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Experiment #11, Pre-Lab #7

Zener Diodes and Voltage Regulators

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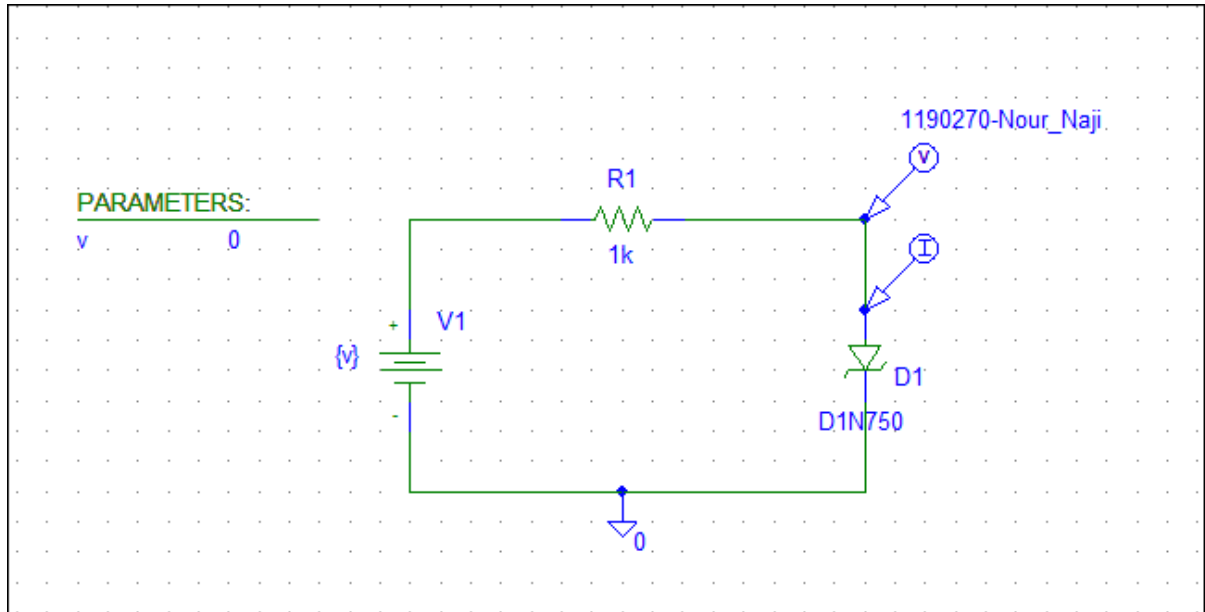
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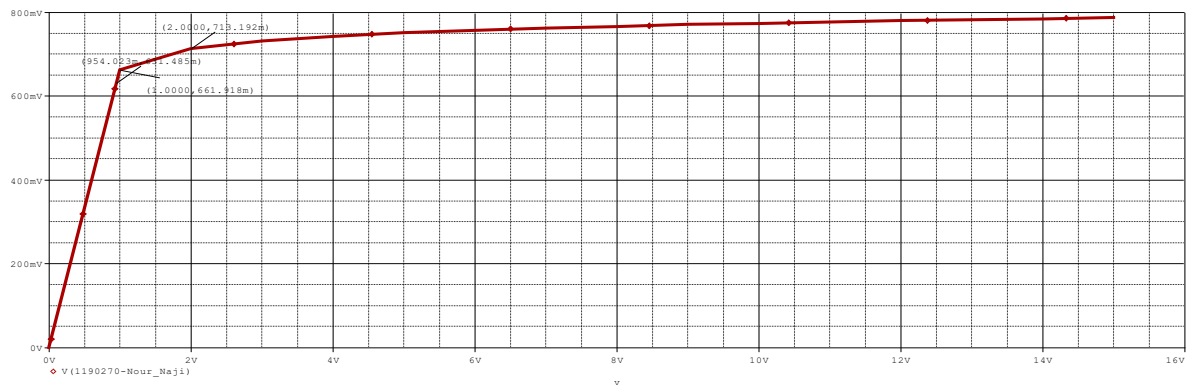
# 1. ZENER DIODE.

## 1.1 Zener diode with 1 kΩ resistor

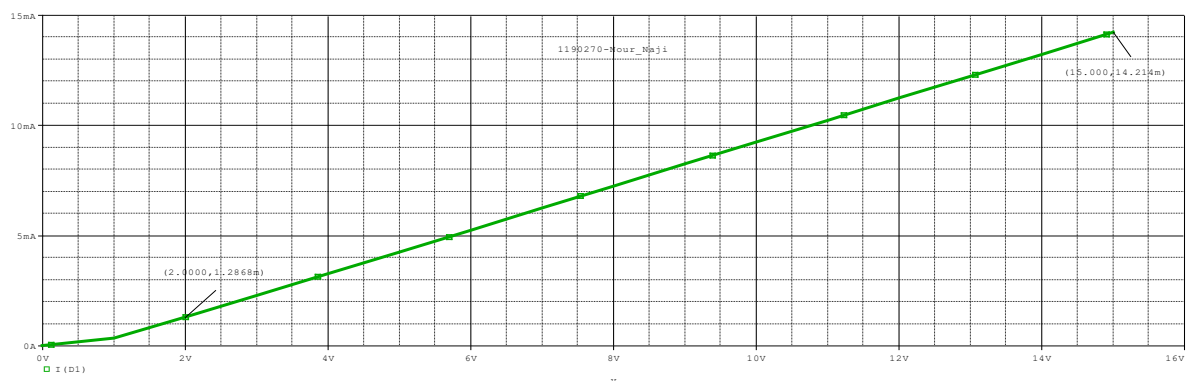
→ Circuit using PSpice:



- Zener voltage ( $V_o$ ) :

