Chapter 4

The Trial Balance

What is a trial balance?

- O A trial balance is list of all debit and credit balances of ledger accounts at the end of a period.
- O This is to test the arithmetical accuracy of **double entries** made in ledger accounts.
- O This is not a <u>ledger</u> account. It is simply a list of all the balances of the ledger accounts at the <u>end</u> of a period.

Trial Balance as at (the closing date of a period)			
	Dr	Cr	
	\$	\$	
Titles of ledger accounts	XXX	XXX	

O If the principles of **double entry** have been correctly applied to the recording of transactions in **ledger** accounts, then at the end of a period, the total debit balances will equal that of **credit** balances.

Preparation of a trial balance

O If the totals of all <u>debit</u> and <u>credit</u> balances extracted from the ledger accounts are equal, the trial balance



O Conversely, a trial balance is said to be **disagree** if the totals of all debit and credit balances are not equal.



Exhibit 4.1 A comprehensive example

D Fong commenced his business on 1 April 2013. All the transactions made in April 2013 had been entered in ledger accounts, and all the accounts were balanced off at the end of the month.

Step 1: Extract the closing balances of ledger accounts

Step 2 : List the debit/credit balances in the debit/credit column with their account titles shown in the first column



第 4 章

試算表

試算表是甚麼?

- O 試算表是一份清單,用以列出期末所有分類帳帳戶的 餘額。
- O 試算表是用以測試分類帳帳戶的<u>複式記帳</u>的運算準確 性。
- O 試算表並非<u>分類帳</u>帳戶,它只是一份清單,用以列出 期末所有分類帳帳戶的餘額。

試算表於(期末)	日期)	
	借方	貸方
	\$	\$
分類帳帳戶名稱	XXX	XXX

O 如果企業在分類帳帳戶記帳時正確地運用複式記帳原 則,那麼在期末的借方餘額總和便會等於貸方餘額總 和。

編製試算表

O 如果分類帳帳戶的<u>借方</u>和<u>貸方</u>餘額總和相等,試算表 便會**平衡**。



O 相反,如果帳戶的借方和貸方餘額總和不相等,我們 便稱之為試算表**不平衡**。



示例 4.1 詳盡例子

方先生的企業在 2013 年 4 月 1 日開始運作。企業在 2013 年 4 月份的交易已記錄在分類帳帳戶內,而企業亦已在 月底結平所有帳戶。

第 1 步 : 找出各個分類帳帳戶的期末餘額

第 2 步 : 把借方/貸方餘額列在借方/貸方欄,並在第 一欄展示所屬帳戶名稱。

 2013 年
 \$ 2013 年
 \$ 2013 年
 \$ 90,000

 4月 30日 餘額轉下
 90,000
 4月 1日 銀行存款
 90,000

 5月 1日 餘額承上
 90,000

 該算表,於 2013 年 4 月 30 日
 借方(\$) 貸方(\$)

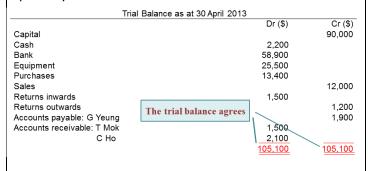
 資本
 90,000

2013		- 1-		
2013	\$	sh 2013		\$
Apr 3 Sales	1,800	Apr 28	G Yeung	1,700
" 10 Sales	2,100	" 30	Balance c/d	2,200
	3,900			3,900
May 1 Balance b/d	2,200			
	Trial Balance as	at 30 April		
Capital			Dr (\$)	Cr (\$) 90,000
Cash			2,200	
	Ba			
2013 Apr 1 Capital	90,000	2013 Apr 2	Equipment	\$ 25,500
" 28 T Mok	3,000	" 26	A Wong	8,600
		" 30	Balance c/d	58,900
May 4 Dalamas h/d	93,000			93,000
May 1 Balance b/d	58,900			
	Trial Balance as	at 30 April 2	2013 Dr (\$)	Cr (\$)
Capital				90,000
Cash <mark>Bank</mark>			2,200 58,900	
	F=:-	ment		
2013	Equip \$	2013		\$
Apr 2 Bank	25,500	Apr 30	Balance c/d	25,500
May 1 Balance b/d	25,500			
	Trial Balance as	at 30 April 2		C= (6)
Capital			Dr (\$)	Cr (\$) 90,000
Cash			2,200	
Bank Equipment			58,900 25,500	
-4			20,000	
2013	Purcl \$	nases 2013		\$
Apr 2 A Wong	9,000	Apr 30	Balance c/d	13,400
" 3 G Yeung	2,500			
" 18 G Yeung	1,900 13,400			13,400
May 1 Balance b/d	13,400			
	Trial Balance as	at 30 April	2013	
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			Dr (\$)	
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Capital Cash Bank			2,200 58,900	
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2013 年		現 \$	金 2013 年		
4月 3日	銷貨	1,800	4月 28日	楊先生	1,700
4月 10日	銷貨	<u>2,100</u>	4月 30日	餘額轉下	<u>2,200</u>
5 H 4 H	餘額承上	3,900 2,200			<u>3,900</u>
3月 1日	跡領净上	2,200			
		試算表,於201	3年4月30	Ħ	
		D-191-DC 31	1 /4	借方 (\$)	貸方 (\$)
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2013 年		<u> </u>	存款 2013 年		\$
4月 1日	資本	90,000	4月 2日	設備	25,500
4月 28日	莫先生	3,000	4月 26日 4月 30日	黃女士 餘額轉下	8,600 <u>58,900</u>
		93,000	1,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,	MO DOCTO 1	93,000
5月 1日	餘額承上	58,900			
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-2e-t-				借方 (\$)	貸方 (\$)
資本 現金				2,200	90,000
銀行存款				58,900	
		設	備		
2013年	组合与参	\$ 25.500	2013年	会 全分 行制制"工"	\$ 25.500
4月 2日	銀行存款	25,500	4月 30日	餘額轉下	25,500
5月 1日	餘額承上	25,500			
		試算表,於20	13年4月3		Atom (A)
資本				借方 (\$)	貸方 (\$) 90,000
現金				2,200	,
銀行存款設備				58,900 25,500	
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2013年			貨 2013 年		\$
4月 2日	黄女士	9,000	4月 30日	餘額轉下	13,400
4月 3日 4月 18日	楊先生 楊先生	2,500 1,900			
./,	120 7 U.L.	13,400			13,400
5月 1日	餘額承上	13,400			
		試算表,於201	I3年4月30	DΒ	
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資本 現金				2,200	90,000
銀行存款				58,900	
設備				25,500 13,400	
購貨			r.ch	13,400	
2013 年		<u></u>	<u>貨</u> 2013 年		\$
4月 30日	餘額轉下	12,000	4月 3日 4月 10日	現金	1,800
			4月 10日	現金 莫先生	2,100 5,900
		12,000	4月 22日	何女士	<u>2,200</u> 12,000
		12,000	5月 1日	餘額承上	12,000
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		wythan II, 20	/ . / . / . / . /	借方 (\$)	貸方 (\$)
資本 現金				2,200	90,000
現立 銀行存款				58,900	
設備				25,500 13,400	
購貨 銷貨				13,400	12,000
		銷貨	退回		
2013年	苔生生	\$	2013年	会全分百亩亩 □□*	1 500
4月 23日 4月 25日	莫先生 何女士	1,400 100	4月 30日	餘額轉下	1,500
	•	1,500			1,500
5月 1日	餘額承上	1,500			
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資本				借方 (\$)	貸方 (\$) 90,000
現金				2,200	
銀行存款 設備				58,900 25,500	
購貨				13,400	
銷貨				4 500	12,000
銷貨退回				1,500	

