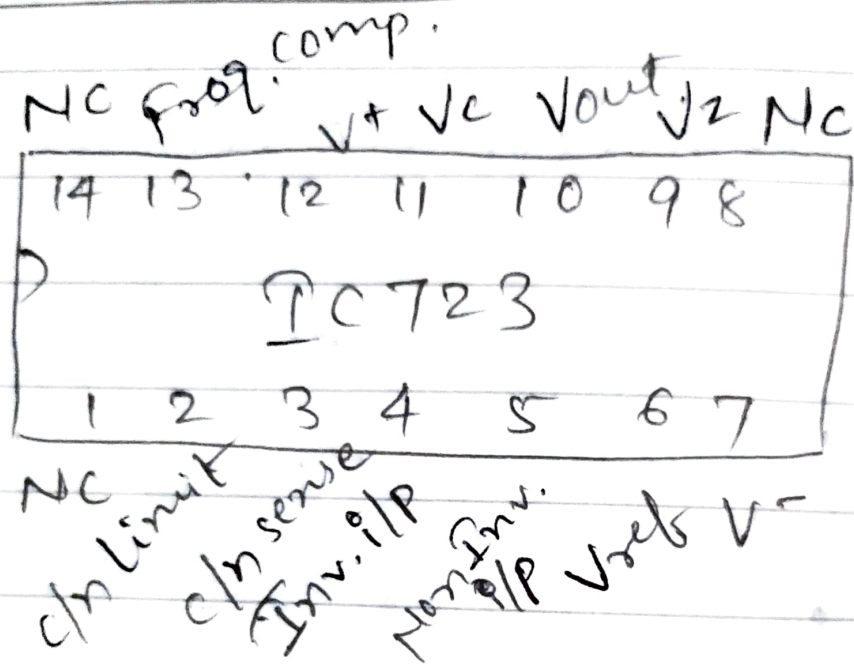


# ★ IC regulator 723



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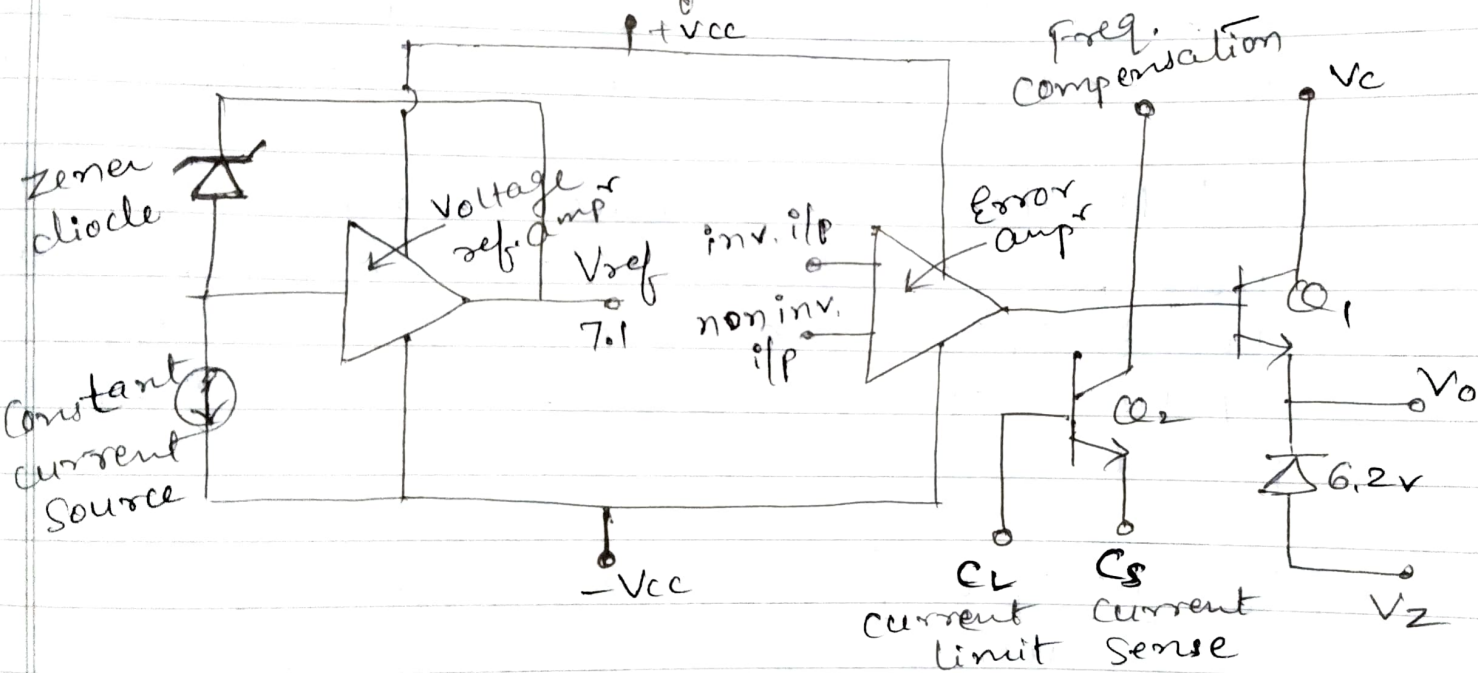
- Not short circuit protection
- o/p voltage (+ve or -ve) is fixed.

