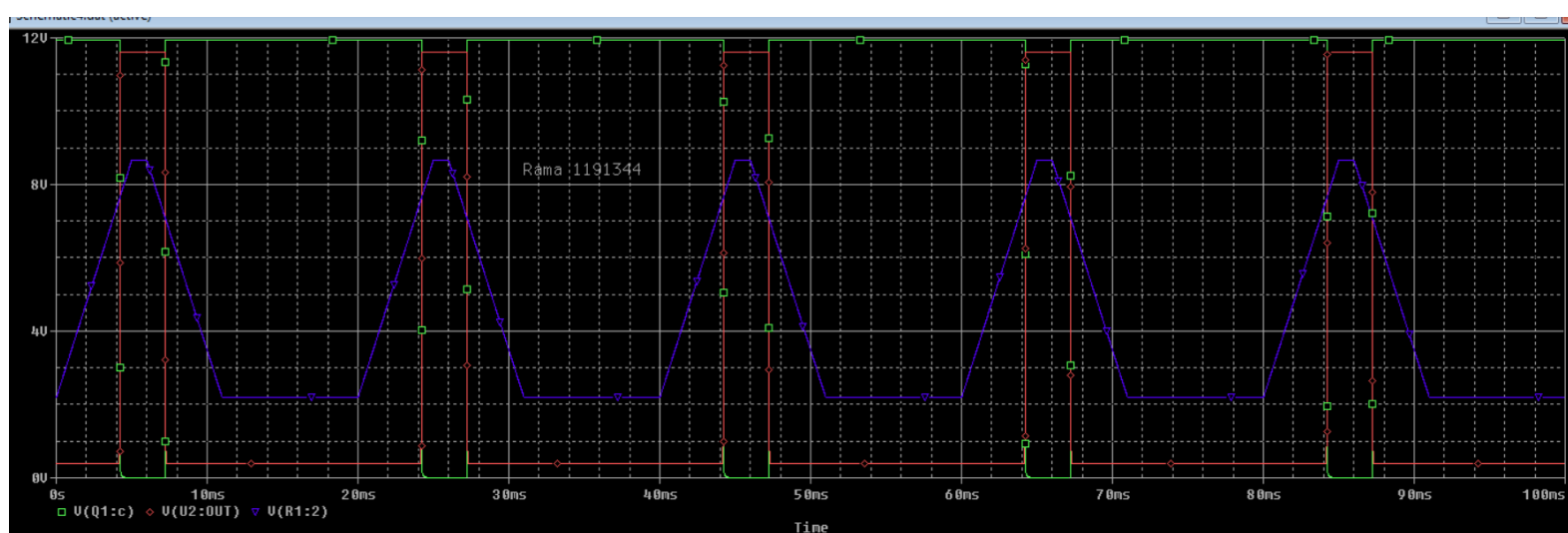


Figure 17 figure of the simulation of vo1,vo2,vo3 without zoom in

- I will explain in the result and conclusion part .

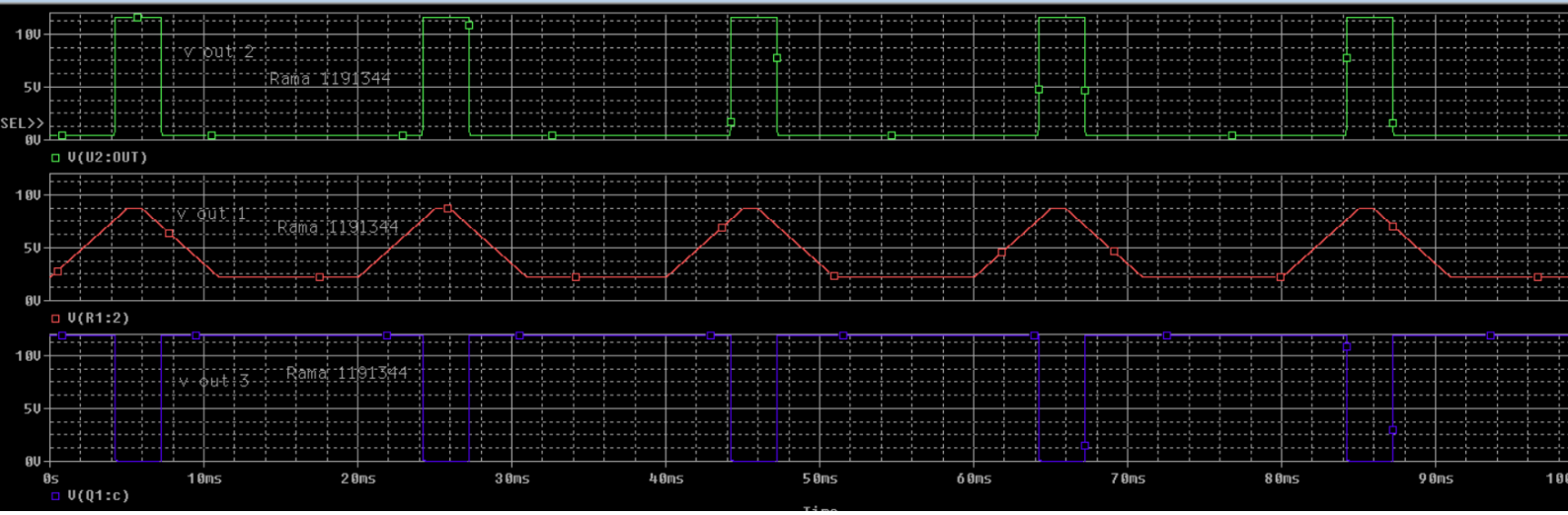


Figure 18 Vo1,V02,V03 each on its own plot

Comparison of results and Conclusion

In part 1 we got the values of resistors by solving some equations and supposing some values as shown previously.

