

Voltage Regulator with Current Limit **using LM741**

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Aim :

Design and implement a 5V regulated DC power supply with current limiting of 14mA.

Components required :

BC547(3), 1N750(1), LM741(1), 1K Ohm(3), 4.7K Ohm(1), 49.9 Ohm(1), 100 Ohm(1), 4.7k Pot(Load)

Design :

Base Circuit design for 5V :

Diode Voltage=4.7V

$$5x1/(x1+x2)=4.7$$

Let $x2=6.8k\text{ Ohm}$

Then $x1=430\text{ Ohm}$

Now, Power rating for 1N750 =500mW

$$VI=500mW$$

Let $I_{limit}=70mA$

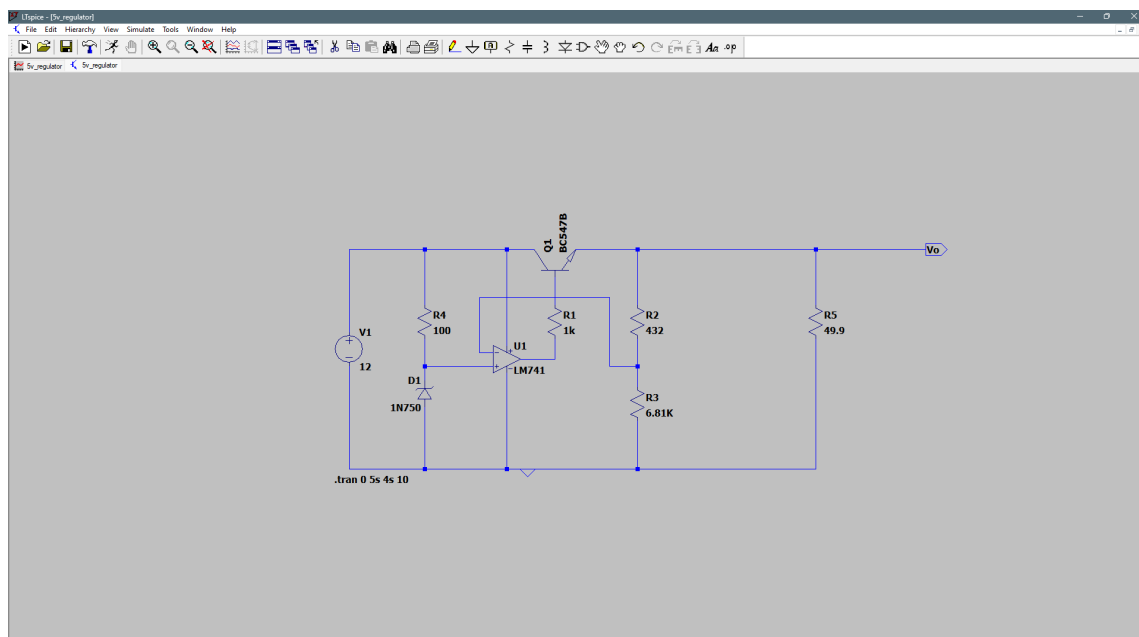
Then assuming 12V supply , $12-4.7/R=73mA$