These limitations are overcome in IC 723 regulator.

## → Features of IC723

- It works as voltage regulator at o/p ranging from 2 to 37V at current up to 150mA.
- It can be used at load current greater than 150mA.
- I/P & o/p short circuit protection is provided.
- It has good line & load regulation (0.03%)
- It provides a choice of supply voltage.

→ Block diagram of IC723



→ Reference voltage generator

The reference voltage generator block consist of a temperature compensated zener diode, constant  $C/I_n$  source & voltage reference amplifier. The zener diode is used to generate fixed reference voltage internally. The constant  $C/I_n$  source will make the zener diode to operate at fixed point. The internally generated reference voltage is 7.15V & it is applied to nonInv terminal of error amplifier.

[  $V/q \rightarrow$  voltage,  $C/n \rightarrow$  current ]



→ Error Amplifier → The error amplifier is high gain differential amplifier, with two i/p's inverting & non inverting. Non Inv. terminal is connected to the full regulated o/p voltage or part of regulated o/p voltage.

→ Series Pass <sup>transistor</sup> ~~filter~~ ( $Q_1$ ) → The  $Q_1$  is internal series pass transistor which is driven by error amplifier. This transistor acts as a variable resistor & regulates the o/p voltage. The  $Q_1$  is a small transistor which is capable of dissipating power up to 800mW. Max voltage is up to 36V & max c/n is up to 150mA.

