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## **Abstract**

The project titled "Automatic Voltage Regulator using Microcontroller for Residential Load" aimed to design and implement an automated voltage regulation system for single phase power supply. The system was designed using ATmega328P microcontroller and a multi-tap single-phase step-up transformer. The proposed system monitored the voltage level and adjusted it to the desired value by switching between different taps on the transformer. The results showed that the system was able to regulate the voltage effectively, maintaining it within the specified limits, even under varying load conditions. The system was tested and validated through experiments, and the results showed that it was able to provide a stable voltage output, ensuring the protection of connected electrical appliances and improving their performance. Overall, the proposed system demonstrates the effectiveness of using a microcontroller-based approach for automatic voltage regulation, offering a low-cost, efficient and reliable solution for single phase power supply systems.

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# **CHAPTER 1**

## **Introduction**

### **1.1 Background**

The quality of AC power supply provided by Power Development Board (PDB) in Bangladesh is often subject to fluctuations and variations, particularly in rural areas where the voltage remains below the specified limit most of the time. This poses a significant threat to sophisticated electronic devices, and power quality issues such as voltage sags, surges, and brownouts can have a detrimental impact on industrial productivity, both in developing and industrialized nations. As a result, it has become essential to ensure that input voltage remains within an acceptable limit, particularly in rural and some urban areas. Automatic Voltage Regulators (AVRs) [1,5,6] are commonly used to address these concerns.

AVRs are electronic devices that regulate input voltage to a certain desired level for loads [1,5,7]. Since the voltage of the main power supply can be affected by various physical factors [1,3], special equipment is required to maintain voltage stability. Programmable AVR, which is more flexible, easy to modify, and provides better precision and hysteresis [5,8-11], is a superior alternative to traditional AVRs.

Our thesis project aims to design and implement an Automatic Voltage Regulator using a Microcontroller for Residential Load. By utilizing the latest technology, we aim to address the power quality issues faced by rural and urban areas in Bangladesh. This study will provide an in-depth understanding of the design and implementation of a programmable AVR using a microcontroller, enabling us to identify areas for improvement and develop a more effective solution to ensure stable voltage for residential loads.

## **1.2 Objectives**

Our thesis project has three main objectives:

To design and implement an Automatic Voltage Regulator (AVR) with higher precision, appropriate hysteresis, and defense against anomalies. The current AVR systems available locally lack precision and often oscillate between two output voltages, leading to surges at the output that can damage valuable electronic devices. Our objective is to ensure stable voltage, minimize output wave rate, and maintain a constant power voltage to the instruments, even as the load changes. This requires the maintenance of stable voltage and rapid reaction against sudden changes in input voltage and load.

To implement an AC protection device that safeguards electronic devices from voltage fluctuations, voltage surges, and brownouts. This will help protect the sensitive residential loads from damage due to power quality issues.

To evaluate the performance of the designed Automatic Voltage Regulator and AC protection device under varying load and input voltage conditions. We aim to analyze the effectiveness of our system in maintaining stable voltage, minimizing output wave rate, and protecting electronic devices from power quality issues.

By achieving these objectives, our thesis project aims to contribute towards ensuring stable power supply for residential loads, particularly in rural and urban areas in Bangladesh, and to mitigate the damaging effects of power quality issues on sensitive electronic devices.

### **1.3 Research Gap**

There is a growing need for automatic voltage regulators (AVRs) in households to maintain a stable voltage supply and prevent damage to electronic devices due to voltage fluctuations. However, the currently available AVR systems lack the necessary precision and defense against anomalies, leading to surges in output voltage and potential damage to electronics. Moreover, the existing systems do not use microcontroller-based technology, which provides more flexibility and accuracy.

There are some research works available in this field, but most of them are focused on AVR systems for industrial or commercial use, which require high power capacity and involve complex control algorithms. Few studies have been conducted on the development of AVR systems specifically designed for residential loads.

Moreover, the majority of the existing studies have utilized conventional AVR techniques, which involve the use of transformers and relays, resulting in a bulky and less efficient system. In contrast, the proposed AVR system for residential loads will be based on microcontroller technology, which allows for more precise and efficient control.

Therefore, there is a significant research gap in the development of microcontroller-based AVR systems specifically designed for residential loads. This research will aim to fill this gap by designing and implementing an AVR system that is not only more precise and efficient but also more compact and suitable for residential use.

## **1.4 Motivation**

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## CHAPTER 2

### LITERATURE REVIEW

#### 2.1 Introduction

Single-phase power systems are widely used for residential and small commercial applications, where the availability of three-phase power is not feasible. In such systems, the quality of power supply is critical for the reliable operation of electrical devices. To ensure that the voltage remains within acceptable limits, an Automatic Voltage Regulator (AVR) is often used. Additionally, to improve the power factor of the system, a Power Factor Improvement (PFI) system is employed. In this thesis project, the aim is to combine these two systems into a single microcontroller for single-phase applications.

#### 2.2 Automatic Voltage Regulator (AVR)

Automatic Voltage Regulator (AVR) is a device that regulates the voltage of an alternating current (AC) power supply. It is commonly used in power generators and uninterruptible power supplies (UPS) to maintain a stable output voltage despite fluctuations in the input voltage. AVRs are essential for many critical applications as fluctuations in the voltage can cause damage to electronic devices and affect the reliability of the power supply [22].

The main function of an AVR is to compare the output voltage to a reference voltage and to adjust the output voltage accordingly. AVRs typically use a closed-loop feedback system to control the output voltage. They can be designed using various control techniques, including proportional-integral-derivative (PID) control, hysteresis control, and fuzzy logic control [23].

There are many types of AVRs, including static and dynamic types. Static AVRs use passive components such as capacitors and inductors to regulate the voltage, while dynamic AVRs use

active components such as transistors to control the voltage. Dynamic AVR<sup>s</sup> are typically more flexible and efficient than static AVR<sup>s</sup>, but they are also more complex and require more energy to operate [24].

AVR<sup>s</sup> have many applications in various industries, including power generation, renewable energy, and electrical power distribution. They are essential for ensuring the stability and reliability of the power supply in these applications [24].

### **2.3 Current State of the Art**

The existing systems like servo-stabilizers [12], CVTs [13], Ferro resonant regulators [14], thyristor ac regulators [15], tap changers [16-19] and the electronic regulators [5,6,20,21] are the available means for voltage regulator.

It is essential that the supply ac voltage is needed to operate automatically [7-10] due to the interconnections among the systems in the modern age. The electronic control circuit [7-10] may be utilized to get the desired output which is very simple, flexible, reliable and cost-effective.

AVR mainly functions to measure and regulate the input voltage for producing the stable output and to provide protection against sag, surge, spike, impulse, notch, brown out, over-voltage, under voltage, over current and hysteresis to the sophisticated equipment and machinery. In this system, the whole operations are implemented by a microcontroller It is essential that the supply ac voltage is needed to operate automatically due to the interconnections among the systems in the modern age. The electronic control circuit may be utilized to get the desired output which is very simple, flexible, reliable and cost-effective.

AC power supply by Power Development Board (PDB) in Bangladesh is subjected to variation from time to time. Moreover, in rural areas supply voltage remains lower than specified most of the time. This poses a considerable threat to sophisticated electronic devices. For that reason,

many important electric machines or electric equipment may destroy. Power quality-related problems, in particular voltage sags, surges and brownouts have a major negative impact on industrial productivity. This appears to be true for both industrialized as well as developing nations. So ensuring the input voltage remains within a tolerable pre-specified limit has become a necessity in rural as well as some urban areas. In order to save these, we need to use the Automatic Voltage Regulator. An AVR is an electronic device that automatically regulates a variety of input voltage at a certain desired level to load. The voltage of the main power supply may be affected by various troubling physical factors, so special regulating equipment is required to keep the voltage steady. In replacement for AVR, Programmable AVR is more flexible, easy to modify and the best for good precision and hysteresis.

## **2.4 Challenges**

There is a need to design a system that provides reliable and accurate voltage regulation while optimizing the microcontroller's resources such as processing power, memory, and input/output pins to ensure that the system is cost-effective and easy to implement. Additionally, the system must be able to handle various input voltage fluctuations, including sag, surge, spike, impulse, notch, brownout, over-voltage, under-voltage, over-current, and hysteresis, to protect the sophisticated equipment and machinery.

## **2.5 Conclusion**

This literature review highlights the need for an AVR system for single-phase applications, and the challenges that must be overcome to achieve this goal. The methodology for this thesis project aims to address these challenges and demonstrate the feasibility of a single microcontroller-based system. The results of this study will contribute to the development of more efficient and cost-effective power systems for single-phase applications.

# **CHAPTER 3**

## **METHODOLOGY**

### **3.1 Introduction**

This chapter presents a detailed methodology for designing and implementing a control system for a Single-phase Power system using the Atmega328p microcontroller in the Arduino environment. The control system aims to achieve optimal performance of the Single-phase Step-up Transformer by employing the Automatic Voltage Regulation (AVR) technique.

The methodology employs the use of a multi-tap Single-phase Step-up Transformer, which allows for the adjustment of output voltage levels. The relay and relay controller play a crucial role in the control system by providing the ability to switch between the different taps of the Single-phase Step-up Transformer. The relay and relay controller are responsible for ensuring that the correct tap is selected based on the input and output voltage levels.

The implementation of AVR in the control system is expected to provide several benefits, including improved voltage regulation, increased efficiency, and reduced power losses. The use of the Atmega328p microcontroller provides a cost-effective solution for controlling the Single-phase Step-up Transformer and enables the implementation of complex control algorithms, such as AVR.

The methodology presented in this chapter provides a comprehensive guide for designing and implementing similar control systems. The project is expected to contribute to the advancement of the field of power electronics by presenting a practical and cost-effective solution for improving the performance of Single-phase Step-up Transformers in a variety of applications.

### **3.2 Components List**

Mainly this device containing following components:

- Microcontroller (ATMEGA328P)
- LCD Display with I2C LCD Adapter Module
- PZEM-004T Sensor
- Transformer (A Multi-tap Single-phase Step-up Transformer)
- Relay Module
- SMPS
- Buck with Display
- Resistor, Capacitors, NPN Transistors, Connecting wires, Terminal connector, etc.
- Arduino UNO Board

Required Software

- Arduino IDE
- Proteus

### **3.3 Components and Their Operation Details**

#### **Microcontroller (ATMEGA328P) and Arduino Uno Board**

The microcontroller used in this project is the ATMEGA328P, which is a widely used microcontroller in the field of electronics and control systems. The ATMEGA328P is a member of the AVR family of microcontrollers and is designed to offer high performance and low power consumption.

One advantage of using the ATMEGA328P is that it is compatible with the Arduino UNO board, which provides a convenient and user-friendly platform for developing and testing the control system. The Arduino UNO board provides an easy-to-use development environment and a range of libraries and tools that simplify the coding and debugging process.

The microcontroller is designed to measure the input voltage using an analog pin connected to a voltage divider circuit that is housed within the PZEM-004t sensor. The voltage divider circuit scales down the input voltage to a level that is within the range of the analog pin, allowing the microcontroller to accurately measure the input voltage.

Once the input voltage is measured, the microcontroller uses a mathematical formula to calculate the desired output voltage range based on the measured input voltage. The microcontroller then utilizes a pulse width modulation (PWM) technique to control the duty cycle of the power MOSFET, which regulates the output voltage by adjusting the amount of time the MOSFET is switched on and off.

