

## §11.4 The Comparison Tests

- **Who :**  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} a_n$ ,  $a_n > 0, \forall n$  (或從某項以後恆正/恆負)  
(即對象為 essentially positive or negative series.)
- **What :**
  1. 減法比較：
    - (i).  $a_n \geq b_n$  and  $\sum a_n$  converges  $\Rightarrow \sum b_n$  converges.
    - (ii).  $a_n \geq b_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  diverges  $\Rightarrow \sum a_n$  diverges.
  2. 除法比較：
    - (i).  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = c > 0$  (尾巴的速度相同)  
 $\Rightarrow$  Both  $\sum a_n$  and  $\sum b_n$  converge or diverge.
    - (ii).  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = 0$  ( $a_n$  跑到 0 的速度比較快)  
 $\left\{ \begin{array}{l} \text{If } \sum b_n \text{ converges} \Rightarrow \sum a_n \text{ converges.} \\ \text{If } \sum a_n \text{ diverges} \Rightarrow \sum b_n \text{ diverges.} \end{array} \right.$

\* 註記：若  $\lim_{n \rightarrow \infty} \frac{a_n}{b_n} = \infty$  ( $b_n$  跑到 0 速度比  $a_n$  快)，可得類似結論。

**Example 1 :**

- i.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2 - n - 1}$   $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2}$  Conv.
- ii.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{\sqrt{n(n+1)(n+2)}}$   $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{3}{2}}}$  Conv.
- iii.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n^3}{2^n}$   $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{2^n}$  Conv.
- iv.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \sin \frac{1}{n}$   $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  Div.
- v.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{n+5}{\sqrt[3]{n^7 + n^2}}$   $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{\frac{4}{3}}}$  Conv.
- vi.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^{1+\frac{1}{n}}}$   $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n}$  Div.
- vii.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{\ln n}{\sqrt{ne^n}}$   $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{e^n}$  Conv.
- viii.  $\sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \tan^{-1}\left(\frac{1}{1+n^2}\right)$  Conv.

**Example 2 :**

If  $\sum a_n$  converges, where  $a_n > 0$ , is it true that  $\sum \sin a_n$  is also convergent?

**Solution :**

Yes.

Since  $a_n \rightarrow 0$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

And  $\frac{\sin a_n}{a_n} \rightarrow 1$  as  $n \rightarrow \infty$ .

$\Rightarrow \sum \sin a_n$  converges.

**Example 3 :**

If  $\sum a_n, \sum b_n$  are both convergent series with positive terms, is it true that  $\sum a_n b_n$  is also convergent?

**Solution :**

Yes.

For  $a_n \rightarrow 0$  and  $b_n \rightarrow 0$ .

and  $a_n b_n$  approaches 0 even faster than  $a_n$  (or  $b_n$ ).

$\Rightarrow \sum a_n b_n$  converges.