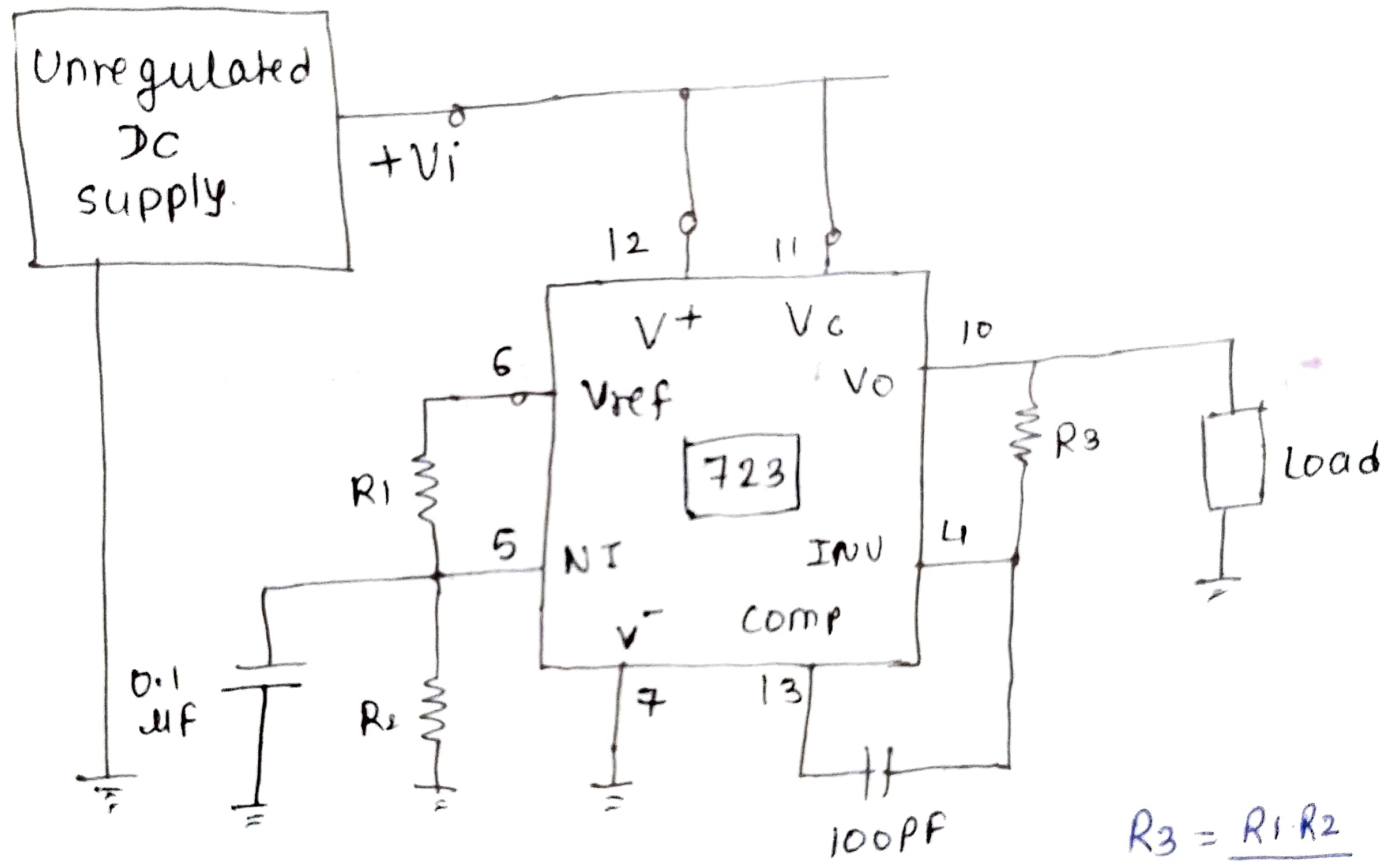
→ C/n limiter ( $Q_2$ ) → Internal transistor  $Q_2$  is used for the sake of current sensing & current limiting. The transistor  $Q_2$  is normal off. It turns ON only when load current exceeds predetermined limit.

→ Frequency Compensation → It is used to decide the frequency response of error amplifier.

## → Application

- It can be used as low voltage high c/n regulator.
- Can be used as +ve high v/g low c/n regulator.
- -ve high -ve
- Can be used as -ve voltage regulator.
- Can be used as low voltage or high voltage regulator with short circuit protection.

# 1) Low v<sub>tg</sub> Regulator using IC 723: [LVLC]



$$R_3 = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

- used to regulate v<sub>tg</sub> ranging from 2V to 7V (<150mA)
- o/p v<sub>tg</sub> is directly fed back to the INV IP terminal. The non-inverting IP NI is obtained from potential divider R<sub>1</sub> & R<sub>2</sub>.

$$\therefore V_{NI} = V_{ref} \times \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$R_{sc} = \frac{V_{sense}}{I_{limit}} \quad V_{sense} = 0.6V$$