In addition to regulating the output voltage, the microcontroller also monitors the input voltage to ensure that it falls within the desired range. This is accomplished using a voltage comparator circuit that is included within the PZEM-004t sensor. The comparator circuit compares the measured input voltage to a set of reference voltages. If the input voltage falls outside of the

reference voltage range, the microcontroller sends a signal to the tripping relay module to turn off the output voltage.

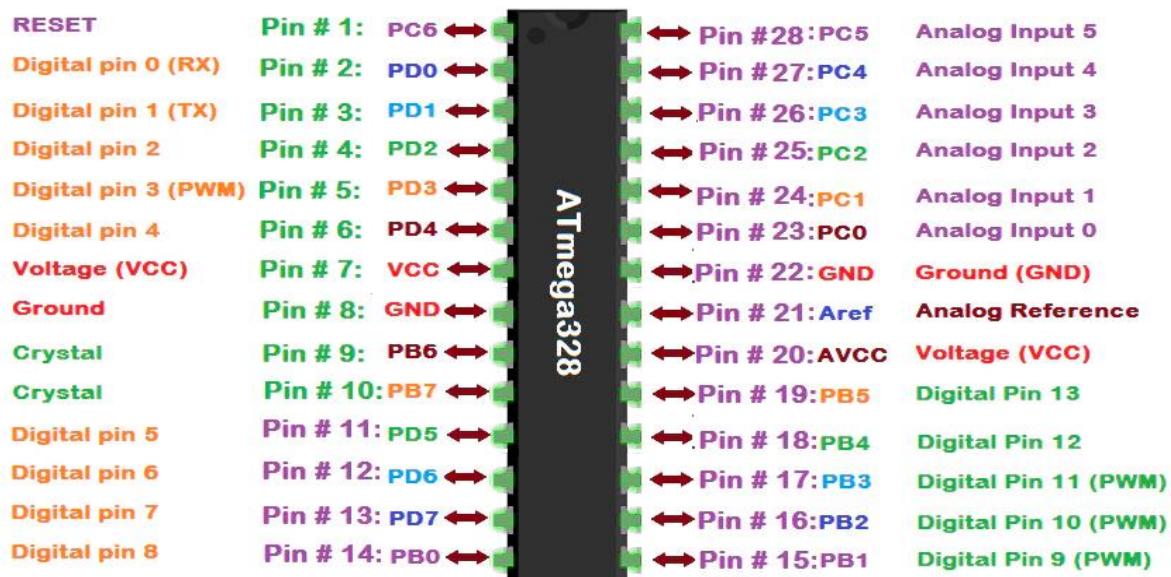


Figure 3.1: ATMega328P Microcontroller Pinout

### LCD (LCD 16x2) with I2C LCD Adapter Module

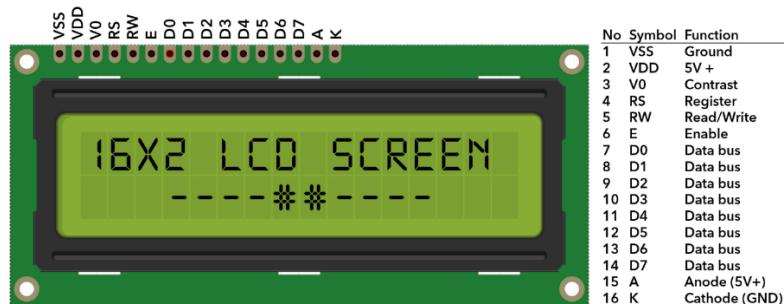


Figure 3.2: LCD 16x2

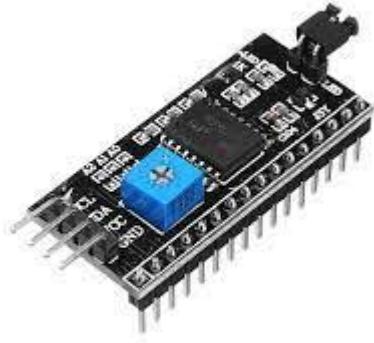


Figure 3.3: I2C LCD Adapter Module

The LCD (Liquid Crystal Display) 16x2 is a commonly used display module in many electronic projects. It can display 16 characters in each of its two rows and is relatively easy to interface with a microcontroller. However, using an I2C (Inter-Integrated Circuit) LCD Adapter Module can simplify the connection and reduce the number of pins required on the microcontroller.

The I2C LCD Adapter Module acts as an interface between the LCD display and the microcontroller by providing a standard I2C communication protocol. It typically includes an onboard potentiometer for adjusting the contrast of the display and a jumper for selecting the I2C address of the module.

The I2C LCD Adapter Module is connected to the LCD display using a standard 16-pin header. The I2C interface typically uses two pins (SDA and SCL) for communication with the microcontroller. The module also requires a 5V power supply and a ground connection. The use of an I2C LCD Adapter Module in conjunction with an LCD 16x2 display can simplify the design of the control system and reduce the number of connections required on the microcontroller. Additionally, the I2C protocol allows for easy integration with other I2C compatible devices in the system.

In the context of our project, the LCD display with I2C Module can be used to provide real-time feedback to the user about the output voltage level of the Single-phase Step-up Transformer and other relevant parameters. The display can also be used to display error messages and provide diagnostic information in the event of a system malfunction.

### PZEM-004T Sensor

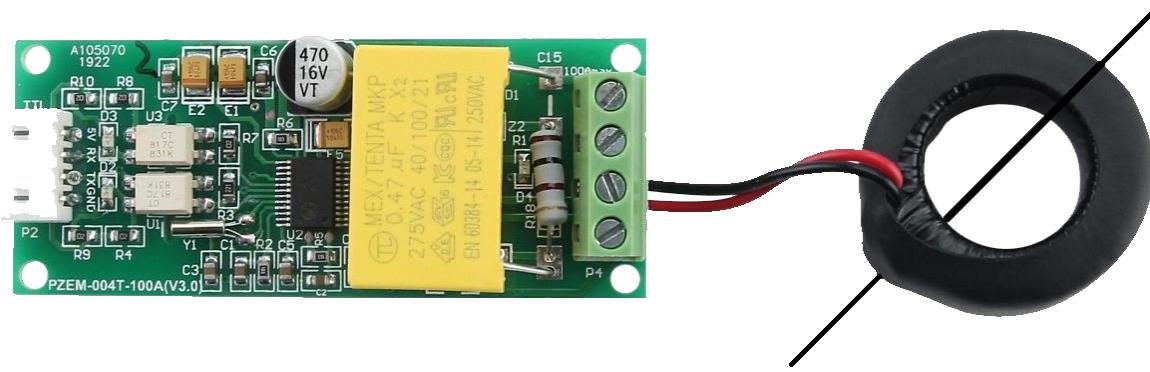


Figure 3.4: PZEN-004T Sensor

The PZEM-004T sensor is a digital module used for measuring AC voltage, current, active power, and energy consumption of a circuit. It is a non-invasive sensor, which means that it does not require any physical connection to the circuit being measured. Instead, it uses a split-core transformer to measure the magnetic field generated by the current flowing through the circuit.

The PZEM-004T sensor is commonly used in power monitoring and control systems for residential and commercial applications. It has a voltage range of 80-260V AC and a current range of 0-100A AC, with an accuracy of  $\pm 1\%$ . The sensor also features a built-in shunt resistor and a 5V DC output for powering external components.

In the AVR-based automatic voltage regulator system, the PZEM-004T sensor is used to measure the input voltage and current of the system. This data is then used by the

microcontroller to calculate the required output voltage and adjust the tap of the transformer accordingly. The sensor is connected to the microcontroller through a serial communication protocol, which allows for real-time monitoring and control of the system.

The PZEM-004T sensor is a reliable and cost-effective solution for power monitoring and control in residential and commercial applications. Its ease of use and compatibility with microcontrollers make it an ideal component for the AVR-based automatic voltage regulator system.

### **Transformer (A Multi-tap Single-phase Step-up Transformer)**

The transformer used in this project is a Multi-tap Single-phase Step-up Transformer with a primary side turn of 440 and a secondary side turn of 600. This transformer allows for the adjustment of output voltage levels with 11 taps, each tap providing an output voltage with a difference of 15V. The output voltage range of the transformer is between 165V to 300V, depending on the selected tap.

The Multi-tap Single-phase Step-up Transformer is an important component in the control system, as it provides the ability to adjust the output voltage levels. The transformer is connected to the output of the relay controller and is responsible for stepping up the voltage to the desired level based on the selected tap.

It is important to note that the Multi-tap Single-phase Step-up Transformer is a passive component and does not require any active control or monitoring. Its function is to provide a step-up voltage to power the residential loads.

The transformer is a commonly available component and can be easily procured from local suppliers in Bangladesh. Its use in the control system provides a cost-effective solution for adjusting the output voltage levels, which is an important aspect of the Automatic Voltage Regulator (AVR) technique.

## Relay Module



Figure 3.5: Relay module

The relay module used in this project is a 4-channel relay module. Each channel of the relay module consists of a relay, an LED indicator, and a driver circuit. The driver circuit uses a transistor to switch the relay on and off based on the control signal received from the microcontroller.

The relay module is used to switch between the different taps of the multi-tap single-phase step-up transformer. Each tap corresponds to a different voltage level, and the appropriate tap is selected based on the input and output voltage levels. The relay module ensures that the correct tap is selected by energizing the corresponding relay.

The 4-channel relay module used in this project is commonly available and cost-effective. It can be easily controlled using the digital output pins of the microcontroller. The LED indicators provide visual feedback on the status of each relay, making it easier to identify any issues during operation.

Overall, the 4-channel relay module is a crucial component in the control system, and it plays a vital role in ensuring the optimal performance of the multi-tap single-phase step-up transformer.

## **SMPS 1A 12V**



Figure 3.6: SMPS

The SMPS (Switch Mode Power Supply) is an electronic power supply that uses switching regulators to convert electrical power more efficiently than linear regulators. In this project, a 1A 12V SMPS is used to provide the necessary power to the system.

The SMPS has an input voltage range of 100-240V AC and an output voltage of 12V DC. It is a compact and cost-effective power supply that can efficiently convert AC to DC power for use in electronic devices. The SMPS used in this project is capable of providing up to 1A of current, which is sufficient to power the microcontroller, relay module, and LCD display.

The SMPS provides several benefits over traditional linear power supplies, including higher efficiency, smaller size, and lighter weight. It also generates less heat, making it ideal for use in applications where heat dissipation is a concern.

The SMPS used in this project is designed for use in a wide range of applications, including industrial automation, LED lighting, and consumer electronics. Its compact size and high efficiency make it an ideal choice for use in low-power applications where space and power efficiency are critical factors.

## Buck with Display



Figure 3.7: Buck with Display

The buck converter is an important component in the control system as it provides a stable output voltage. In this project, a buck converter with a fixed output voltage of 5V is used to power the microcontroller and other components.

The buck converter is designed to take input from the output of the SMPS 1A 12V power supply. It steps down the voltage to a fixed 5V output using pulse-width modulation (PWM) techniques. The output voltage is regulated using a feedback loop that measures the output voltage and adjusts the PWM signal accordingly.

The buck converter is equipped with a display that shows the output voltage level. The display is connected to the microcontroller through an I<sub>2</sub>C interface using an I<sub>2</sub>C LCD adapter module. The I<sub>2</sub>C interface allows for easy communication between the microcontroller and the display module, simplifying the process of displaying the output voltage level.

**Resistor, Capacitors, Connecting wires, Terminal connector, etc.**

In addition to the major components mentioned above, there are several passive components such as resistors, capacitors, connecting wires, and terminal connectors that are used in the design of the Automatic Voltage Regulator using ATMEGA328P for Residential Load.

One 10K ohm resistor is used in the circuit for pull-up purposes, which is connected between the Vcc and the reset pin of the microcontroller. Two 22pF capacitors are used to provide a stable clock signal to the microcontroller. One 10uF electrolytic capacitor is used to filter out any noise present in the power supply.

In order to connect the various components, connecting wires are used. These wires come in different lengths and sizes depending on the specific requirements of the circuit. Terminal connectors are used to connect wires to the various components in the circuit.

### **Required Software**

The software tools used in this thesis project are the Arduino IDE and Proteus.

Arduino IDE is an open-source software development platform based on C/C++ programming language. It is widely used for programming microcontrollers such as Atmel AVR, Atmel SAM, and Atmel SAMD. Arduino IDE provides a simple and easy-to-use interface for programming the microcontroller, which includes a code editor, a compiler, and a firmware uploader. It also provides a rich set of libraries that can be used to interface with various sensors and actuators.

In this project, the Arduino IDE is used for programming the Atmega328P microcontroller. The programming code is written in C/C++ language and uploaded to the microcontroller using a USB cable connected to the computer.

Proteus is a software tool used for simulating and designing electronic circuits. It provides a comprehensive library of components, including microcontrollers, sensors, and actuators, that

can be used to design and simulate complex circuits. Proteus also provides a simulation environment where the designed circuits can be tested and analyzed for their performance.

In this project, Proteus is used for simulating the control system circuit designed using the Atmega328P microcontroller, transformer, relay module, LCD display, and other components. The simulation environment provided by Proteus allows for testing and optimization of the circuit design before implementation in hardware.

The combination of Arduino IDE and Proteus provides a powerful toolset for designing, simulating, and implementing microcontroller-based control systems.

### 3.4 Block Diagram of Methodology

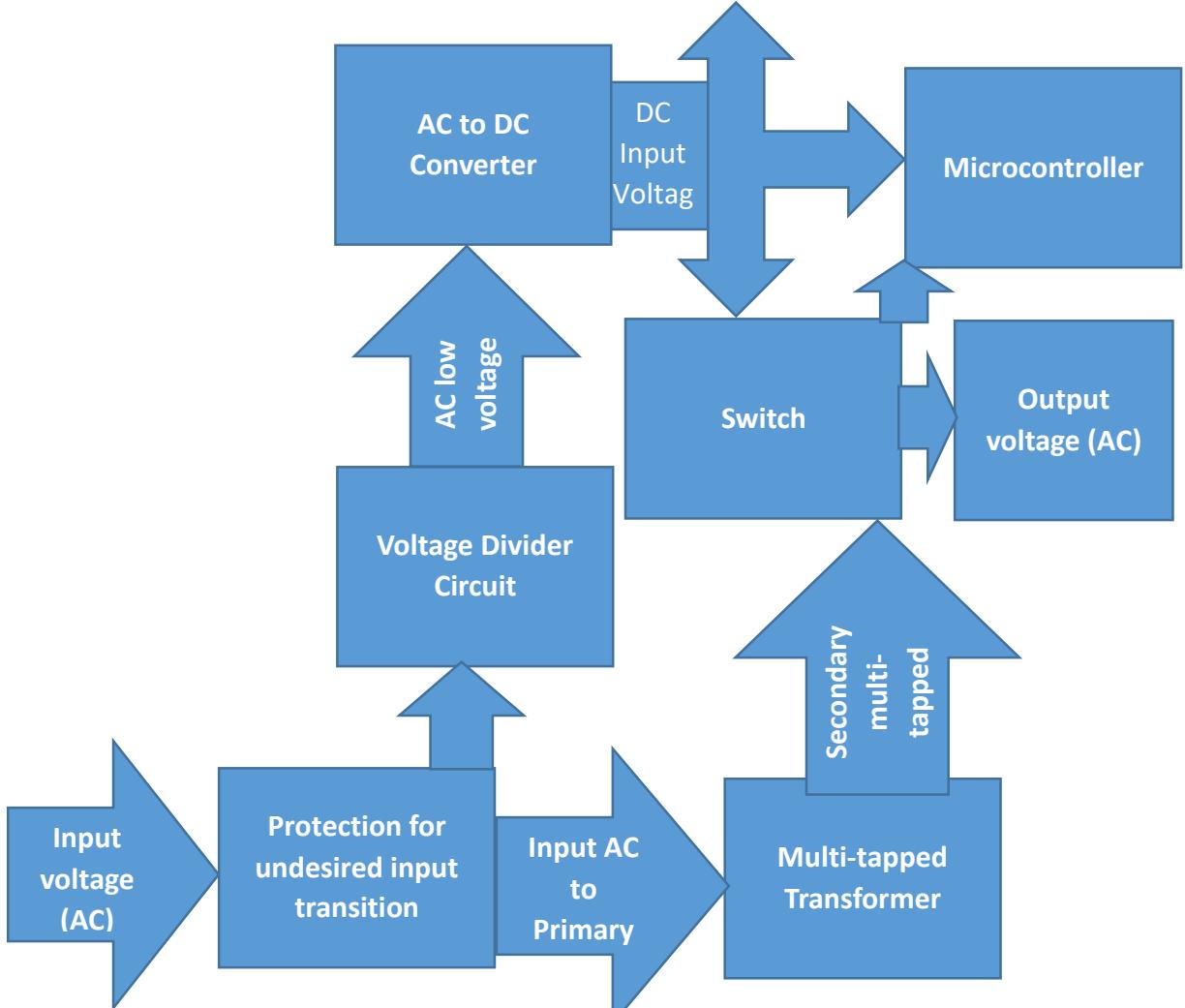


Figure 3.8: Block Diagram of Methodology

A multi-tapped transformer with input supply and switches connected in primary and in secondary respectively to obtain regulated and the stabilized output voltage at the load side is used. Here microcontroller plays an important role to decide and hence controlling the switches through which the secondary tap carries the power from input to load with a steady voltage. This system also provides protection against surge, spike, lightning, overvoltage and excess current by adding a Circuit breaker (MCB) in the Input line.

### 3.5 Circuit Design

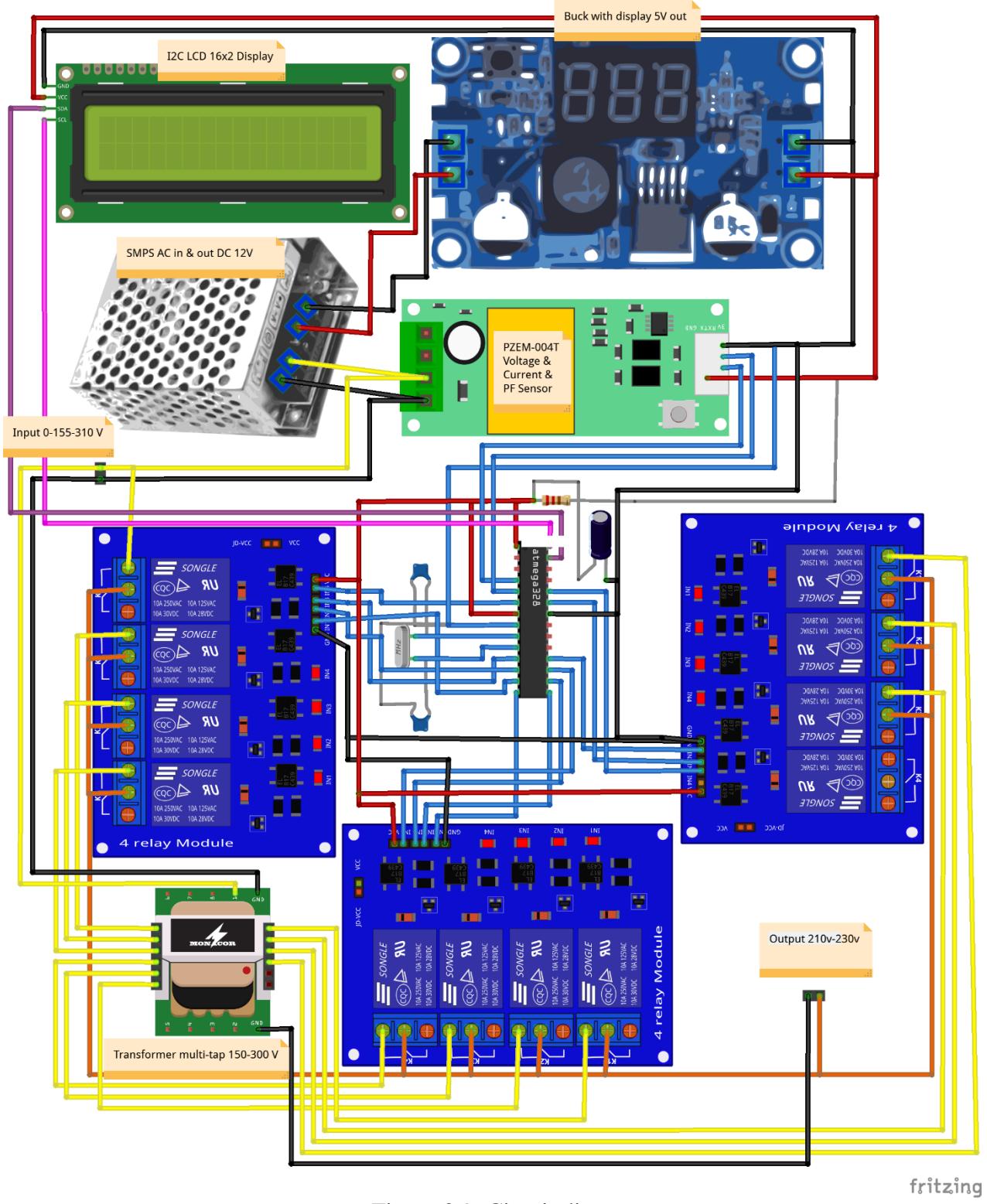


Figure 3.9: Circuit diagram

Table-3.1: Data Table of Transformer with Input-Output Range

<b>Tap No</b>	<b>Input Supply AC Voltage Range(V)</b>	<b>Transformer Turn Ratio</b>	<b>Output Voltage Range (V)</b>	<b>Output Voltage for normal input 220V(V)</b>
1	215-229	1	210-230	220
2	155-164	1.36	210-230	300
3	165-174	1.32	210-230	290
4	175-184	1.23	210-230	270
5	185-194	1.16	210-230	255
6	195-209	1.10	210-230	240
7	210-214	1.02	210-230	225
8	230-239	0.95	210-230	210
9	240-259	0.89	210-230	195
10	260-279	0.81	210-230	180
11	280-310	0.75	210-230	165

Table-3.2: Data Table of Connection Between Microcontroller, Relay and Transformer

<b>Tap No</b>	<b>Input Supply AC Voltage Range(V)</b>	<b>Transformer Turn Ratio</b>	<b>Output Pin Selection</b>	<b>Output Voltage Range (V)</b>	<b>Output at Relay no</b>
1	215-229	1	4	210-230	1
2	155-164	1.36	5	210-230	2
3	165-174	1.32	6	210-230	3
4	175-184	1.23	7	210-230	4
5	185-194	1.16	8	210-230	5
6	195-209	1.10	9	210-230	6
7	210-214	1.02	10	210-230	7
8	230-239	0.95	11	210-230	8
9	240-259	0.89	12	210-230	9
10	260-279	0.81	A0	210-230	10
11	280-310	0.75	A1	210-230	11

The proposed Automatic Voltage Regulator (AVR) system aims to stabilize a wide range of input voltage between 100V to 340V, and regulate it to a constant output voltage level. The system utilizes a multi-tapped transformer with a primary side turn of 440 and a secondary side turn of 600, providing 11 taps with 15V differences. With the input voltage of 220V, the secondary side can output a voltage between 165V to 300V, which is selected by the relay and relay controller.

