

Math 203
Worksheet 8b

Part B

The Asparagus Cooperative and the Broccoli Conglomerate have reported the following earnings for the past 8 years (in millions):

Year	A	B
1998	5.2	3.4
1999	5.8	3.5
2000	6.4	4.5
2001	4.7	5.4
2002	4.5	5.5
2003	4.6	4.4
2004	4.8	4.2
2005	4.6	3.9

1. Decide on what kind(s) of comparison graph(s) is best for this data, and create it (them).
2. Describe any trends you see, and any sharp deviations from the trend.
3. In what year did each company experience its greatest increase in earnings?
4. In what year did each company experience its greatest decrease in earnings?
5. One year the Broccoli Conglomerate launched a long price war and undercut the Asparagus Cooperative's prices to gain market share. What year does the data suggest this occurred in?