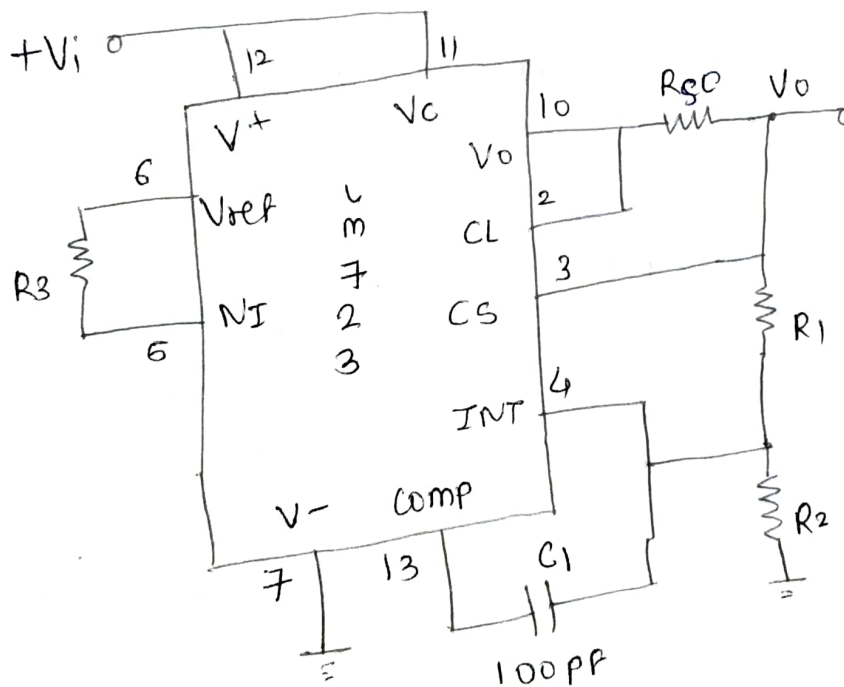
The error amp<sup>r</sup> amplifies the diff<sup>n</sup> & it drives the pass transistor  $Q_1$ . Depending on the error signal, the pass transistor  $Q_1$  acting as control element, minimises the difference bet<sup>n</sup> the  $N_I$  &  $INV$  I/Ps of error amp<sup>r</sup>.

$$\therefore V_o = V_{ref} \times \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} = 7.15 \times \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$V_o \downarrow, V_{INV} \downarrow$   
 $V_{error} \uparrow, I_L \uparrow$   
 $V_o \uparrow$

Now assuming that the o/p v<sub>tg</sub> is low, the  $INV$  terminal I/P goes down, making o/p of error amp<sup>r</sup> more +ve. This drives the NPN pass transistor further into conduction. Hence higher current is driven into the load, thereby causing the o/p v<sub>tg</sub> to increase. This compensates for drop in o/p v<sub>tg</sub>.  
 - similarly rise in load v<sub>tg</sub> gets regulated.

## High voltage Regulator Circuit using IC 723:- HVLC.



$7 \text{ to } 37 \text{ V } (I_L \leq 150 \text{ mA})$

$$R_3 = R_1 \parallel R_2$$

$$R_{sc} = \frac{0.6}{I_{limit}} = \frac{V_{sense}}{I_{sc}}$$

- IC 723 can be used for designing a high vtg. regulator for o/p vtg. ranging from 7V to 37V.
- NI terminal is connected to  $V_{ref}$  thr'  $R_3$ .
- INV terminal connected to the jun<sup>c</sup> of resistors  $R_1$  &  $R_2$  connected with the o/p  $V_o$ .
- $R_3 \rightarrow$  selected =  $R_1 \parallel R_2$ .
- error ampr - acts as non-inv ampr with gain of

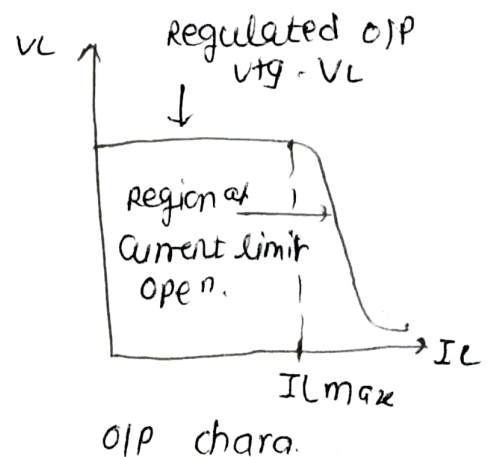
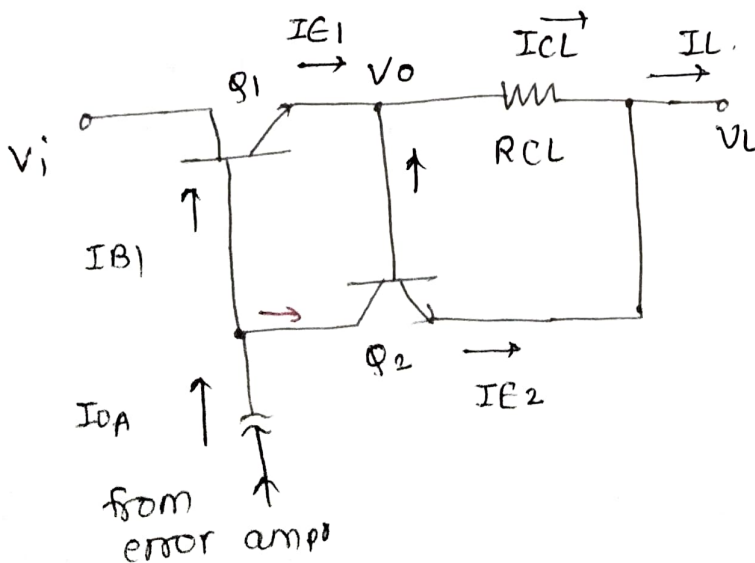
$$A_v = 1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2}$$