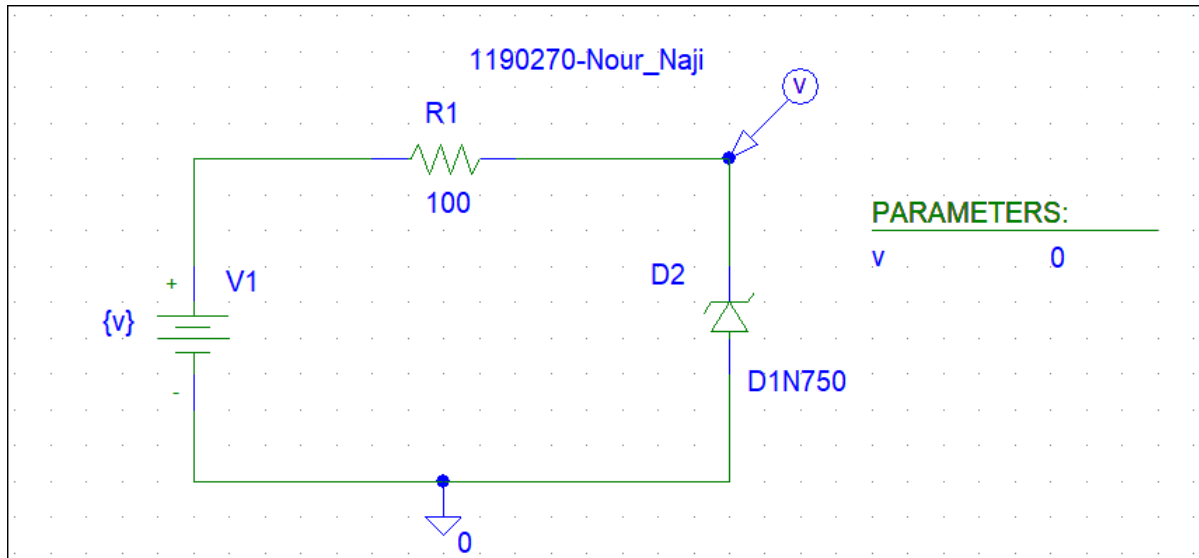


- Current in the circuit: ( $I_z$ ) :

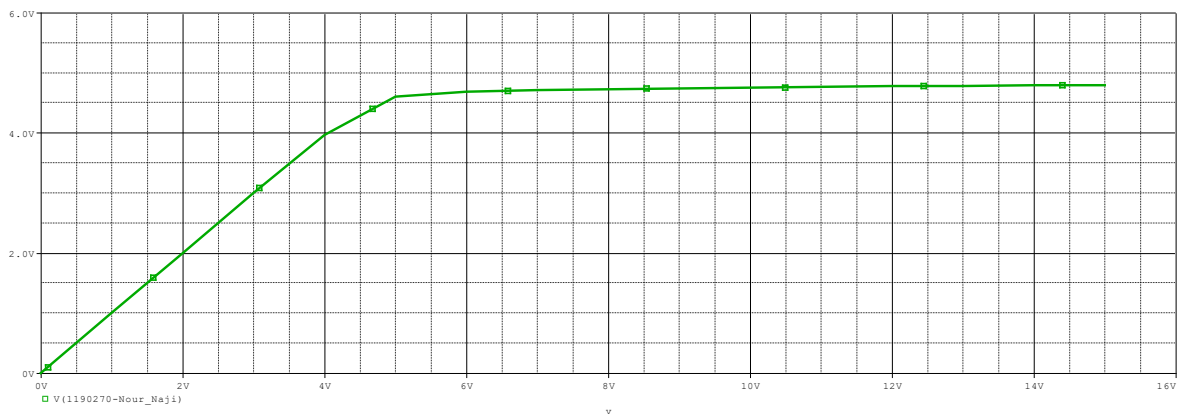


### 1.2 Zener diode with 100 Ω resistor

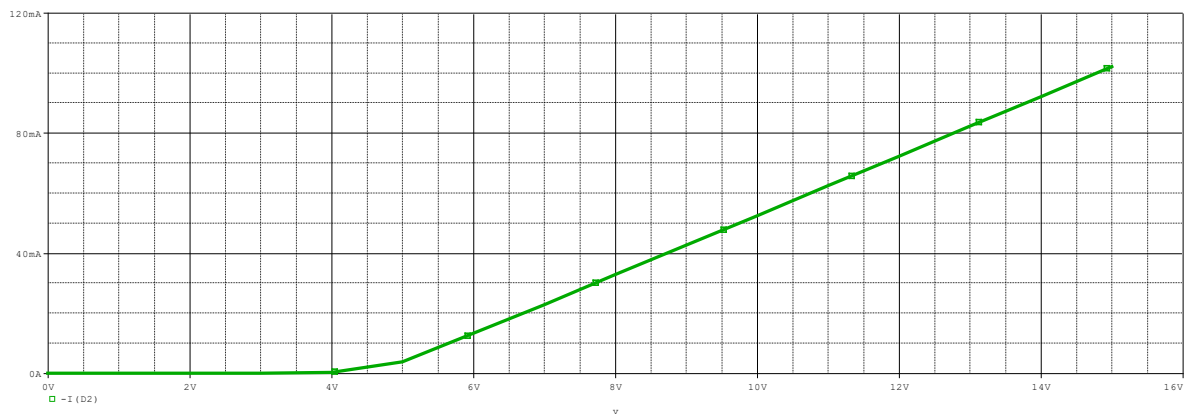
→ Circuit using PSpice:



- Zener voltage ( $V_o$ ) :

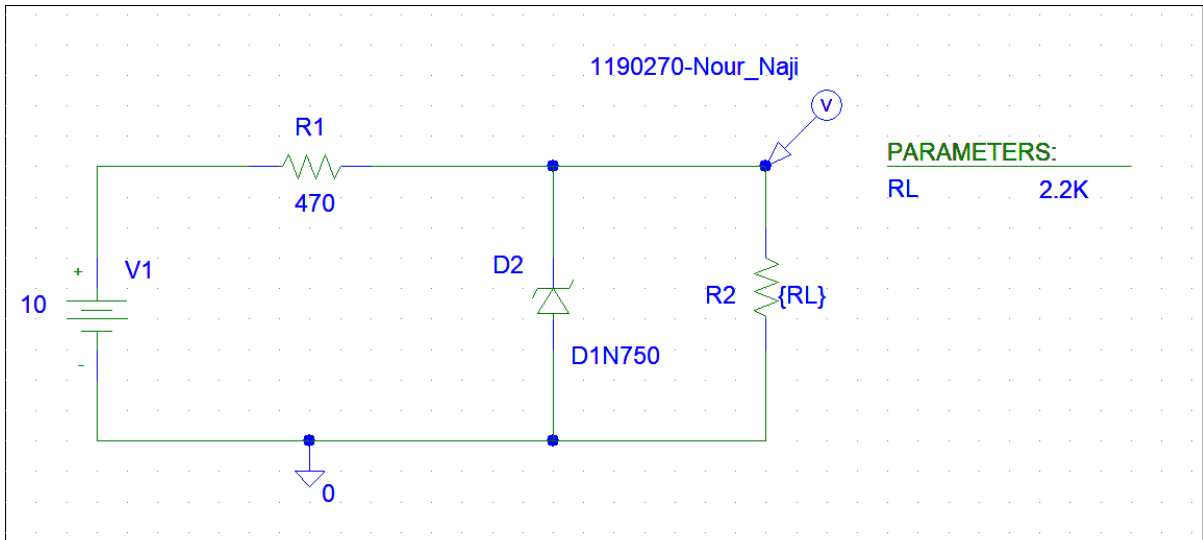


- Current in the circuit: ( $I_z$ ) :