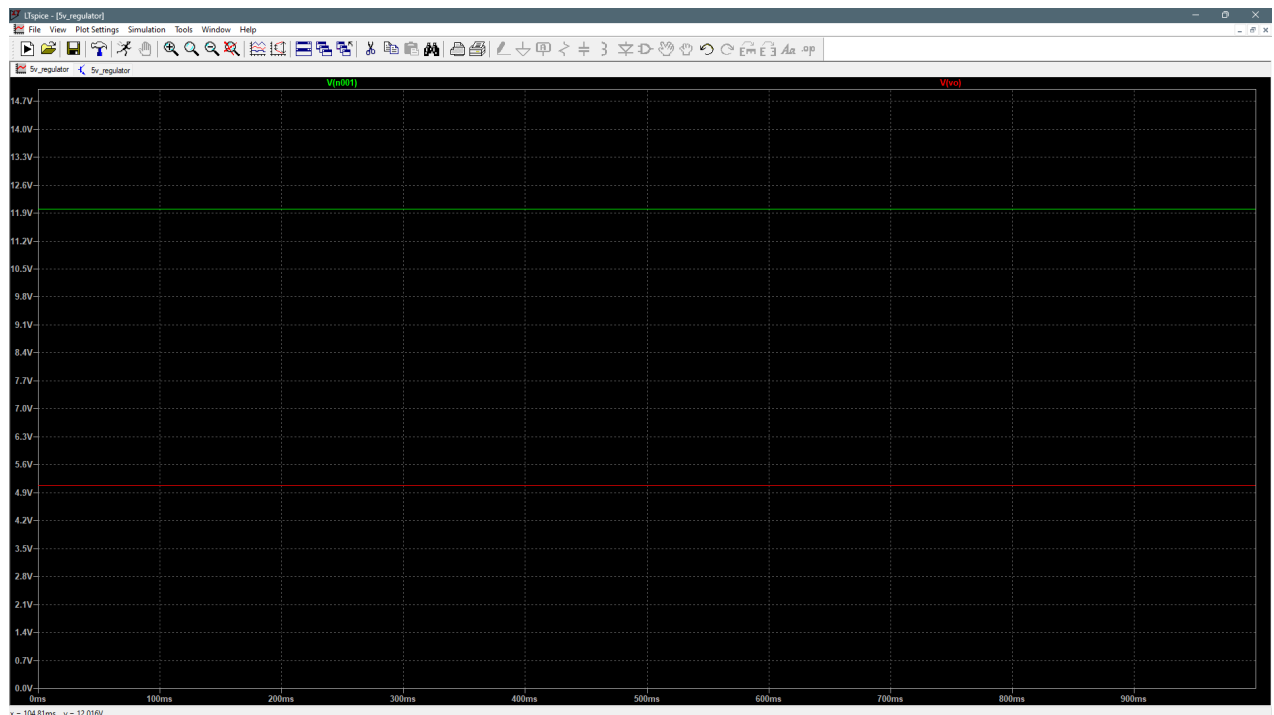
$$R=100\text{ Ohm}$$

For limiting Current to the base of the transistor,

$$(5.7-0.7)/R=5mA$$

$$R \geq 1K\text{ Ohm}$$





Current Boosting Circuit :