$$\therefore V_o = V_{ref} \left[ 1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right] = 7.15 \left[ 1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right]$$

### Current limiting circuits:-

#### Current limit protection:-

- Disadv of IC 723  $\rightarrow$  1. no internal thermal protection
- 2. " " " " S.C. protection.
- $\therefore$  current limit protection is necessary in regulator IC to provide protection against S.C condition a/c load.





- This ckt prevents the  $I_L$  from  $\uparrow$  beyond a safe value.

- Working:-

series pass element  $Q_1$  [part of regulator  $I_C$ ]  $\rightarrow$  connected in series with  $R_{CL}$  (current limiting seri.)

Let  $I_L(\max)$   $\leftarrow$  max current of ckt.  $\leftarrow$   $V_{tg}$  a/c  $R_{CL}$   $\leftarrow$  Bias  $Q_2$  & turn it ON

$V_O = \text{const}$   $\leftarrow$  for any value of  $I_{CL}$  upto  $I_L \max.$

$\Downarrow$  (normal cond<sup>n</sup>).

$V_{CL} = I_{CL} \times R_{CL} \Rightarrow$  could not turn ON  $Q_2 \Rightarrow \therefore Q_1$  supplies current for load at const. O/P  $V_L$ .  
(In normal cond<sup>n</sup>)  $\Rightarrow$   $Q_1$  provides  $V_L$  req. to drive load. ( $\because$  bias  $< 0.7$ )

$\downarrow$   $I_{emitter}$  of  $Q_1$   $\leftarrow$  extra current diverted away from base of  $Q_2$   $\leftarrow$   $I_L > I_L(\max) \leftarrow$  turn ON  $Q_2$   $\leftarrow$   $V_{CL} \uparrow$   
 $\Downarrow$   $I_L \downarrow$

- similarly, when  $I_L \downarrow$ ,  $V_{tg}$  a/c  $R_{CL} \downarrow$ ,  $Q_2$  OFF &  $Q_1$  ON to pass  $I_L$ .

- O/P char:

$Q_2$  supplies an additional small amount of current to the load, when the current limiting takes place.

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Example: Assume that  $V_L = 20V$

(1)  $R_{CL} = ?$  for limiting max current of  $0.5A$ .

(2)  $R_{CL} = ?$  find  $V_O$  when  $R_L = 100\Omega$

(3) comment on the operation of the ckt. for  $R_L = 10\Omega$ .

Ex 2: Design a  $+12V$  reg. using LM 723 with current limiting value of  $50mA$ .

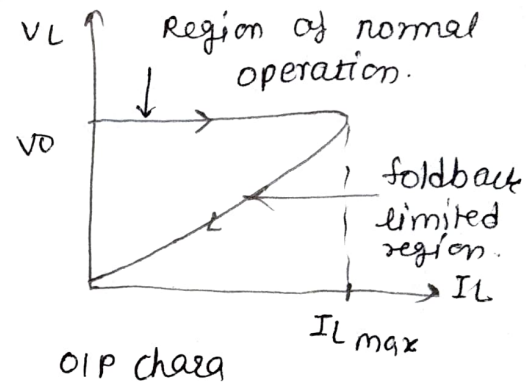
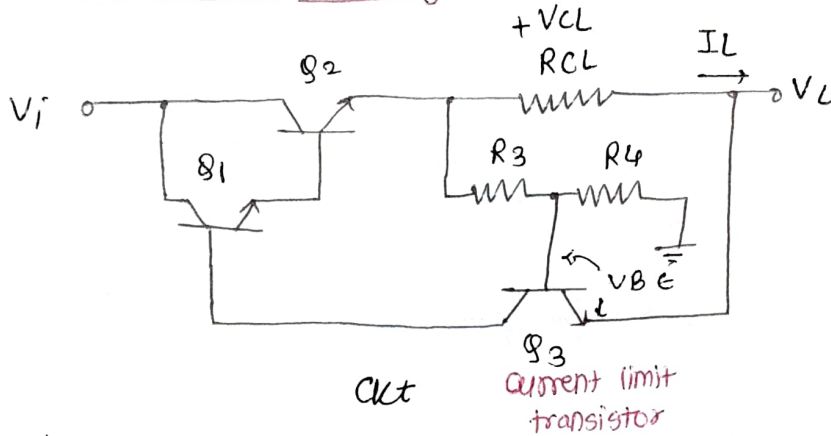
sol<sup>n</sup> -  $V_0 = V_{ref} \left[ 1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right]$ .

Let  $R_2 = 10 \text{ K}\Omega$ , find  $R_1$

$$R_1 = \left[ \frac{V_0}{V_{ref}} \right] \cdot R_2 - R_2$$

$$= \left( \frac{12}{7.15} \right) 10 \times 10^{-3} - 10 \times 10^{-3} = 6.78 \text{ K}\Omega.$$

\* foldback current limiting:-



In simple current limiting ckt,

- $I_{Lmax}$  was present such that  $\rightarrow P_D > V_L I_L(max)$  never
- &  $R_{CL}$  was accordingly chosen.

$\downarrow$  Hence  
Regulator is underutilised. }  $\Rightarrow$  In such conditions

$\downarrow$   
 $\rightarrow$  Current foldback method provides full protection to device + allows higher currents to the load.

$\downarrow I_L \& V_L$   
when  $I_L(max)$  is reached.  $\Leftarrow$

working:- As load resi  $\downarrow$  beyond certain min. value

$\downarrow$   
 $V_L \& I_L \downarrow$   
& when load resi  $\rightarrow$  s.c  
 $V_L = I_L = 0.$

Adv  $\rightarrow$  a) protect load from over-current operation.  
b) protects regulator itself.



The base of  $Q_3$  is connected to the vtg. divider formed by  $R_3$  &  $R_4$ .

Applying KVL around loop, we get,

$$V_{BE} = V_{CL} - V_{R3}$$

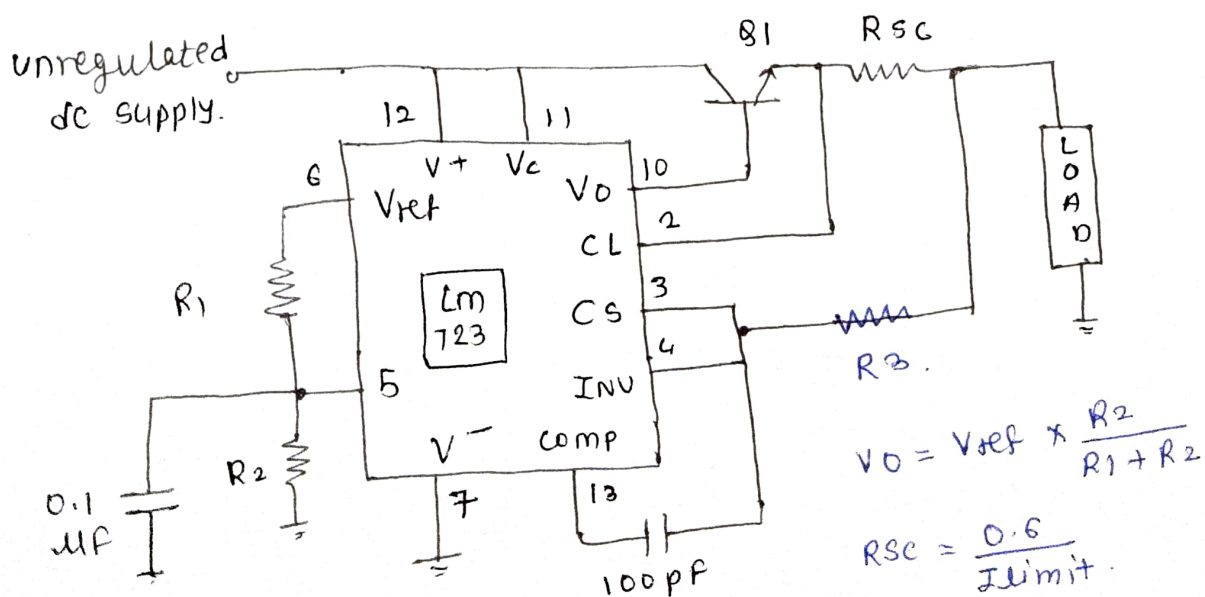
The current limit transistor  $Q_3$  starts conducting only when its base to emitter vtg.  $V_{BE}$  is approx.  $0.7V$ .

