

# CE3101 Lab 8: Voltage Regulator

## Objectives

- Combine rectifier and OpAmp circuits to build a variable voltage regulator

## Prelab

- Checkout needed components from the Tech Center

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## Assignment

Part 1: Simulate: Design a 5V regulator. Use the regulator example from the notes

- a) Reuse your rectifier from Lab3 – part 3, but with a 20v P-P (+/-10V 0-Pk) sine wave input (your regulated output should be around 8.6V)
- b) Use a UA741 opamp and a 2N3904 NPN transistor for the active components
- c) Reference the design to Gnd (VCC- on the opamp = gnd)

Part 2: Build: Build your regulator.

- a) You will need to use the benchtop signal generator for the rectifier input– the AD2 cannot support the 20v P-P signal
- b) Use the AD2 Supply Voltage output for the 1.2V reference
- c) Measure the ripple in the output voltage

Part 3: Build: Modify your regulator.

- a) Replace 1 resistor in your design with a potentiometer
- b) Determine the maximum and minimum viable output voltage (50mV ripple)

## Check Off

- Demo and document part 1 30%
- Demo and document part 2 30%
- Demo and document part 3 40%

**Demo (in-person or via Teams chat) and Report (in the box) due by 4:00 pm  
Wednesday of the week following the lab.**