Inorder to boost the emitter current we use another transistor

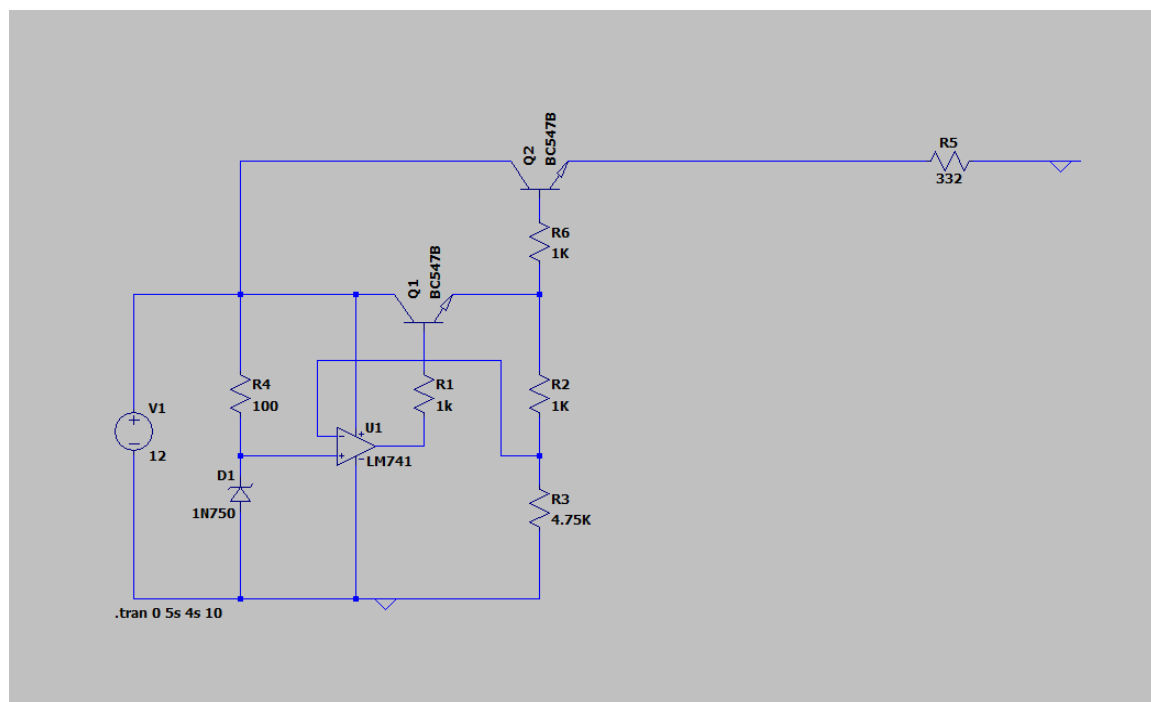
$$i_c = \beta \cdot i_b$$

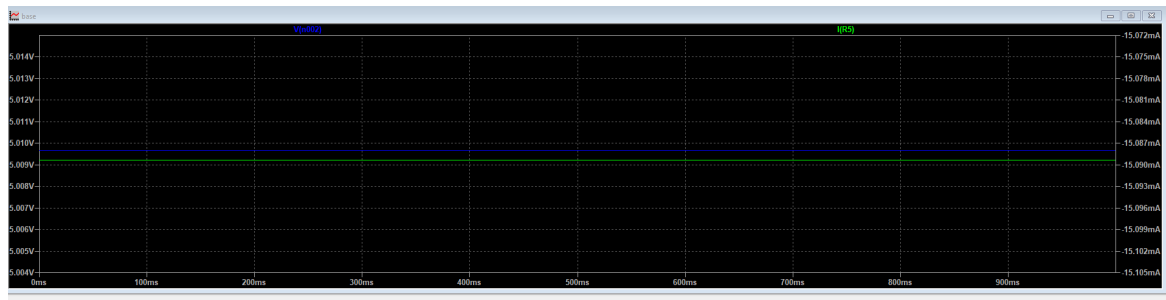
This amplifies the input current from Micro range to Milli Ampere range.

Rearranged the circuit for 5V at output

Then opamp out is redesigned for 5.7 at series transistor out.

Then $x_1 = 4.7K \text{ Ohm}$ and $x_2 = 1K \text{ Ohm}$.



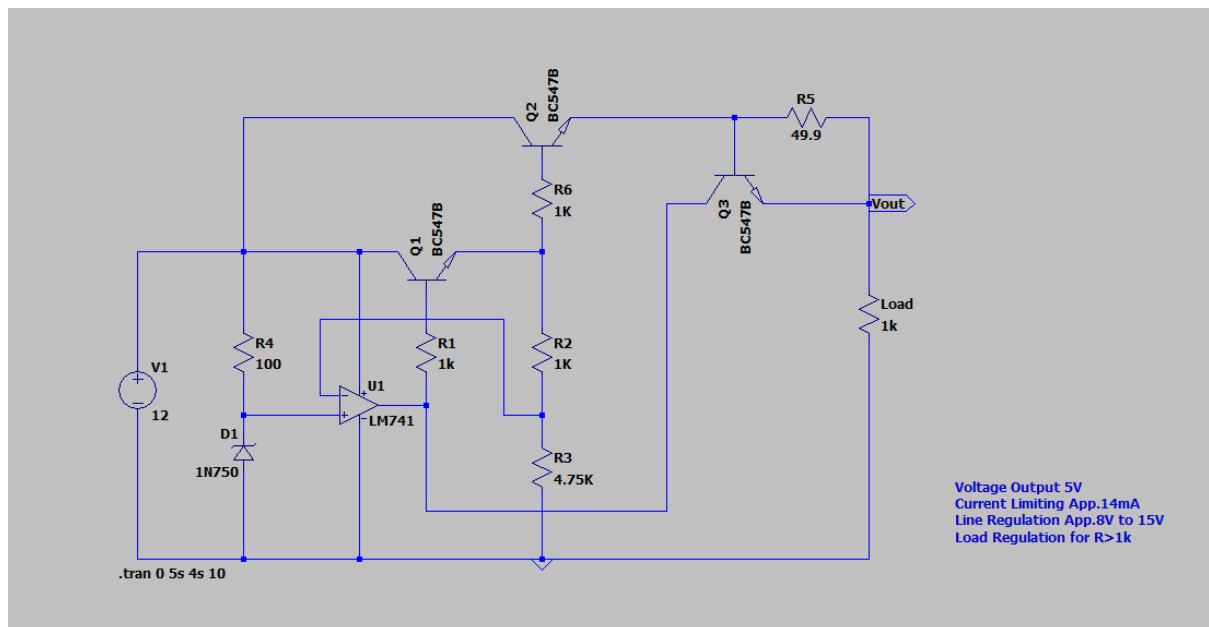


Current limiting circuit:

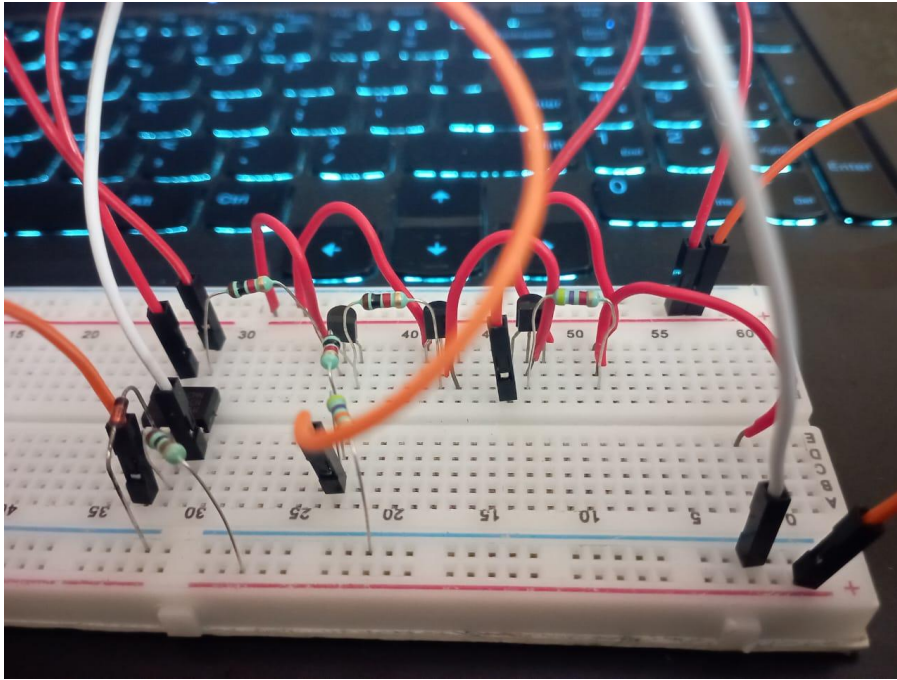
Current limiting using a resistor which will activate transistor connected with it if a current above 14mA passes through it.

$$0.7 = 14\text{mA} \cdot R$$

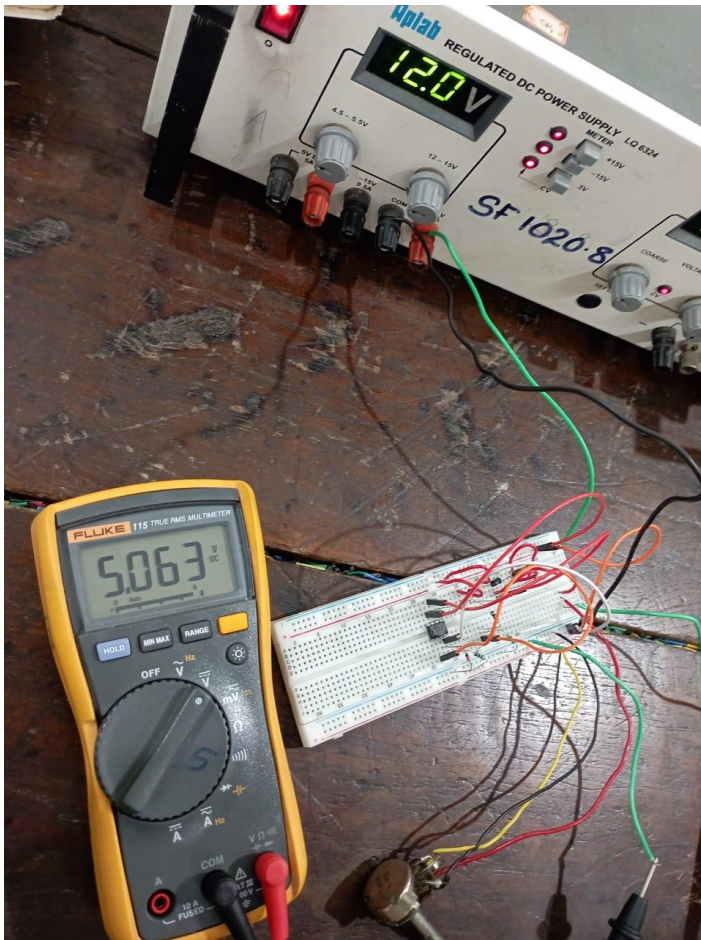
$$R = 49.9 \text{ Ohm}$$



Implementation :



Observation :



Result :

Designed and implemented a 5V DC regulated power supply with a current limiting circuit for 14 mA.

Reference :

BC547 : BC547 Datasheet (PDF) - Fairchild Semiconductor

1N750 : 1N750 Microchip Technology | Mouser India

LM741 : LM741 Operational Amplifier datasheet (Rev. D)

Base : Op Amp Regulators - EEGGUIDE.COM