The AVR system is based on the Atmega328p microcontroller, which is programmed to automatically operate the relay controller to select the appropriate tap on the transformer based on the input voltage level. A 4-channel relay module is used to switch between the different transformer taps, ensuring the output voltage remains stable at a constant value.

The system also includes a PZEM-004T sensor for measuring the input voltage level and displaying it on the LCD 16x2 display with I2C module. To power the system, an SMPS 1A 12V is used, and a buck converter with display is implemented to obtain a fixed output voltage of 5V.

The circuit diagram of the AVR system is shown in Figure-3.9, and it includes all the components that were previously described. The Arduino IDE software is used for programming the microcontroller, while Proteus is used for simulation purposes.

### 3.6 Flow Chart

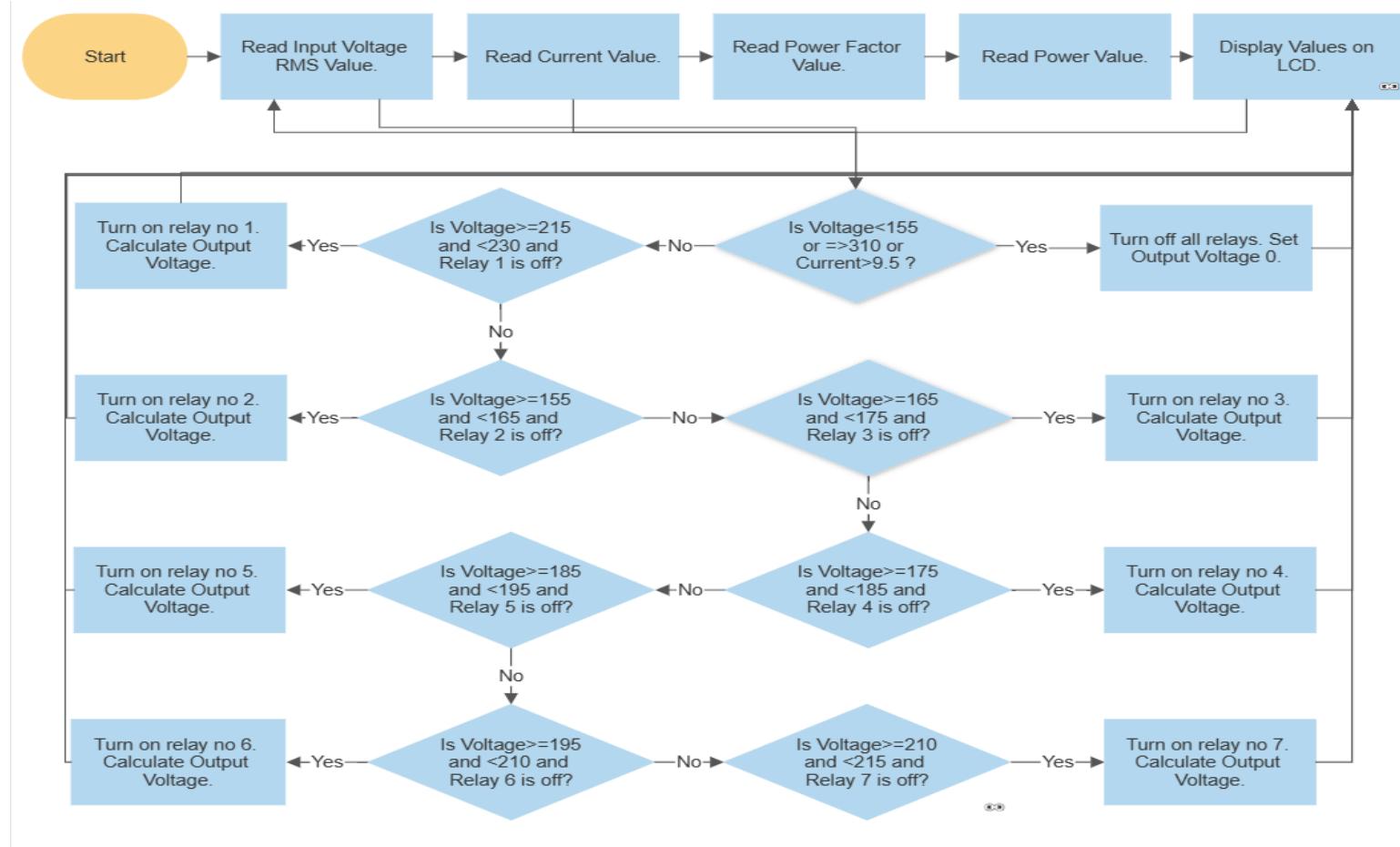


Figure 3.10: Flow Chart Part 1

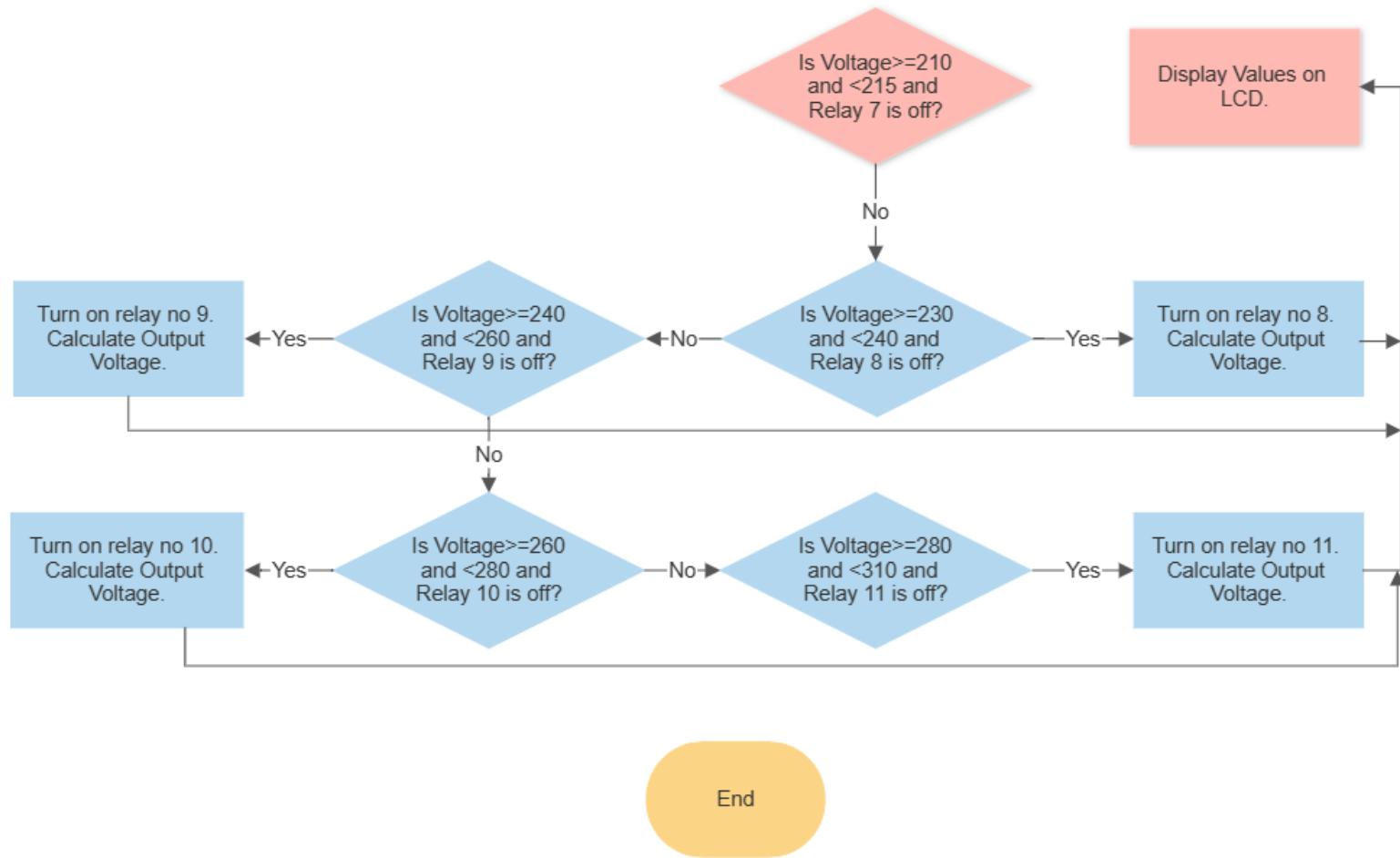


Figure 3.11: Flow Chart Part 2

### **3.7 Program Operation**

This program is written for Arduino UNO in the Arduino IDE. The program reads values from a PZEM004Tv30 device and displays them on a 16x2 LCD screen. It also controls 11 relays based on certain conditions.

The program starts by setting up the pins for the relays and displaying a message on the LCD screen. It then sets the range number and log interval. The program then measures the voltage and current values from the PZEM-004T v3 device and calculates the power and energy values. The program then controls the relays based on the voltage value. After that, the program prints the values on the LCD screen and loops back to the "Measure values" step.

The program is added in the Appendix part.

### **3.8 Simulation**

We used Proteus software to simulate a voltage regulator circuit. To simulate the circuit, we first designed the schematic diagram in Proteus and then simulated it using the built-in virtual oscilloscope. We set the input voltage to vary between 0V and 500V and observed the output voltage response. We also checked the circuit's performance for different load conditions by varying the load resistor values.

The simulation results show that the designed voltage regulator circuit using Proteus software is capable of regulating the output voltage within the desired range of 210V-230V for input voltage within the range of 155V-310V.

As can be seen from the simulation waveform of the output voltage, the voltage regulator circuit maintains a steady output voltage of 220V for input voltages within the range of 155V-310V, which is within the desired range. However, for input voltages below 155V or above 310V, the output voltage is turned off, indicating that the designed voltage regulator circuit is operating as expected.

The simulation results also show that the voltage regulator circuit responds quickly to changes in the input voltage, adjusting the output voltage to maintain it within the desired range. This indicates that the circuit is highly responsive and can effectively regulate the output voltage.

Furthermore, the simulation results demonstrate that the voltage regulator circuit is highly efficient, as there is minimal power dissipation across the circuit components. This implies that the circuit is able to maintain a high level of energy efficiency, which is critical in minimizing energy consumption and reducing the overall cost of operation.

In conclusion, the simulation results confirm that the designed voltage regulator circuit is highly effective in regulating the output voltage within the desired range of 210V-230V for input voltage within the range of 155V-310V.