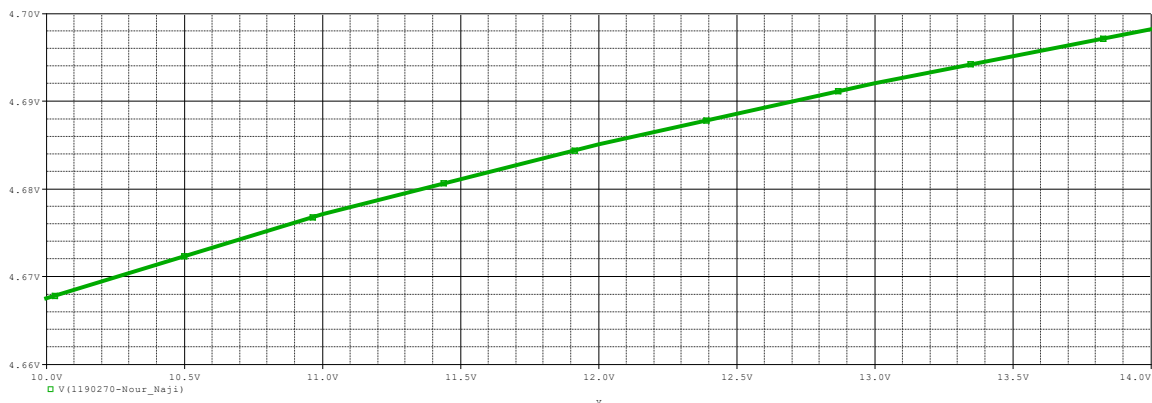


### 1.3 Zener diode with load resistor

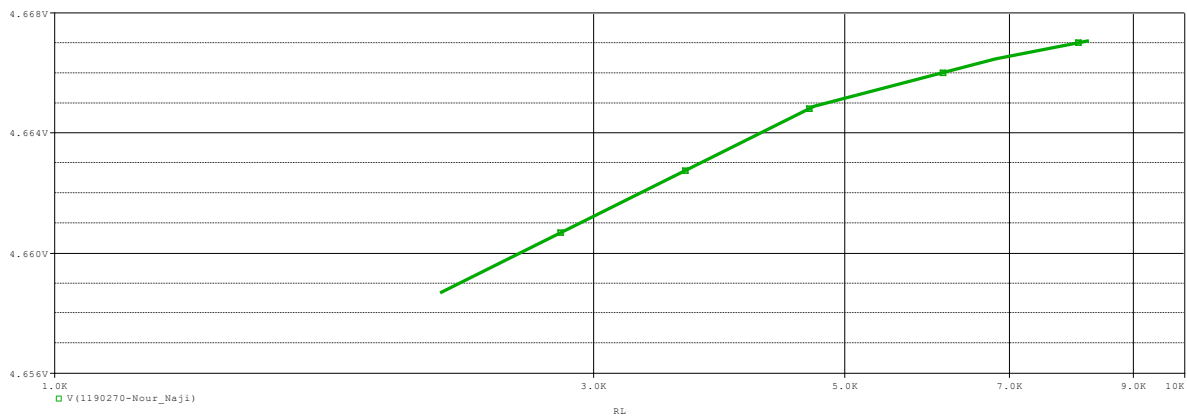
→ Circuit using PSpice:



- Voltage across the load resistor:



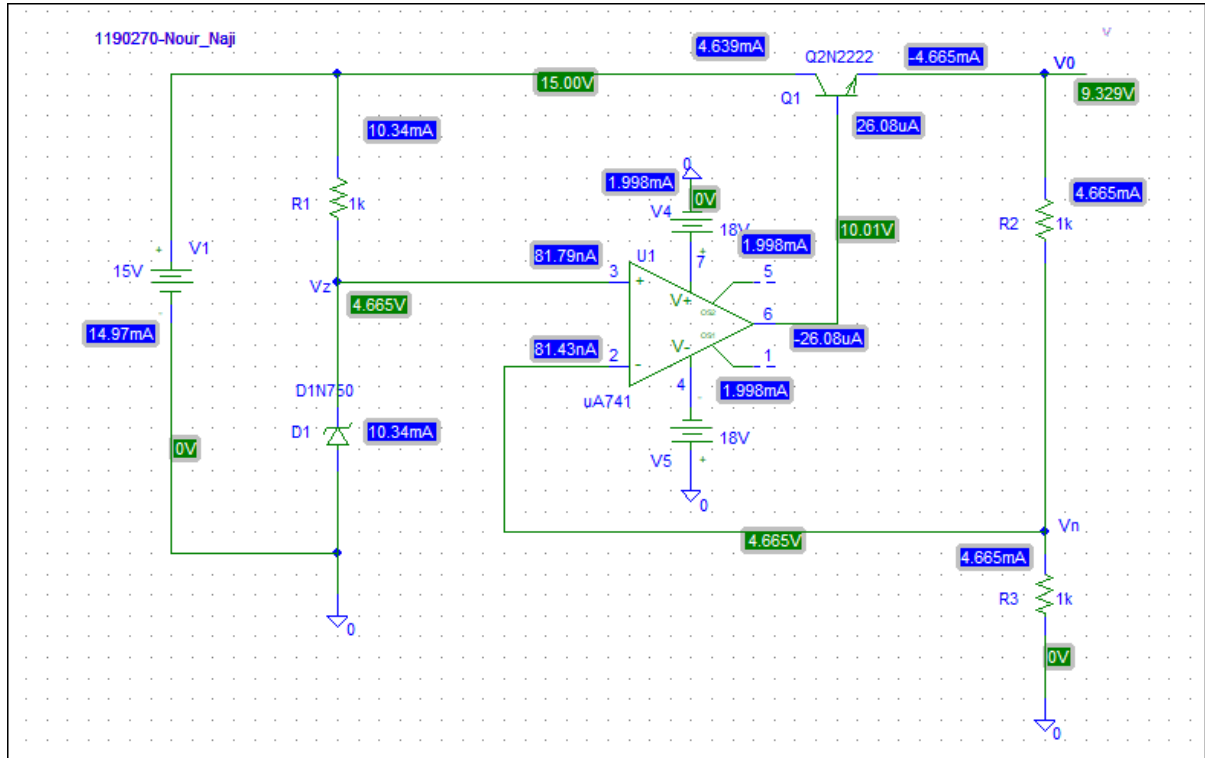
- Voltage across RL after applying DC sweep for it, and the input voltage is 10 V:



## 2. THE VOLTAGE REGULATED POWER SUPPLY.

### 2.1 Opamp series voltage regulator

- Circuit using PSpice and Bias point analysis



From the bias point analysis of the circuit:

- $V_o = 9.329v$
- $V_z = 4.665v$

How  $V_o$  and  $V_z$  are related to each other?