$$\text{i.e. } V_{CL} > 0.7V$$

$$\text{i.e. } V_{BE} = V_{CL} - V_{R3} = 0.7$$

- Current limit starts occurring.
- $R_L \downarrow$ , load vtg. drop &  $V_{R3} \downarrow$ .
- $V_{CL}$  should  $\downarrow$  to maintain  $V_{BE}$  of  $Q_3$  at  $0.7V$
- $Q_3$  starts conducting,  $\rightarrow Q_1$  turn off &  $I_L \downarrow$ .
- $V_{R3}$  further  $\downarrow \rightarrow \uparrow$  conduction of  $Q_3$  &  $\downarrow$  conduction of  $Q_1$ .  $\rightarrow I_L \downarrow$ .
- process continues until  $V_O = 0$  &  $I_L = \text{min}$ .
- If  $R_L = \text{nominal operating value}$ , the ckt. resumes its normal regulation action.

\* High current low vtg. regulator :- (LVHC)



$$V_O = V_{ref} \times \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$

$$R_{SC} = \frac{0.6}{I_{Limit}}$$

$$P.D \text{ of } Q_1 = (V_{i(max)} - V_{O(min)}) \times I_{Lmax}$$

— max. current obtainable from 723 is 140 mA.

— for  $\uparrow$  current, boost pass transistor  $Q_1$  can be added to the regulator.

— collector of  $Q_1$  is connected to unregulated P.S.

— o/p  $V_O$  of reg. drives base of  $Q_1$ .

$$\therefore I_O = \beta_{\text{Boost transistor}} \times I_{O(723)}$$

— Darlington transistor pair can also be used in place of  $Q_1$  as the pass transistor for obtaining much higher values of load currents.

Ex: Design a continuously adjustable P.S. for range of 2V to 5V with a current limit of 1A using LM723.

$$\rightarrow V_O = V_{\text{ref}} \cdot \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \quad (\text{Adj. vtg. reg. for high current}).$$

To produce  $I_L = 1A$ ,  $Q_1$  is req.

for vtg. adj  $\rightarrow R_1$  is replaced with series of  $R_{1a}$ ,  $R_{1b}$ .

— Here min & max values of  $R_1$  will be  $R_{1b}$  &  $R_{1a} + R_{1b}$  resp.

Then 3 resistors in series will form vtg. divider.

$$\therefore \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_2} = \frac{V_{\text{ref}}}{V_O}$$

for max. vtg. of 5V,

$$\frac{R_{1b} + R_2}{R_2} = \frac{V_{\text{ref}}}{V_O} = \frac{7.15}{5} = 1.43$$

$$\therefore R_{1b} = 0.43 R_2$$

for min vtg. of 2V

$$\frac{R_{1a} + R_{1b} + R_2}{R_2} = \frac{V_{\text{ref}}}{V_O} = \frac{7.15}{2} = 3.575$$

substitute  $R_{1b} = 0.43 R_2$  in above eq<sup>n</sup>.

$$\therefore R_{1a} = 2.145 R_2$$

choose std value of  $R_{1a} = 10K$ .

$$\therefore R_2 = \frac{R_{1a}}{2.145} = \frac{10 \times 10^3}{2.145} = 4.66 K$$

$$\boxed{R_2 = 4.66 K}$$

$$\text{Similarly, } R_{1b} = 0.43 R_2 = 0.43 \times 4.66 \times 10^3 = 2K\Omega$$

for choosing a suitable current sense  $R_{si}$   $R_{sc}$ ,

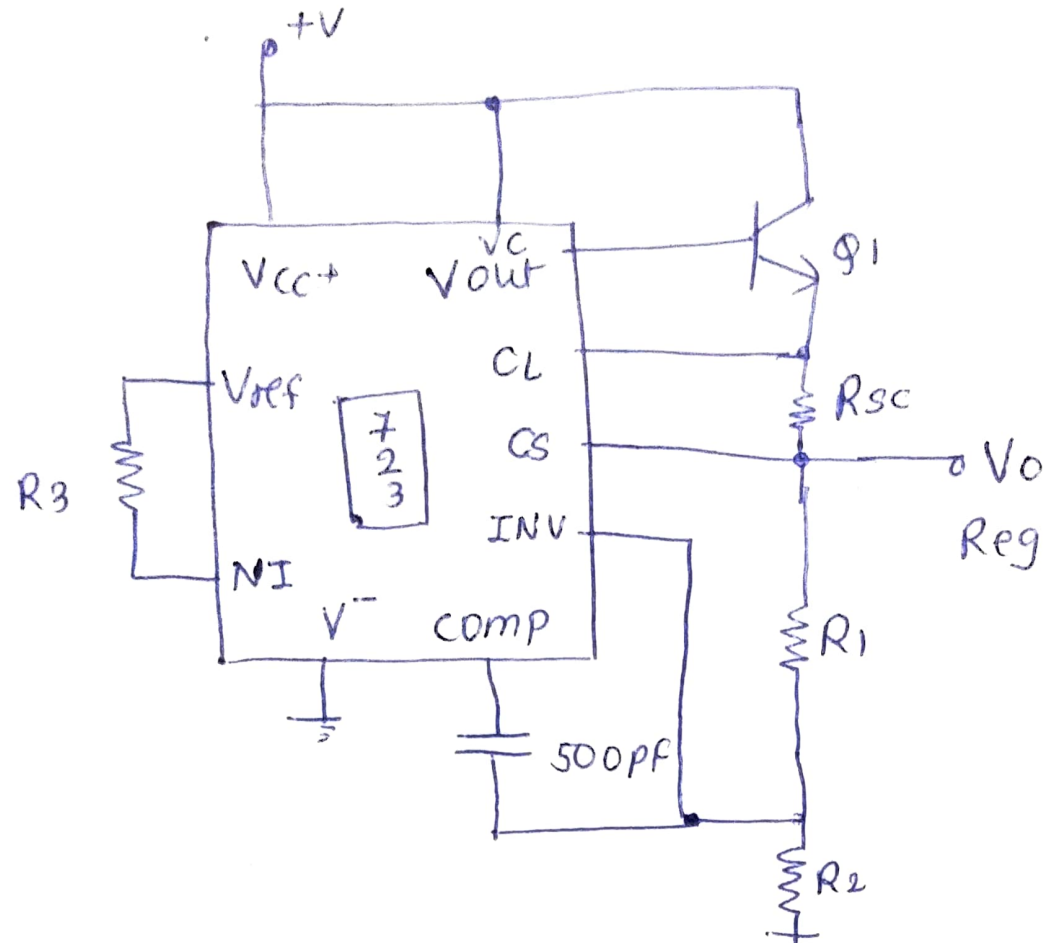
$$I_{limit} = \frac{V_{sense}}{R_{sc}}$$

$$\therefore R_{sc} = \frac{V_{sense}}{I_{limit}} = 0.65 \Omega$$

for min. temp. drift,  $R_3$  is included as given by

$$\begin{aligned} R_3 &= R_1 \parallel R_2 = 6K \parallel 4.66K \\ &= 2.62 K\Omega. \end{aligned}$$

4] High voltage High current Regulator: —  $V_O = 7V \text{ to } 37V$  &  $I_O > 150 \text{ mA}$



$$V_O = V_{ref} \left( \frac{R_1 + R_2}{R_2} \right)$$

$$R_{sc} = \frac{0.6}{I_{limit}} = \frac{V_{sense}}{I_{sc}}$$

$$R_3 = \frac{R_1 R_2}{R_1 + R_2}$$