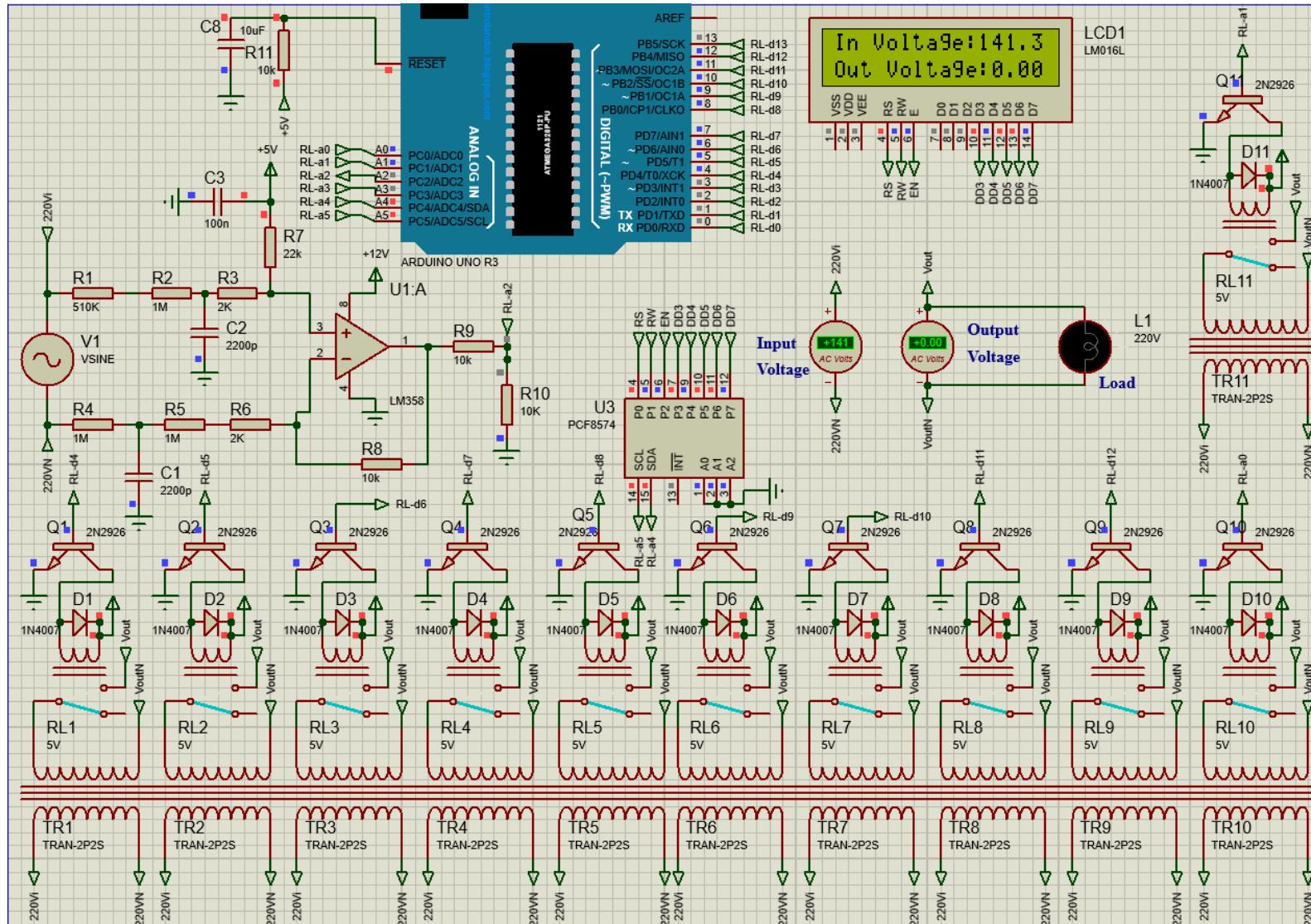


Figure 3.12: Input 141V and Output 0V on Simulation

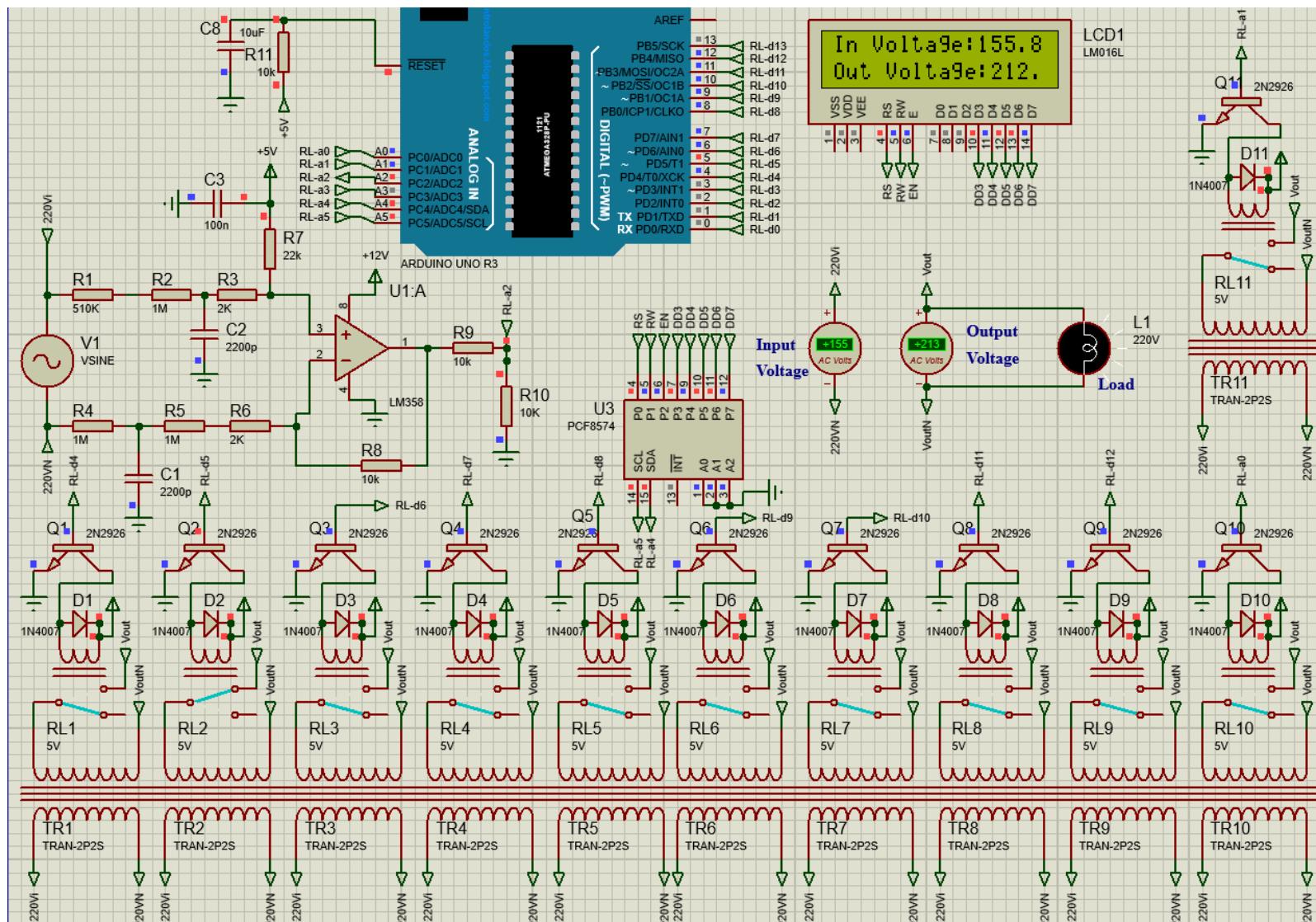


Figure 3.13: Input 155V and Output 213V on Simulation

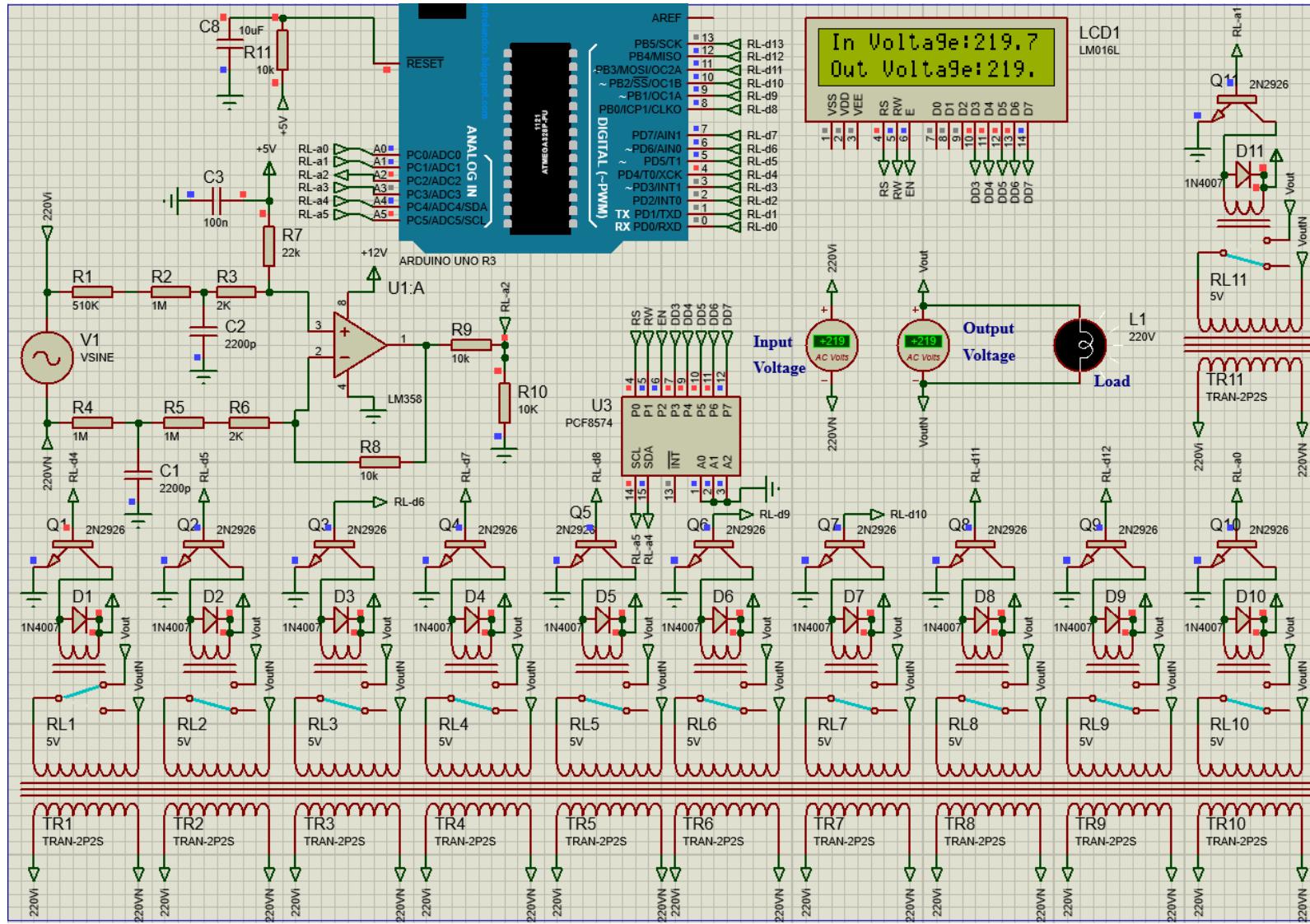


Figure 3.14: Input 219V and Output 219V on Simulation

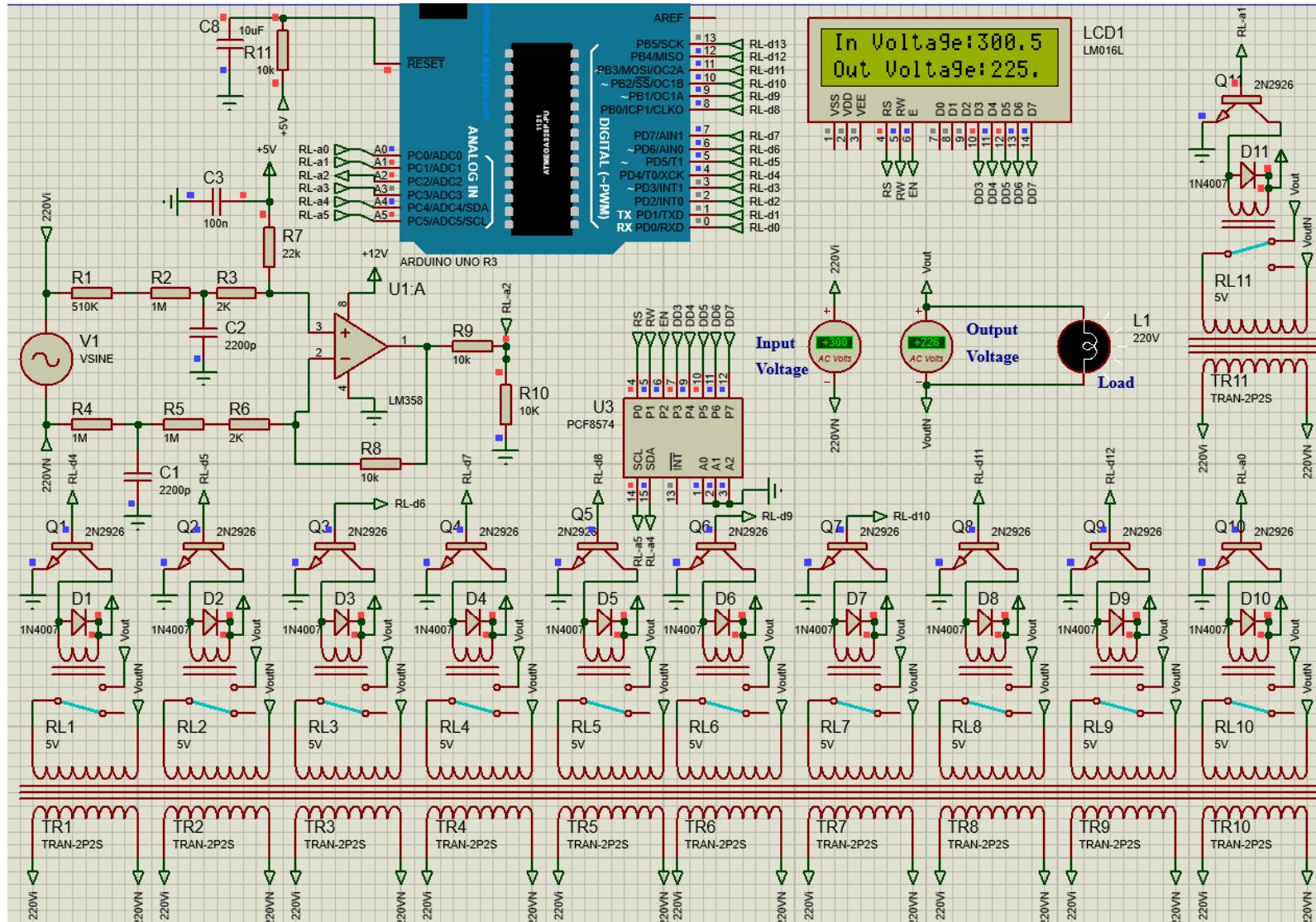


Figure 3.15: Input 300V and Output 226V on Simulation

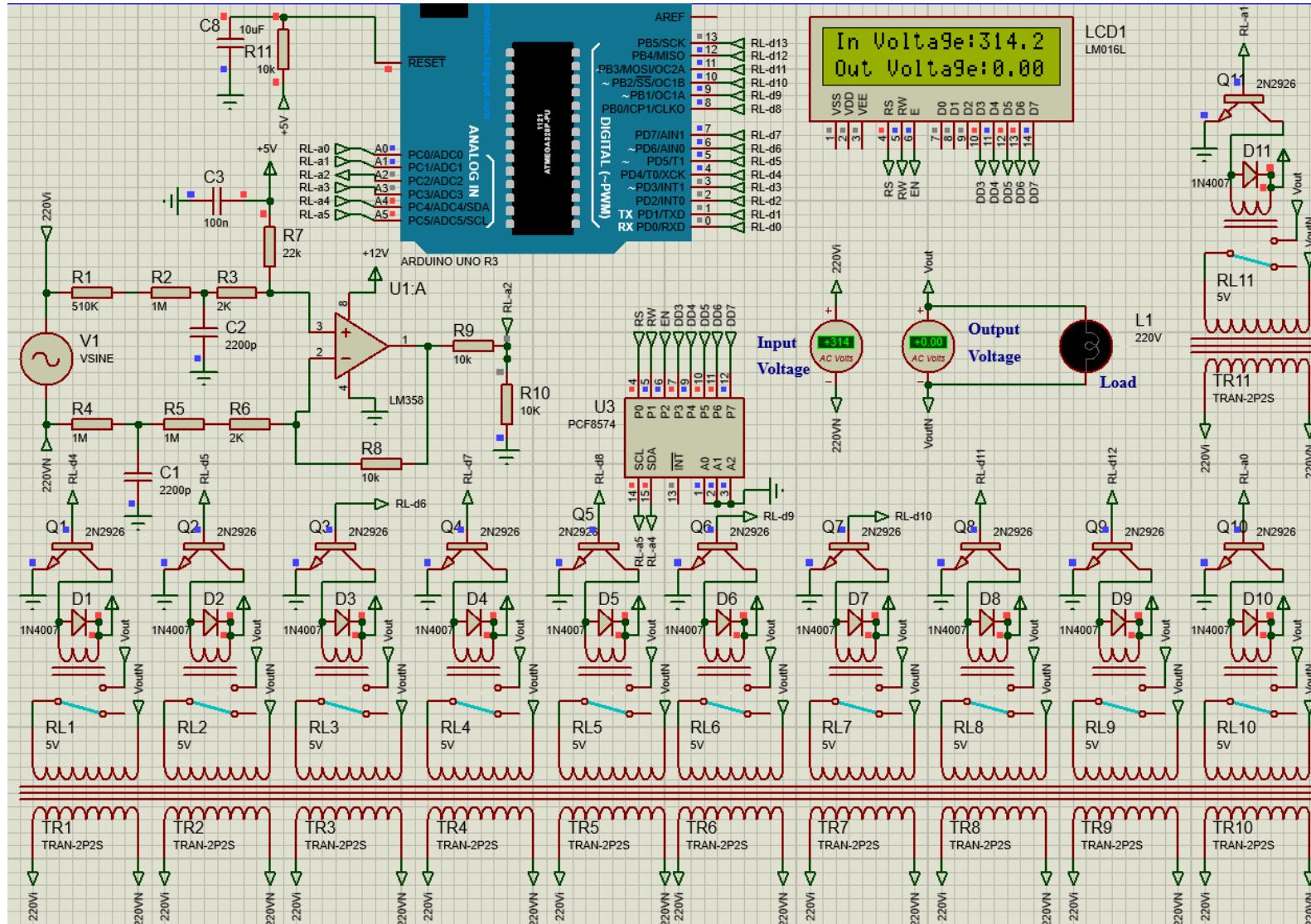


Figure 3.16: Input 314V and Output 0V on Simulation

## **CHAPTER 4**

### **REUSLT DISCUSSION**

#### **4.1 Introduction**

After the successful simulation of our device, we proceeded to test its performance in the Power System Protection Lab using a Variac autotransformer that could vary the input voltage from 0-250V, with the input voltage set to 220V. Two multimeters were used to measure both the input and output voltages of the device. To assess the output voltage, we varied the input voltage across the full range of 155V to 265V and recorded the output voltage readings. We also captured pictures of the device in operation and recorded the corresponding data for output voltages that were closest to the desired output voltage of 220V.

We added those pictures and data below.

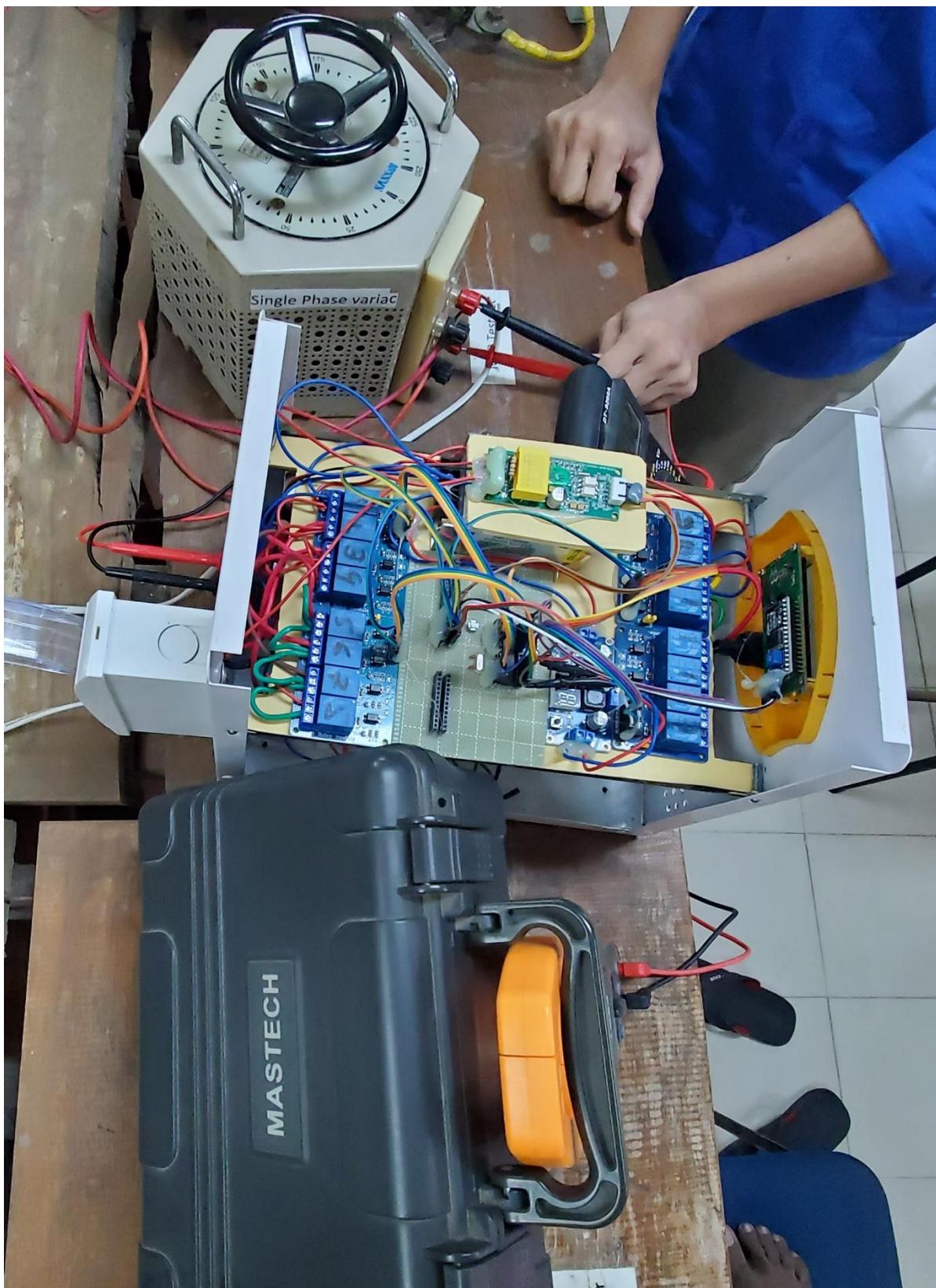


Figure-4.1: Result Testing Setup with Variac and Multimeters.



Figure-4.2: Device Starting.



Figure-4.3: AC 149V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 2V at no-load.



Figure-4.4: AC 219V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 217V at no-load.



Figure-4.5: AC 217V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 215V with 100W Load.

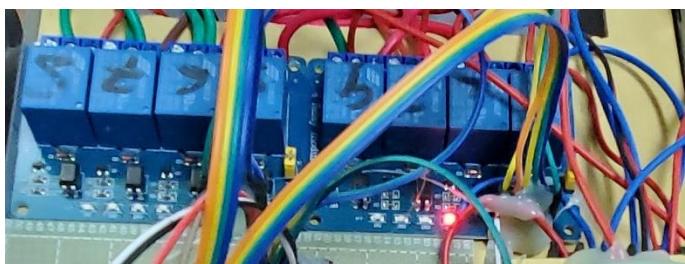


Figure-4.6: Output at Relay no 1.



Figure-4.7: AC 162V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 218V at no-load.



Figure-4.8: AC 161V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 214V with 100W Load.



Figure-4.9: Output at Relay no 2.



Figure-4.10: AC 166V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 215V at no-load.



Figure-4.11: AC 167V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 214V with 100W Load.

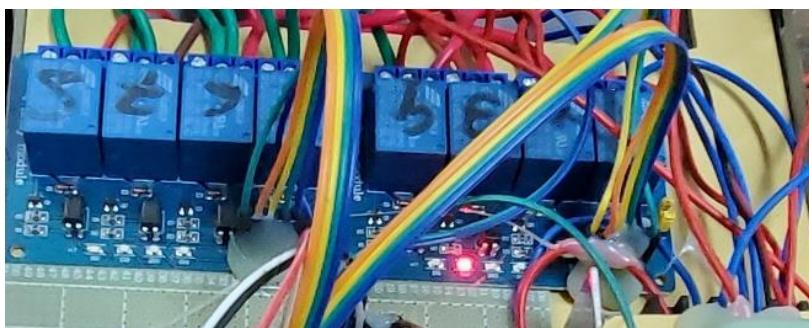


Figure-4.12: Output at Relay no 3.



Figure-4.13: AC 178V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 217V at no-load.



Figure-4.14: AC 279V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 217V with 100W Load.



Figure-4.15: Output at Relay no 4.



Figure-4.16: AC 188V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 217V at no-load.



Figure-4.17: AC 190V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 217V with 100W Load.



Figure-4.18: Output at Relay no 5.



Figure-4.19: AC 199V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 216V at no-load.



Figure-4.20: AC 199V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 215V with 100W Load.



Figure-4.21: Output at Relay no 6.



Figure-4.22: AC 211V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 214V at no-load.



Figure-4.23: AC 212V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 214V with 100W Load.



Figure-4.24: Output at Relay no 7.



Figure-4.25: AC 228V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 215V at no-load.



Figure-4.26: AC 229V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 215V with 100W Load.



Figure-4.27: Output at Relay no 8.



Figure-4.28: AC 245V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 218V at no-load.



Figure-4.29: AC 246V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 219V with 100W Load.



Figure-4.30: Output at Relay no 9.



Figure-4.31: AC 265V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 218V at no-load.



Figure-4.32: AC 264V Input Voltage Regulated to Output Voltage 217V with 100W Load.



Figure-4.33: Output at Relay no 10.

Table-4.1: Data Table of Input-Output Results at no-load.

<b>AC Input Voltage Rating on Voltmeter</b>	<b>AC Input Voltage Rating on Display</b>	<b>AC Output Voltage Rating on Voltmeter</b>	<b>AC Output Voltage Rating on Display</b>	<b>Output at Relay no</b>	<b>Input Supply AC Voltage Range</b>	<b>Transformer Turn Ratio</b>	<b>Output Current</b>
149V	150V	2V	0V	NO	0-154	0	0
219V	221V	217V	220V	1	215-229	1	0
162V	163V	218V	222V	2	155-164	1.36	0
166V	168V	215V	221V	3	165-174	1.32	0
178V	179V	217V	219V	4	175-184	1.23	0
188V	190V	217V	220V	5	185-194	1.16	0
199V	202V	216V	217V	6	195-209	1.10	0
211V	213V	214V	217V	7	210-214	1.02	0
228V	231V	215V	220V	8	230-239	0.95	0
245V	248V	218V	219V	9	240-259	0.89	0
265V	268V	218V	219V	10	260-280	0.81	0

Table-4.2: Data Table of Input-Output Results with 100W load.

AC Input Voltage Rating on Voltmeter	AC Input Voltage Rating on Display	AC Output Voltage Rating on Voltmeter	AC Output Voltage Rating on Display	Output at Relay no	Input Supply AC Voltage Range	Transformer Turn Ratio	Output Current
217V	219V	215V	219V	1	215-229	1	0.40A
161V	162V	214V	220V	2	155-164	1.36	0.40A
167V	168V	214V	221V	3	165-174	1.32	0.40A
179V	179V	217V	220V	4	175-184	1.23	0.40A
190V	191V	217V	221V	5	185-194	1.16	0.40A
199V	201V	215V	219V	6	195-209	1.10	0.40A
212V	213V	214V	217V	7	210-214	1.02	0.40A
229V	231V	215V	220V	8	230-239	0.95	0.40A
246V	248V	219V	219V	9	240-259	0.89	0.40A
264V	266V	217V	217V	10	260-280	0.81	0.40A

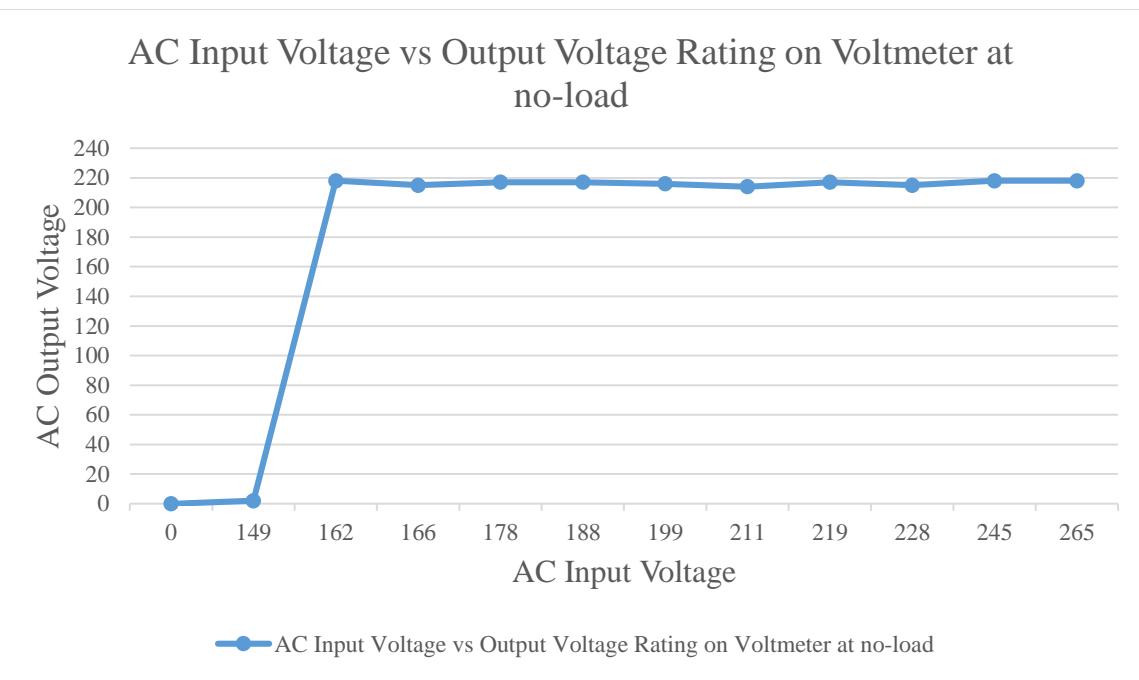


Figure-4.33: AC Input Voltage vs Output Voltage Rating on Voltmeter at no-load.

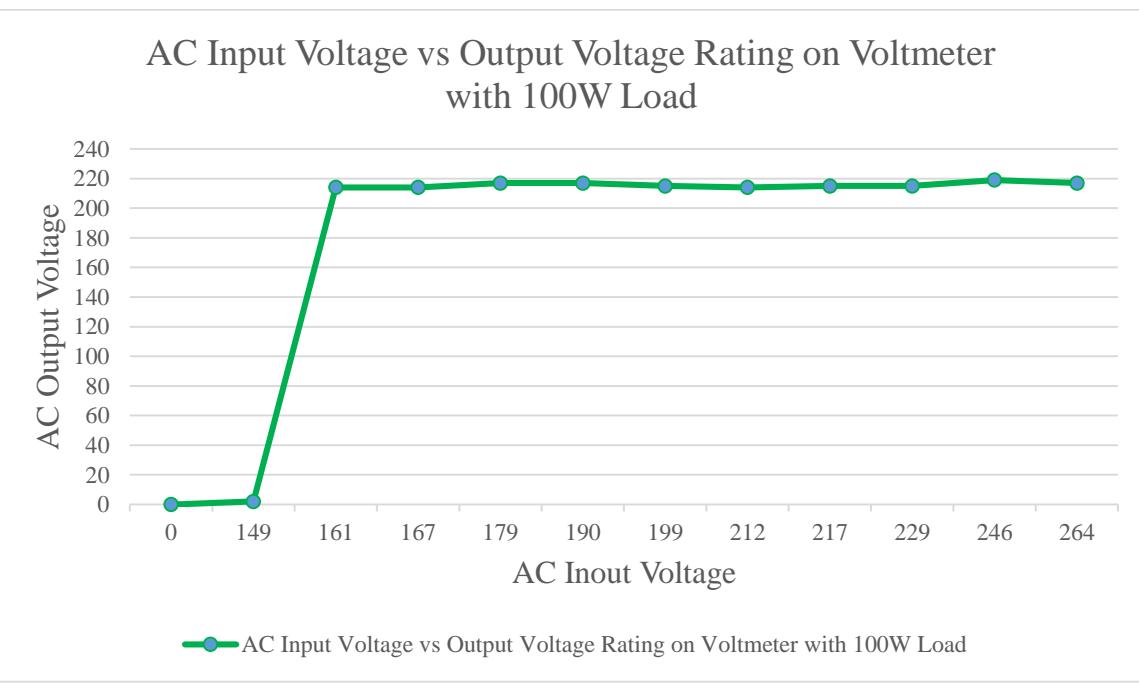


Figure-4.34: AC Input Voltage vs Output Voltage Rating on Voltmeter with 100W Load.

## 4.2 Performance analysis

The experiment conducted in the Power System Protection Lab using the Variac autotransformer yielded promising results for our device. Our device was able to regulate the output voltage within the desired range of 210V to 230V for input voltages between 155V and 310V, which represents the optimal operating conditions for the device. The device was also able to detect input voltages outside of this range and switch off the output voltage, providing protection against overvoltage or undervoltage.

To support these findings, we collected data using two multimeters to measure both input and output voltage, and took pictures of the device during the testing process. Table 4.1 presents the data obtained from the experiment at no load, which shows that the device was able to maintain a stable output voltage within the desired range for all input voltages within the specified range. Table 4.2 presents the data obtained from the experiment with a 100W load, which also demonstrates that the device was able to regulate the output voltage effectively.

In addition, Figures 4.33 and 4.34 present plots based on the data collected in Tables 4.1 and 4.2, respectively. These plots provide a visual representation of the stable output voltage maintained by the device within the desired range of 210V to 230V, as well as the device's ability to detect and switch off output voltage outside of this range.

Overall, these results demonstrate that our device is effective in regulating output voltage and providing protection against voltage fluctuations in power systems. The data and pictures collected during the experiment serve as strong evidence of the device's performance, supporting the validity of our findings.

### **4.3 Discussion**

During the hardware implementation of our device, we faced some difficulties that affected the accuracy of our results. One limitation we encountered was with the variac that we used to vary the input voltage. The maximum voltage that the variac could produce was 265V, which was lower than the desired input voltage range of 155V to 310V. This limited our ability to test the device at higher input voltages.

Another challenge we faced was with the accuracy of our voltage measurements. We used two multimeters to measure the input and output voltages, but there was a margin error of 2-6V with our LCD display value. Additionally, we used the transformer turn ratio formula to calculate the output voltage, which introduced some margin error in our output voltage measurement.

Despite these limitations, our device was able to regulate the output voltage within the desired range of 210V to 230V for input voltages between 155V and 310V, as shown in the results section. We also observed that the device was able to detect input voltages outside of this range and switch off the output voltage to protect connected devices.

In conclusion, while our hardware implementation had some limitations that affected the accuracy of our results, we were able to demonstrate the effectiveness of our device in maintaining a stable output voltage within the desired range. Future work can focus on addressing these limitations to further improve the accuracy and reliability of our device.

# **CHAPTER 5**

## **CONCLUSION**

### **5.1 Conclusion**

The proposed automatic voltage regulator using microcontroller for single phase power system has been successfully designed and implemented. The system was able to effectively regulate the voltage and maintain it within the acceptable range of +/-10% of the rated voltage. The system was tested with different loads, and the results showed that it was able to provide stable and consistent voltage regulation.

The use of a microcontroller technique has made the system simple, cost-effective and easy to maintain compared to traditional voltage regulators. The system has also been able to overcome some of the limitations of the conventional voltage regulators, such as their inability to regulate the voltage effectively under varying load conditions.

In conclusion, the proposed system has demonstrated the potential for improving the quality of power supply in single phase power systems and has provided a viable solution for voltage regulation in areas where power quality is a concern.

## **5.2 Future Work**

While the system has shown promising results, there is still room for improvement in the future. One area of improvement could be the integration of remote control capabilities, allowing the load to be controlled from a remote location using an android application or through the internet using Wi-Fi. This would increase the versatility and convenience of the system and make it possible to regulate the voltage from anywhere, at any time.

Another area of improvement could be the adaptation of the system for use in three-phase power systems. This would make the system suitable for a wider range of applications and increase its potential for use in industrial settings.

Additionally, the performance of the system could be further optimized by using advanced control algorithms. The use of more sophisticated algorithms would make it possible to improve the response time and accuracy of the system, ensuring that the voltage is regulated more effectively under varying load conditions.

In conclusion, the proposed automatic voltage regulator using microcontroller for single phase power system has demonstrated the potential for improving the quality of power supply in single phase power systems. The future work outlined in this chapter provides a roadmap for further development and optimization of the system, making it a valuable tool for ensuring consistent and reliable voltage regulation.

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## Appendix

```
#include <PZEM004Tv30.h>           // PZEM004Tv3 library
#include <LiquidCrystal_I2C.h>

LiquidCrystal_I2C lcd(0x27, 16, 2);

#define vCal 1.006          // voltage calibration coefficient(default=1.0)
#define iCal 0.9205         // current calibration coefficient(default=1.0)

#define pzemRX  2           // receive data (connect to PZEM TX)
#define pzemTX  3           // send data  (connect to PZEM RX)

#define relay1  4
#define relay2  5
#define relay3  6
#define relay4  7
#define relay5  8
#define relay6  9
#define relay7  10
#define relay8  11
#define relay9  12
#define relay10 A0
#define relay11 A1

PZEM004Tv30 pzem(pzemRX, pzemTX);      // Pin11 to TX, Pin12 to RX

unsigned int rangeTable[8] = {1, 2, 5, 10, 30, 60, 120, 300}; // time Interval Table
int rangeNumber;
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int Log;
int previousMillis = 0;

float Ax, VAx, Wx, kWhx, PFx, Hzx, VARx, req_KVAR; // measured value
int Vx, VoRead, RelaySL;
char buff[8]; // character format buffer
unsigned int logInterval; // log interval
volatile boolean t2Flag = false; // timing sync variable

void setup() {
    pinMode(relay1, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(relay2, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(relay3, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(relay4, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(relay5, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(relay6, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(relay7, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(relay8, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(relay9, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(relay10, OUTPUT);
    pinMode(relay11, OUTPUT);

    AllRealysOff();

    lcd.init();
    lcd.backlight();
    lcd.setCursor(1, 0);
    lcd.print("Batch 066 EEE");
}

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lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
lcd.print("Team:Shining Sun");
delay(5000);
lcd.clear();
rangeNumber = 0;
if (rangeNumber > 7) {           // abnormal range number will be
    rangeNumber = 0;             // set to 0
}
logInterval = rangeTable[rangeNumber];
measure();                      // get value from PZEM-004Tv3
logPrint();                     // data out serial port
}

void loop() {
    measure();
    logPrint();
}

void measure() {                // read values from PZEM-004T v3
    Vx = vCal * pzem.voltage();   // voltage(apply calibration correction)
    if (isnan(Vx)) {
        Vx = 0;
    }
    Ax = iCal * pzem.current();   // current(apply calibration correction)
    if (isnan(Ax)) {
        Ax = 0;
    }
    VAx = Vx * Ax;              // calculate apparent power
}

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Wx = vCal * iCal * pzem.power();           // effective power(Use the value after calibration
correction)

PFx = pzem.pf();                         // power factor

if (isnan(PFx)) {

    PFx = 0;

}

kWhx = vCal * iCal * pzem.energy();       // sum of energy(Use the value after calibration
correction)

if (isnan(kWhx)) {

    kWhx = 0;

}

Hzx = pzem.frequency();                  // line frequency

Relay_control_hu(Vx);

}

void logPrint() {

lcd.setCursor(0, 0);

lcd.print(Vx, 1);

lcd.print("V,");

lcd.print(VoRead);

lcd.print("Vo,");

lcd.print(Ax, 2);

lcd.print("A");

if (Vx <= 99) {

    lcd.print("  ");

}

if (VoRead <= 99) {

    lcd.print("  ");

}

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```
lcd.setCursor(0, 1);
lcd.print("PF:");
lcd.print(PFx, 2);
lcd.print(",E:");
lcd.print(kWhx, 3);
// lcd.print("kWh");
}
```

```
void AllRealysOff() {
    digitalWrite(relay1, LOW);
    digitalWrite(relay2, LOW);
    digitalWrite(relay3, LOW);
    digitalWrite(relay4, LOW);
    digitalWrite(relay5, LOW);
    digitalWrite(relay6, LOW);
    digitalWrite(relay7, LOW);
    digitalWrite(relay8, LOW);
    digitalWrite(relay9, LOW);
    digitalWrite(relay10, LOW);
    digitalWrite(relay11, LOW);
}
```

```
float Relay_control_hu(float ViValue)
{
    if (ViValue < 155 || Ax > 9.50) {
        VoRead = 0;
        AllRealysOff();
    }
}
```

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else if (ViValue >= 215 && ViValue < 230 && RelaySL != 1) {
    //Vo225v
    VoRead = ViValue;
    RelaySL = 1;
    AllRealysOff();
    digitalWrite(relay1, HIGH);
}

else if (ViValue >= 155 && ViValue < 165 && RelaySL != 2) {
    //Vo300v
    VoRead = (600 * ViValue) / 440;
    RelaySL = 2;
    AllRealysOff();
    digitalWrite(relay2, HIGH);
}

else if (ViValue >= 165 && ViValue < 175 && RelaySL != 3) {
    //Vo290v
    VoRead = (580 * ViValue) / 440;
    RelaySL = 3;
    AllRealysOff();
    digitalWrite(relay3, HIGH);
}

else if (ViValue >= 175 && ViValue < 185 && RelaySL != 4) {
    //Vo270v
    VoRead = (540 * ViValue) / 440;
    RelaySL = 4;
    AllRealysOff();
    digitalWrite(relay4, HIGH);
}

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else if (ViValue >= 185 && ViValue < 195 && RelaySL != 5) {
    //Vo255v
    VoRead = (510 * ViValue) / 440;
    RelaySL = 5;
    AllRealysOff();
    digitalWrite(relay5, HIGH);
}

else if (ViValue >= 195 && ViValue < 210 && RelaySL != 6) {
    //Vo240v
    VoRead = (480 * ViValue) / 440;
    RelaySL = 6;
    AllRealysOff();
    digitalWrite(relay6, HIGH);
}

else if (ViValue >= 210 && ViValue < 215 && RelaySL != 7) {
    //Vo225v
    VoRead = (450 * ViValue) / 440;
    RelaySL = 7;
    AllRealysOff();
    digitalWrite(relay7, HIGH);
}

else if (ViValue >= 230 && ViValue < 240 && RelaySL != 8) {
    //Vo210v
    VoRead = (420 * ViValue) / 440;
    RelaySL = 8;
    AllRealysOff();
    digitalWrite(relay8, HIGH);
}

```

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else if (ViValue >= 240 && ViValue < 260 && RelaySL != 9) {
    //Vo195v
    VoRead = (390 * ViValue) / 440;
    RelaySL = 9;
    AllRealysOff();
    digitalWrite(relay9, HIGH);
}

else if (ViValue >= 260 && ViValue < 280 && RelaySL != 10) {
    //Vo180v
    VoRead = (360 * ViValue) / 440;
    RelaySL = 10;
    AllRealysOff();
    digitalWrite(relay10, HIGH);
}

else if (ViValue >= 280 && ViValue < 310 && RelaySL != 11) {
    //Vo165v
    VoRead = (330 * ViValue) / 440;
    RelaySL = 11;
    AllRealysOff();
    digitalWrite(relay11, HIGH);
}

else if (ViValue >= 310) {
    AllRealysOff();
    VoRead = 0;
}
}

```