The Relation between the output voltage and the Zener voltage  $(R_1=R_2=1k)$

- $I_{R1} = I_{R2} = I$
- $V_o = V_{R1} + V_{R2}$
- $V_{R2} = V_z \Rightarrow I = \frac{V_z}{R_2}$

$$- V_{(+)} = V_{(-)} \Rightarrow \begin{cases} V_{(+)} = V_z \\ V_{(-)} = \frac{R_2}{R_2 + R_1} \cdot V_o \end{cases}$$

$$\Rightarrow V_z = \frac{R_2}{R_1 + R_2} \cdot V_o$$

$$\Rightarrow V_o = V_z \left[ 1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right]$$

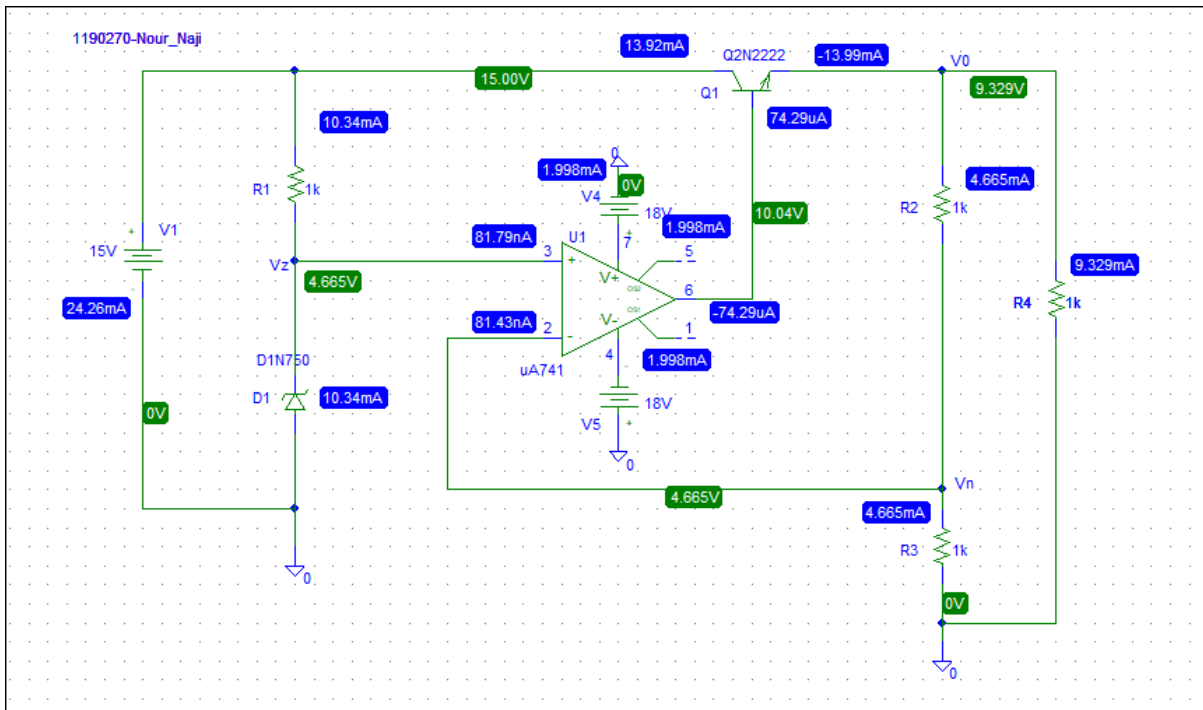
$$\hookrightarrow V_z = 4.665V$$

$$\Rightarrow V_o = 4.665 \left[ 1 + \frac{1k}{1k} \right] = 9.33V \quad \checkmark$$

- ❖ From this equation  $V_o = V_z \left[ 1 + \frac{R_1}{R_2} \right]$ , we conclude that  $V_o$  voltage is directly proportional to the Zener voltage. As far as the Zener voltage remains stable,  $V_o$  also remains stable.
- ❖  $V_o$ , is not possible to exceed  $V_1$ . It can be almost as much high as  $V_1$  when  $T_1$  saturates, but no more than this.  $V_o$  could not also be lower than  $V_z$ . That's why  $V_z < V_o < V_1$ .

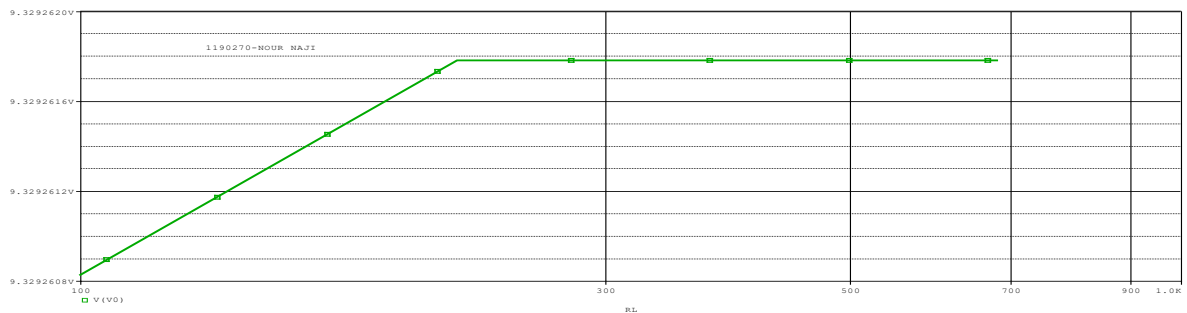
Attach a 1k load resistor to the output

⇒ Circuit using PSpice :

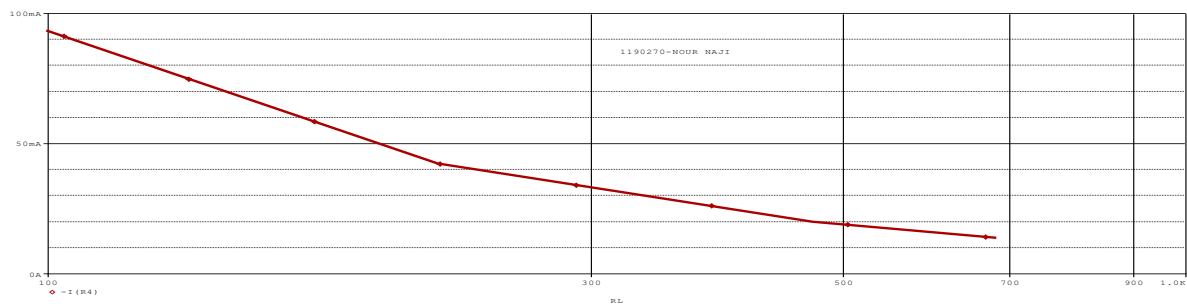


- $V_o = 9.329 \text{ v}$
- $I_o = 9.329 \text{ mA}$  → which is obtained from the relation  $I_o = \frac{V_o}{R_4} = \frac{9.329}{1\text{K}}$
- Applying DC sweep for the Load Resistor (RL):

$V_o$ :



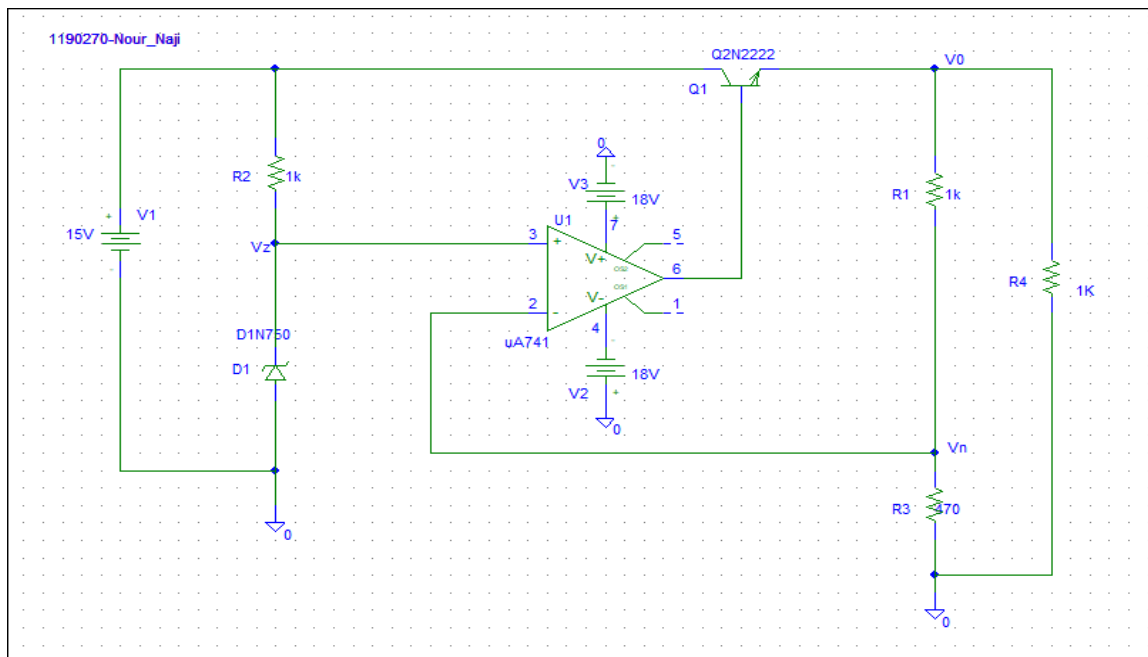
$I_o$ :



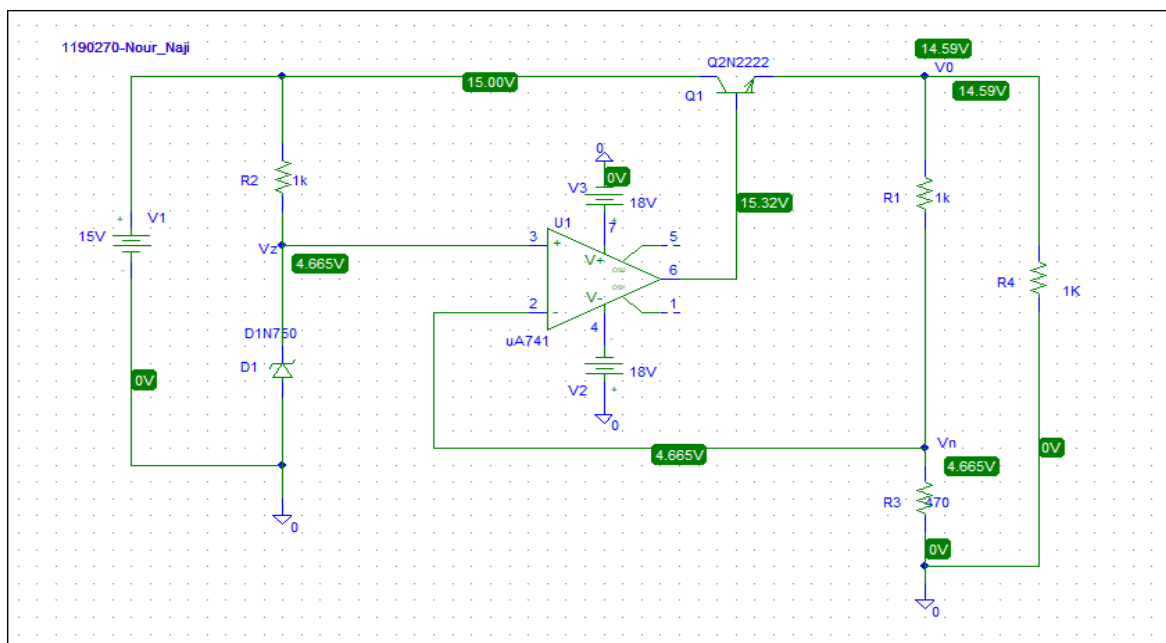


- $R_L = 1\text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 470\ \Omega$ :

⇒ Circuit using PSpice



- Bias point analysis:

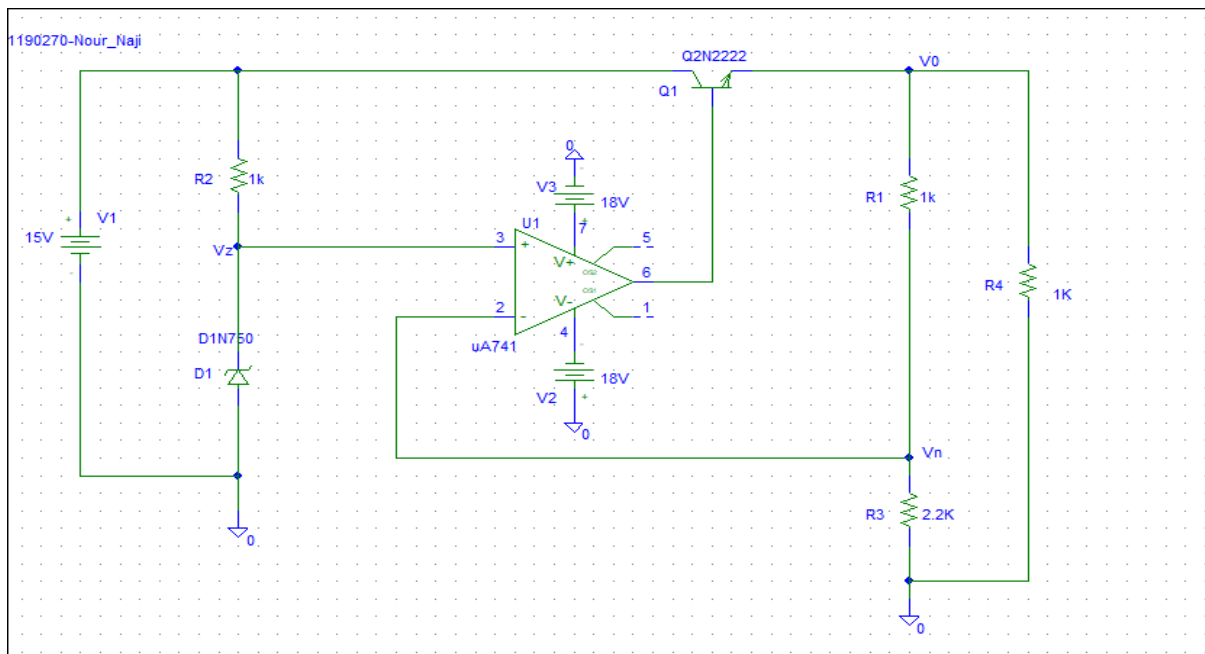


⇒ The output voltage ( $V_o$ ) = 14.59 V, and the voltage across the Zener ( $V_z$ )= 4.665 V.

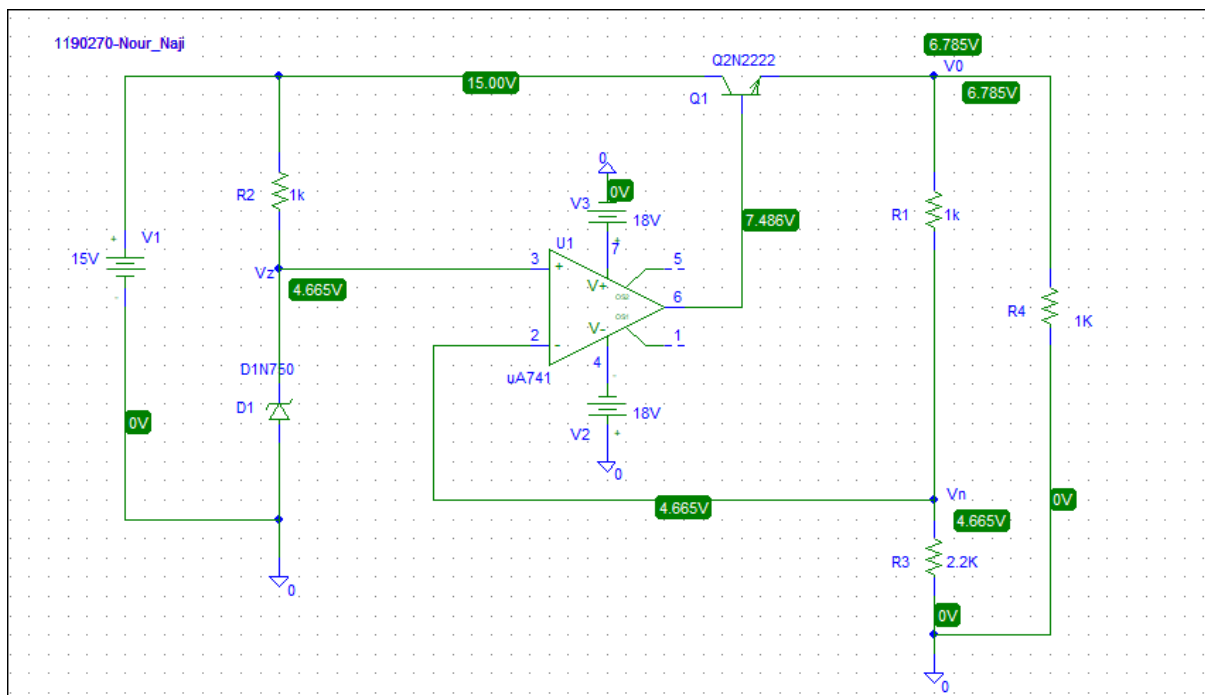
⇒  $V_o = V_z \left[ 1 + \frac{R_2}{R_3} \right] = V_o = 4.665 \left[ 1 + \frac{1\text{K}\Omega}{470\Omega} \right] = 14.59\text{V}.$

- $R_L = 1\text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 2.2\text{ k}\Omega$ :

⇒ Circuit using PSpice



- Bias point analysis:

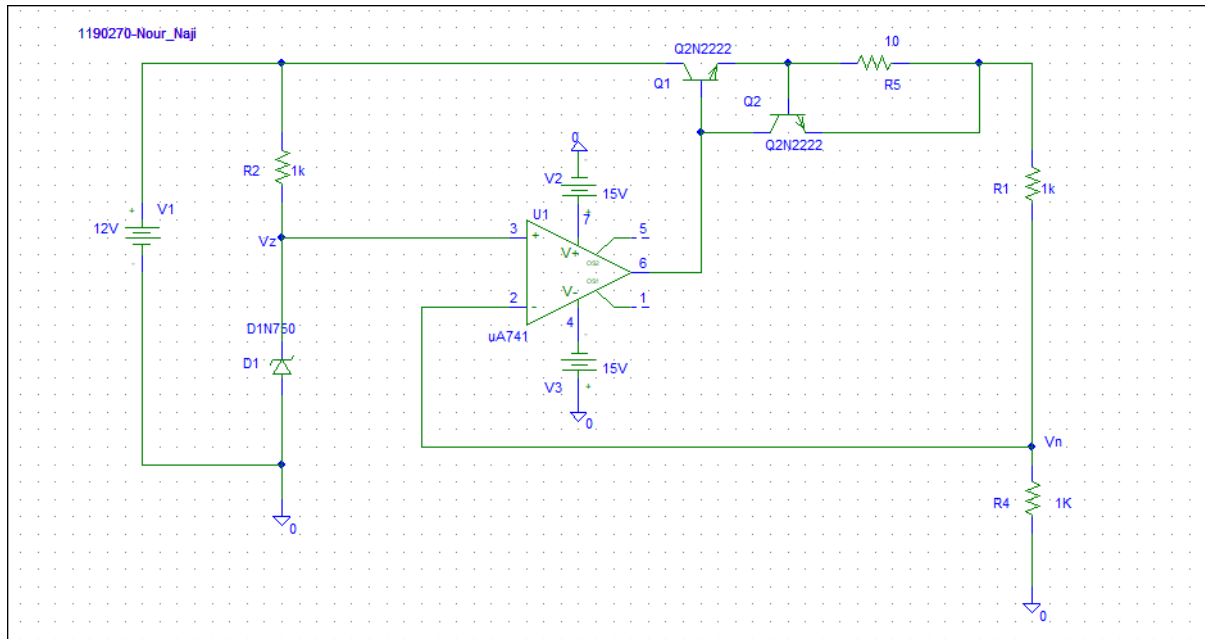


⇒ The output voltage ( $V_o$ ) = 6.785V, and the voltage across the Zener ( $V_z$ ) = 4.665 V.

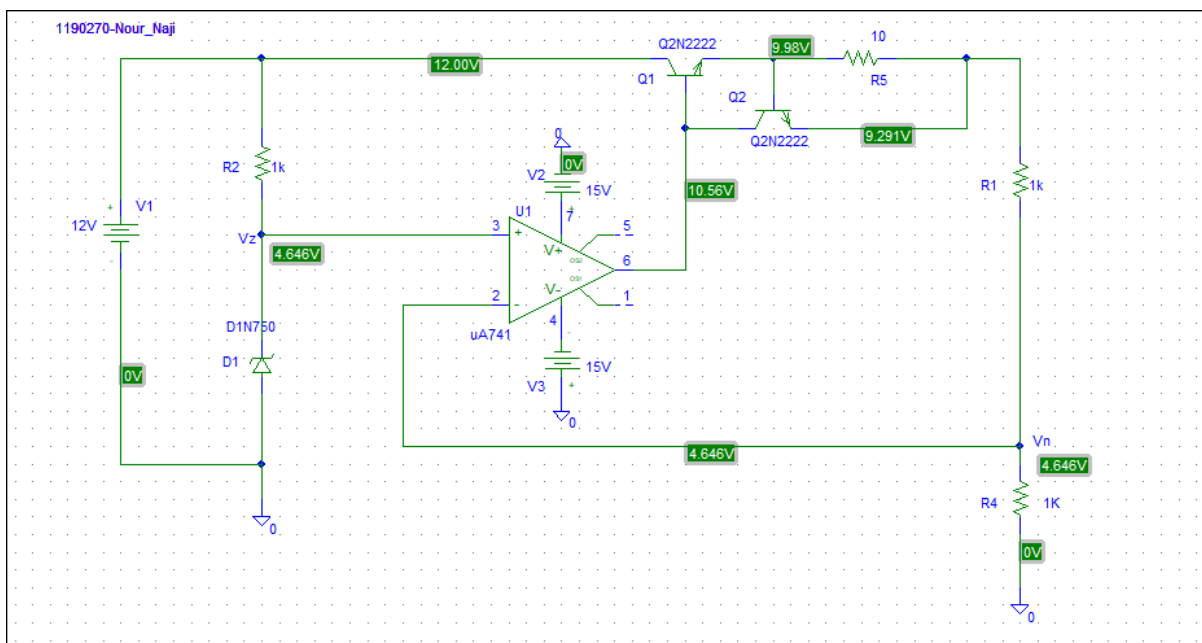
$$\Rightarrow V_o = V_z \left[ 1 + \frac{R_2}{R_3} \right] = V_o = 4.665 \left[ 1 + \frac{1\text{K}\Omega}{2.2\text{K}\Omega} \right] = 6.7854.$$

## 2.2 Opamp series voltage regulator with current limit

- Circuit using PSpice:



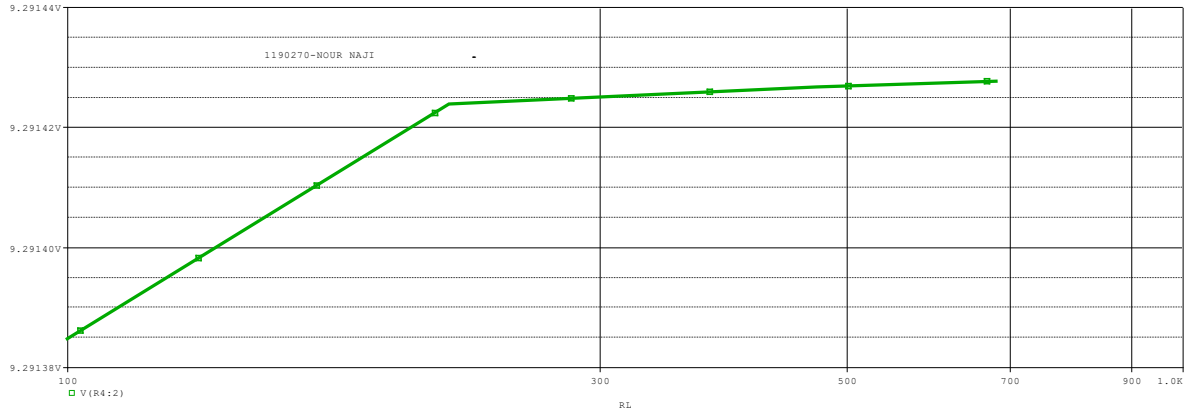
- Bias point analysis:



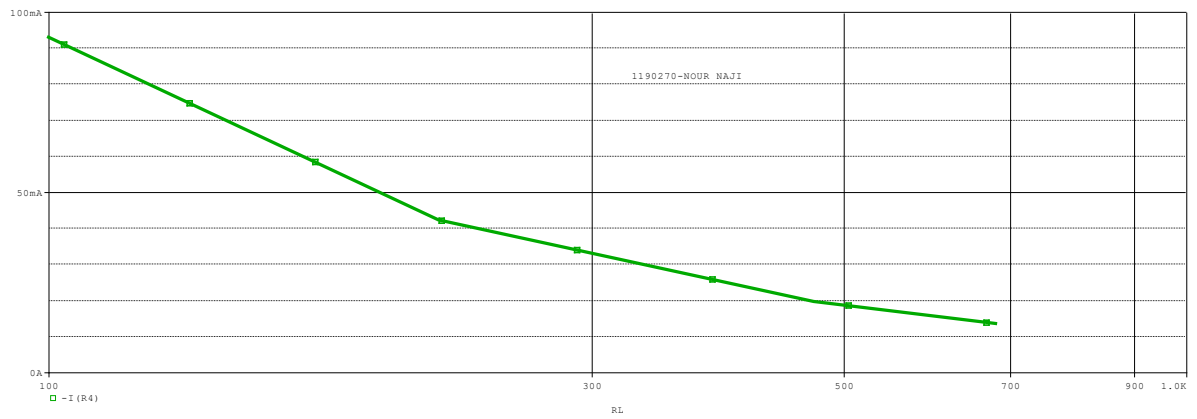
⇒ The output voltage ( $V_o$ ) = 9.291 V

- Applying DC sweep for Load Resistor (RL):

Vo:

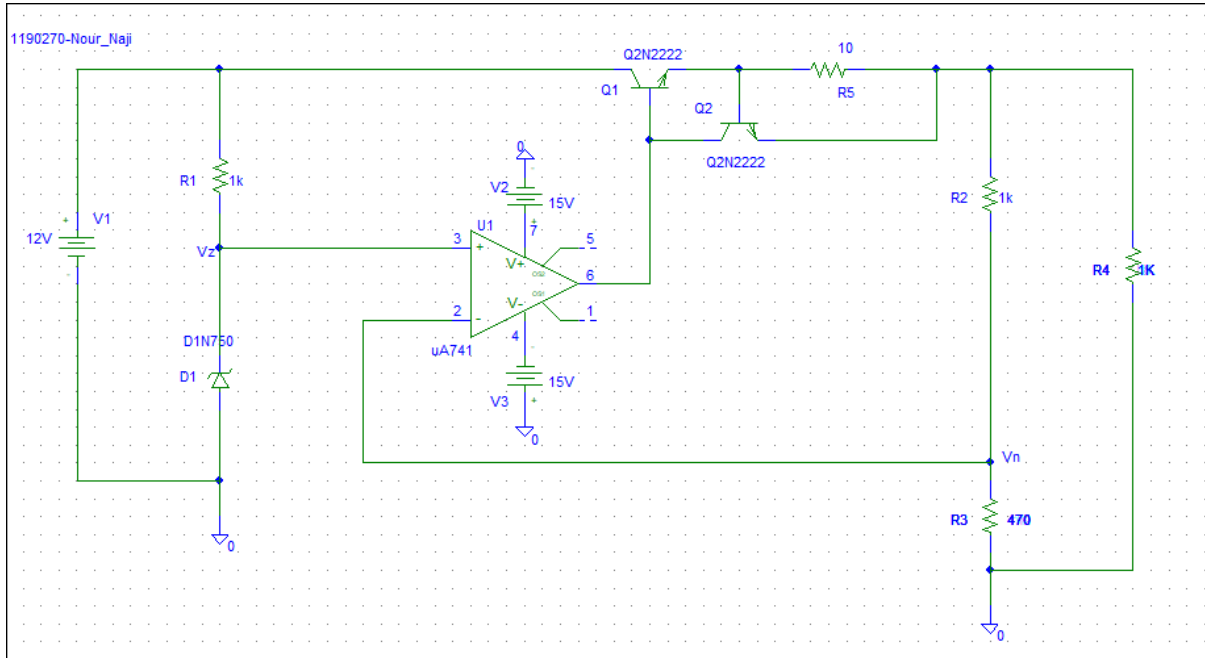


Io:

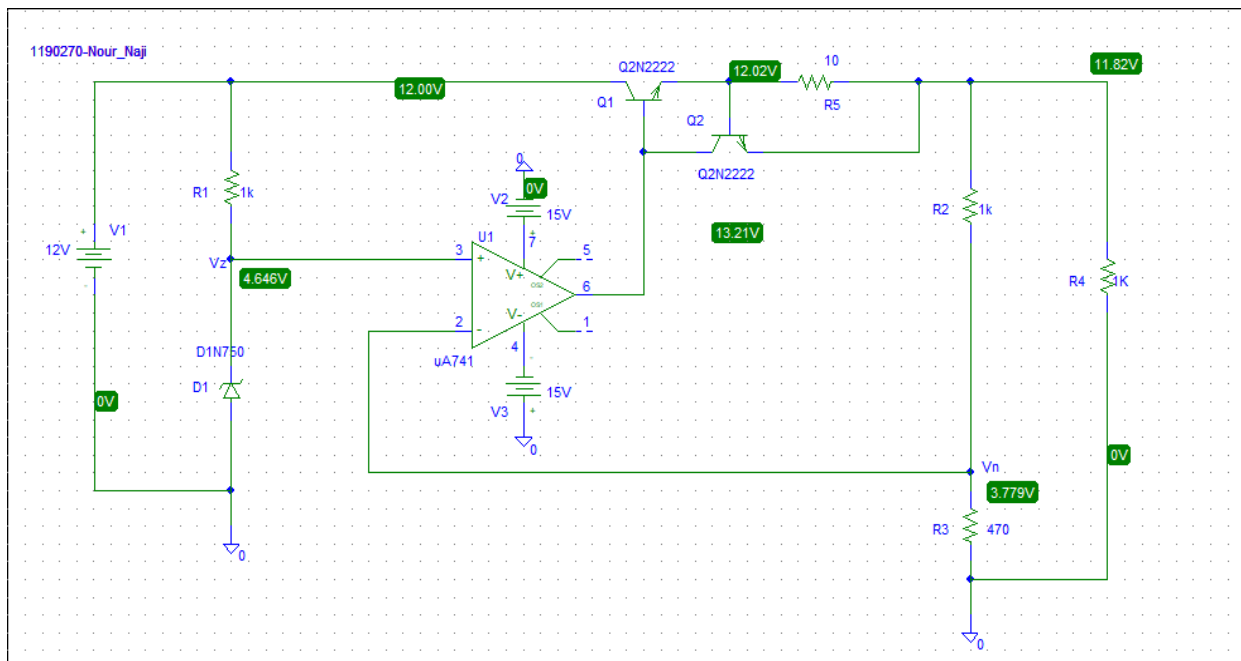


- $R_L = 1\text{ k}\Omega$ ,  $R_3 = 470\ \Omega$ :

- Circuit using PSpice:



- Bias point analysis:



⇒ The output voltage ( $V_o$ ) = 11.82 V