In part 2 I have used the values of resistors I found to design the circuit .

At $v_{out}=0.08v$, we found that:

$$v_x=7.289v, \quad v_{o1}=2.186v, \quad v_{o2}=386.57mv, \quad v_{o3}=11.93v$$

And at $t=0.32v$, we found that:

$$v_x=7.290v, \quad v_{o1}=8.665v, \quad v_{o2}=11.61v, \quad v_{o3}=59.91\mu v$$

Now ,we can notice that :

v_{o1} at $t=0.32v$ is greater than v_{o1} at $t=0.08v$

v_{o2} at $t=0.32v$ is greater than v_{o2} at $t=0.08v$

v_{o3} at $t=0.32v$ is less than v_{o3} at $t=0.08v$

and we found in part b of project that at $t=0.32v$ diode off, and at $t=0.08$ diode on.

so we can conclude from the above comparasion that:

when v_{o1} is a great value (greater than v_x) , v_{o2} will be also great.

When v_{o2} is a great value , v_{o3} will be very small, and BJT not working so diode off. Also, when v_{o2} is a small value ,

vo3 will be great, and BJT working so diode on. Which means when vo2= (high value) positive vsat, BJT not working , diode off. And when vo2= (low value) negative vsat, BJT working, diode on .

(Figures in simulation shows that)

From simulation for part 3 &4 of project :

We can notice that the red wave(in Fig.14,15,16) is the vo1 , it's the output for the first non inverting op amp . It is increasing from 0.08 volt to 0.32 volt then become fixed for instance of time then decreasing from 0.32 volt to 0.08volt , and that's done by controlling the settings of vpulse voltage source.

Then the vo1 will be the input of the second op amp (Schmitt trigger comparator), the green wave (in Fig.14,15,16) shows the output of Schmitt trigger comparator (vo2). It's a square wave because its output is either +vsat or -vsat only one of these two.

Vo3 is also square wave (the blue wave in figure 16) , because it is the output of transistor which will pass through the diode , diode is either on or off, vo3 either +12v or (0v), and because of that it is square wave.

The details:

Since vo1 and vx are the input of Schmitt trigger comparator:

When $v_{o1} > v_x$, then v_{o2} equal (+ v saturation) , So transistor and diode off and voltage and current don't pass through it (the heat degree in room greater than particular value, **the heater off**).

When $v_{o1} < v_x$, then v_{o2} equal (- v saturation) , So transistor and diode on and voltage and current pass through it (the heat degree in room less than particular value, **the heater on**).

So, you can notice from figures of simulation that:

When $v_{o1} = 7.560\text{v}$ (Upper Threshold voltage), the wave of v_{o2} increasing from $-V_{sat}$ to $+V_{sat}$, and diode will turn off .

When $v_{o1} = 7.020\text{v}$ (Lower Threshold voltage), the wave of v_{o2} start decreasing from $+V_{sat}$ to $-V_{sat}$, and diode will turn on . And notice that I calculated these two values at the first part of project.

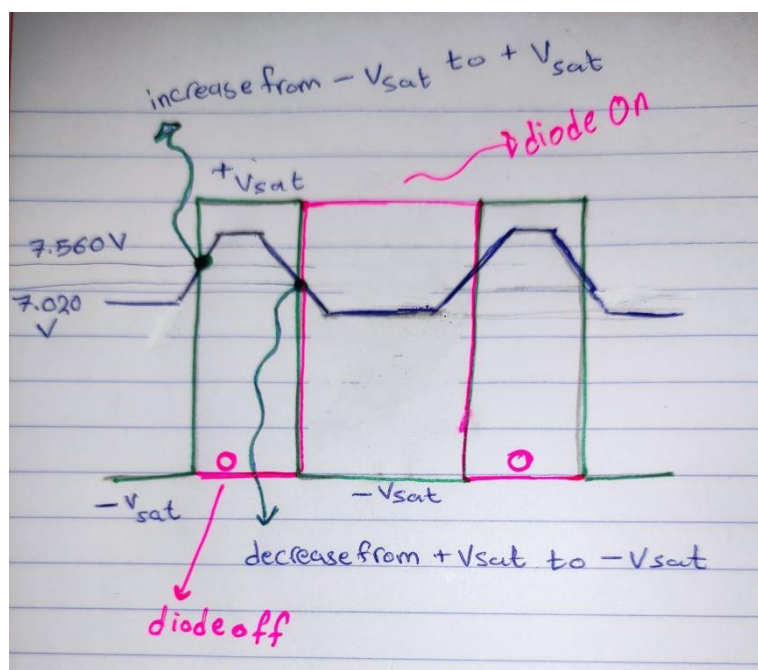


Figure 19 explanation

So in conclusion, in this project we have built a room thermostat to keep room temperature between 28°C and 26°C (between 7.560 volt and 7.020 volt) , the heater turns off when temperature goes over 28°C and turns on when temperature goes under(bellow) 26°C . We did that using electronic parts that we learnt in this course, Temp Sensor, transistor , diode and Schmitt trigger comparator , and we learnt the role of each part in this circuit. And we have become more flexible in dealing with these models on Pspice and during calculations.