Step 3:

Add up the debit balances and the credit balances separately

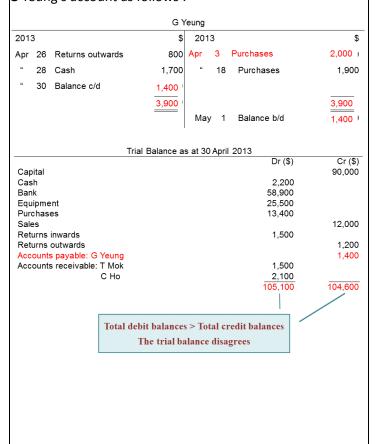


Functions of a trial balance

- O To detect errors made in the recording of transactions by checking whether the totals of **debit** and **credit** balances extracted from ledger accounts are equal.
- To facilitate the preparation of <u>financial statements</u> at the end of an accounting period.

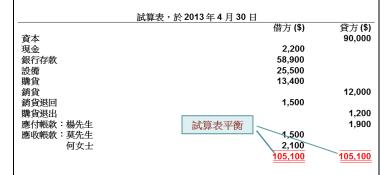
Exhibit 4.1 Detecting errors by preparing a trail balance

Suppose in Exhibit 4.1, the credit purchase from G Yeung on 3 April 2013 was correctly entered as \$2,500 in the purchases account, but incorrectly entered as \$2,000 in G Yeung's account as follows:



第 3 步:

分別計算借方餘額和貸方餘額的總和



試算表的功能

- O 透過檢查分類帳帳戶的<u>借方</u>餘額總和是否等於<u>貸方</u>餘額總和,企業可知道記帳時有沒有出錯。
- O 方便企業在期末編製**財務報表**。

示例 4.2 透過編製試算表檢查帳目有沒有出錯

假設在示例 4.1 中,企業在 2013 年 4 月 3 日向楊先生賒購的交易,已正確地把交易金額\$2,500 記錄在購貨帳戶內。但是,在楊先生的帳戶上,交易的金額卻誤記為\$2,000,如下所示:



Limitations of a trial balance

- O A trial balance is not able to detect <u>all</u> bookkeeping errors
- O Errors may still exist even if the trial balance agrees.

Exhibit 4.3 Errors exist even if the trial balance agrees

Suppose in Exhibit 4.1, the credit purchase of goods from G Yeung on 18 April 2013 was incorrectly entered in A Wong's account as follows:

	A Wong			
2013	\$ 2013	\$		
Apr 6 Returns outwards	400 Apr 2 Purchases	9,000		
" 26 Bank	8,600 " 18 Purchases	1,900		
" 30 Balance c/d	_1,900			
	10,900	10,900		
	'			
	G Yeung			
2013	\$ 2013	\$		
Apr 26 Returns outwards	800 Apr 3 Purchases	2,500		
" 28 Cash	1,700			
	2,500	2,500		
Trial Ba	alance as at 30 April 2013			
	Dr (\$)	Cr (\$)		
Capital		90,000		
Cash	2,200			
Bank	58,900			
Equipment	25,500			
Purchases	13,400			
Sales		12,000		
Returns inwards	1,500			
Returns outwards		1,200		
Accounts payable: A Wong		1,900		
Accounts receivable: T Mok	1,500			
С Но	2,100			
	105,100	105,100		
The trial balance still agrees				
even if an error was made.				

試算表的限制

- O 試算表不能幫助我們識別<u>所有</u>記帳錯誤。
- O 即使試算表平衡,帳簿中仍可能**出現**記帳錯誤。

示例 4.3 即使有記帳錯誤,試算表也可能平衡

假設在示例 4.1 中,企業在 2013 年 4 月 18 日向楊先生賒購的交易,誤記在黃女士的帳戶,如下所示:

