

# BUSINESS GRAPHS 99

For the TI-99/4A

Pie Charts -- Bar Graphs -- Line Graphs

Totally Menu Driven !!

From Data to Copy in Minutes !!

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Professional

FOR THE TI-99/4A

Requires Disk System and 32K with  
Editor/Assembler or EXTENDED BASIC.  
RS232 and 99/4 Printer Optional.

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## **I. SYSTEM REQUIREMENTS.**

### **A. Minimum requirements to run Business Graphs 99:**

- 1. TI-99/4A (TM) Microcomputer.**
- 2. 32K Memory Expansion.**
- 3. Disk Drive and Controller.**
- 4. Editor Assembler or Extended BASIC.**

### **B. Optional Equipment.**

- 1. RS232 Card or 100% compatible port.**
- 2. TI 99/4 (TM) Impact Printer or 100% compatible printer.**

### **C. Updates.**

If sufficient demand is established additional loaders, printer drivers and options may be available in updated versions of Business Graphs 99. See update policy in section VII.

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## II. BOOTING BUSINESS GRAPHS 99.

### A. Initial.

1. Please make a copy of your Business Graphs 99 system disk using the Disk Manager II (TM) or other suitable copy program. \$\$\$ NOTE: Business Graphs 99 makes use of the disk name BG-99 so your disk MUST be named BG-99 or the overlay system will not work properly.
  
2. Using the Editor/Assembler (TM) to boot.
  - a. Select Editor/Assembler option from the menu screen.
  - b. Select Load and Run option ( #3 ) from the Editor Assembler option screen.
  - c. Place Business Graphs 99 system disk in drive 1.
  - d. Type DSK1.BG/99 and press <ENTER>.
  - e. The Business Graphs 99 title screen will appear followed by the main menu.
  
3. Using EXTENDED BASIC.
  - a. To boot from the Title Screen:  
Insert the Business Graphs 99 system disk. Select 2. EXTENDED BASIC Business Graphs 99 will automatically boot.
  - b. To boot from EXTENDED BASIC type:  
RUN "DSK1.LOAD" and press <ENTER>.
  - c. The Business Graphs 99 title screen will appear followed by the main menu.

\$\$\$NOTE: The EXTENDED BASIC loader is slower than the Editor/Assembler loader but the program executes the at the same speed under either cartridge.

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**B. BUSINESS GRAPHS 99 OPERATIONS.**

1. Menu driven programs consist of a series of menus or option lists so no programming or key words are necessary to achieve results. The menu system of Business Graphs 99 lets you type data and menu choices at various points to create your graphs.
2. Editing with Business Graphs 99 is simple. The underline character "\_" is used as the cursor. The left arrow or <FCTN><S> key combination is used to backspace. <ENTER> is used to enter data after typing it in. <FCTN><9> or "BACK" is used to move backward through the menus. <FCTN><=> "QUIT" is only activated at the main menu and returns control to the TI System monitor ( COLOR BAR SCREEN ).
3. Overlays are used to swap in and out the 3 major sections of the Business Graphs 99 program. These overlays call a section of the program in from disk drive 1. In multiple drive systems this works best if the system disk is left in drive 1. In single disk systems you will need to swap your data disk in and out when choosing a new type of graph (i.e. going from PIE to LINE). If you should forget, an error message will appear. If this should happen just press a key, swap disks and try again.
4. At the Business Graphs 99 Main Menu, you may change the screen color by typing <CNTL><X>. You may change the foreground color by typing <CNTL><Z>.

### III. PIE CHARTS.

#### Main Menu.

Business Graphs 99 Main Menu ( QUIT to Exit )

1. New Graph (pie) 3. Bran Current Graph
2. Edit Current Graph 4. Print Current Graph

By typing the number key corresponding to your choice Business Graphs 99 will perform the requested action or display another menu, as appropriate.

Each of the following sections will explain a action or menu performed by Business Graphs 99. To move back to the Main Menu press <FCTN><9> or "BACK".

One caution: The current version of the program requires you press option "1. New Graph" when you begin the session or whenever you swap in an overlay (i.e. change to BAR or LINE graphs).

1. New Graph (this must be chosen first)

New Graph Type (Insert BG Disk)

- A. Pie Graph B. Bar Graph
- C. Line Graph D. Exit

Choose A Graph Type \_

The New Graph menu allows you to clear the current data from the memory or to "swap-in" the LINE or BAR graph programs or EXIT from the menu without damaging your current graph. The subtitle of the menu says (Insert BG Disk) because when you "swap-in" the LINE or BAR graph overlays the Business Graphs 99 systems disk must be drive 1 or the "Device Error" message will appear. If this message appears press a key insert the BG disk and try again. The New Graph Menu functions are as follows:

- A. Pie Graph (begin editing Pie Graph).
- B. Line Graph (swaps in Line Graphs).
- C. Bar Graph (swaps in Bar Graphs).
- D. Exit (Leave New Graph Menu).

## 2. Edit Current Graph.

The choice of "2. Edit Current Graph" automatically begins the Pie Graph editing cycle which consists of 2 parts: editing the titles and number of slices, and editing the data for each slice. Shown below are the two editing screens which will allow you to type in your choice for title, number of slices and shade for each slice in the graph.

### Edit Titles.

Title of Graph  
 Subtitle Below Graph  
 Number of Slices (2-6)  
 Select -- Press Enter

The "Title" of the graph will be displayed above the graph both on the screen when the graph is drawn and on paper when printed. The "Subtitle" is displayed below the graph. The Pie program allows two to six slices. When the prompt screen above appears you will see the cursor "\_" either in a blank field or at the end of a previous entry. Just type in your desired entry for the field and press enter. The cursor will move to the next field. If you make an error use <FCTN><S> <-- to backspace and type over. When the cursor stops and does not allow any more entry, you have reached the end of the field width. If you see an error in a previous field, you may re-enter the Edit Current Graph cycle from the Main Menu later without loss of data.

### Edit Slices.

Label for Slice  
 Value for Slice (1-999)  
 Color or Shade (0-20)  
 Explode Slice (Y or N)

The "Slice" editing screen will appear a number of times corresponding to the number of slices you choose to include in your pie graph. The fields are completed same as in "Title" editing above. Shades above 7 are colors. (For best results answer "Y" to "explode" slices when using "color" (which is only "color" on color VDT's.))

3. Draw Current Graph (draws the pie chart).

4. Print Current Graph.

The print option allows you to name the device you will be printing your graph on as well as compensate for the "aspect ratio" found on many printers. You may also stop the printer before the entire graph has printed by pressing <FCTN><4> "CLEAR".

**Pie Printer Menu (BACK to Exit)**

1. Device Name :
2. Aspect Ratio Is Y:
3. Print ( <FCTN><4> Abort)

1. Device Name is the name your system uses addressing the printer. My system is set up as RB232.BA=4800.CR.TW . You must turn off the automatic linefeed carriage return pair which is sent to the printer so that the graphics can be printed (i.e. CR). I use TW to send two stop bits to my printer.
2. Aspect Ratio will allow you to adjust for the fact that a circle drawn on the screen or in the RAM of the computer looks like a football on the printer. My printer will draw close to round using an aspect ratio of X:50 Y:55. Feel free to experiment but the program will only compensate for X-axis aspect.
3. Print will print the graph and draw it on the screen also. To stop the printing early press the <FCTN><4> or "CLEAR" keys. Now you will need to type in the "blind" (i.e. no characters will show on the screen) to restart the program. Press <ENTER> then type BB-99<ENTER>. If the Main Menu comes up you can continue without losing data. Otherwise turn the computer off and restart.

## IV. LINE GRAPHS.

### Main Menu.

Business Graphs 99 Main Menu (QUIT to Exit)

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|-----------------------|--------|------------------------|
| 1. New Graph          | (line) | 4. Draw Current Graph  |
| 2. Get Old Graph      |        | 5. Save Current Graph  |
| 3. Edit Current Graph |        | 6. Print Current Graph |

By typing the number key corresponding to your choice Business Graphs 99 will perform the requested action or display another menu, as appropriate.

Each of the following sections will explain an action or menu performed by Business Graphs 99. To move back to the Main Menu press <FCTN><9> or "BACK" at most any point in the program.

One caution, the current version of the program requires you press option "1. New Graph" when you begin using Line or whenever you swap in an overlay (i.e. change to BAR or PIE graphs).

### 1. New Graph (this must be chosen first)

New Graph Type (Insert 80 Disk)

- |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| A. Pie Graph  | C. Bar Graph |
| B. Line Graph | D. Exit      |

Choose A Graph Type B.

The New Graph menu allows you to clear the data or garbage from the memory or to "swap-in" the PIE or BAR graph programs or Exit from the menu without damaging the current graph you are working on. The title of the menu says (Insert 80 Disk) because when you "swap-in" the PIE or BAR graph overlays the Business Graphs 99 systems disk must be drive 1 or the "Device Error" message will appear. If this message appears press a key insert the 80 disk and try again. The New Graph Menu functions are as follows:

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|----|--|
| A. | Pie Graph (swaps in the PIE Graph).      |
| B. | Line Graph (Begins Editing Line Graphs). |
| C. | Bar Graph (swaps in Bar Graphs).         |
| D. | Exit (Leave New Graph Menu).             |



## 2. Get Old Graph

Business Graphs 99 can save and retrieve ASCII files which represent the data items (records) for either line or bar graphs. For a line graph the program saves 100 data items (records) consisting of the fields DATA NUMBER, MIN VALUE, MAX VALUE, and IDENTIFICATION. The program will retrieve a file composed of from ten to one hundred data items. These data item files may be created by the Edit Current Graphs routines of Business Graphs 99 or by Microsoft Multiplan (TM) or any ASCII file generation program. See section VI for file parameters.

In order to save or retrieve a data item file you must use a properly initialized disk. Disk Manager II (TM) formatted disks will work. When you choose "2. Get Old Graph" or "5. Save Current Graph" the following menu appears.

### Save/Retrieve Graph (BACK to EXIT)

- A. Filename:
- B. Save Graph    D. Retrieve Graph
- C. DSK1 Directory

- A. Filename--you must enter a valid filename before you attempt to Save or Retrieve a graph file. The filename must be a proper filename including the drive specification (i.e. DSK1.OLDBGRAPH or DSK.BRAF.OLDBGRAPH).
- B. Save Graph--press "B." to save the current graph to the filename you chose in "A."
- C. DSK1 Directory--will show the directory of the disk in the #1 drive. When finished viewing the directory press any key to continue.
- D. Retrieve Graph--press "D." to read into memory a previously created graph with a filename entered in option "A. Filename".

### 3. Edit Current Graph.

The choice of "3. Edit Current Graph" automatically begins the Line Graph editing cycle which consists of 3 parts, editing the titles which are to appear on the graph, editing the ranges of the graph and editing data for the graph. Shown below is the main editing screen which will allow you to choose between editing titles, ranges or data .

#### EDITING MENU (Back to Exit)

- A. Edit Titles
- B. Edit Ranges
- C. Edit Data

- A. Edit Titles--brings up the title editing screen which allows you to enter new or edit current Titles above and below or horizontal and vertical to the graph.

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Title Above Graph      :
Subtitle Below Graph   :
Horizontal Axis Title  :
Vertical Axis Title    :
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- B. Edit Ranges--This screen controls the drawing and printing displays for the number, size and placement of the graphics which represent your data. By changing various elements of the range option you can create totally different graphic representations of the same data.

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Vertical Range ( -999 - 999) MIN:  MAX:
Horiz Display Begins At( 0-100 ):
Horiz Display Range( 1-100 ) MIN:  MAX:
Horiz Data Density ( 1-100 )      :
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1. Vertical Range--is the "zoom" function which sets the upper and lower boundaries of the display. (i.e. a data value of 10 looks much bigger in the vertical range of 1-20 than in the vertical range of 1-500. To start try MIN slightly lower than your lowest data value and MAX higher than your highest.

2. **Horizontal Display Begins at(0-100)--** lets you "center" or otherwise adjust your graph display from side to side for a more interesting effect. **\$\$NOTE:** this version of the program lets you "wrap" the data off the edge of the graph with sometimes unusual results.
  3. **Horizontal Display Range--**this choice lets your graph serve as a window on your database displaying all or part of the data items. **\$\$NOTE:** your display range should be equal to or less than your "data density" (see 4. below). For example, 12 data items are entered representing net and gross sales for 1983 using the data editing menu (see C. below). To show the entire 12 months your horizontal display range would be MIN: 1 MAX: 12, to display the first 3 months MIN: 1 MAX: 3 etc.
  4. **Horizontal Display Density--**controls proportional spacing between display items on the grid. **\$\$NOTE:** the display density should be equal to or greater than the number of displayed items chosen in "3. Horizontal Display Range".
- C. **Edit Data--**Your line graph is created from numbers and labels entered and stored in a database using the "Edit Data" function. Choosing "C. Edit Data" brings up the "Data Item Editing" menu which allows you to enter or edit a single data item (record) or enter or edit a number of records sequentially.

Data Item Editing(BACK to Exit)

- A. Edit Item 0(1-100):
- B. Sequential Editing at 0(1-100):

- A. **Edit Item #--**will allow you to choose the data item (record) which you wish to edit. (i.e. to edit or enter data for data item 1, type A then type 1 and <ENTER>).
- B. **Sequential Editing at #--**will begin an "editing loop" which will allow you to enter or edit data in the records without returning to this menu each time.

Press Enter to edit BACK to exit  
 Data Number (0-999):  
 Data (-999 -- 999) MIN: MAX:  
 Identification of Item:

With the choice of either A. or B. the screen seen above is displayed. Pressing <ENTER> will allow you to type in a "data number" of your own choice. This is not shown on the graph but will allow you to easily keep track of each record.

The "DATA" is a MIN and MAX value which will determine the "shape" of your line graph. Enter a value between -999 and 999. If your data is larger or smaller you will need to perform "scaling" on every value before entering. "Scaling" is nothing more than dividing each data number by a constant value say 1000 so it will fit in the range -999 to 999. Every graphic program requires scaling. Business Graphs 99 allows you to scale for values out of the -999 to 999 range to your taste.

"Identification of Item" lets you either create a label to go under the data displayed on the grid or some identity for this data item (record) of your choice. To allow the identification to be printed on the graph put an asterisk (\*) as the last character. (i.e. "Jan\*" would print "Jan" on the graph under the data representation, but "Jan" put in the identification of item blank would not print.) You must use your discretion when using labels. If you want to display 100 data items and each has a label 5 characters wide there will simply not be enough space.

##NOTE you must press <FCTN><9> or BACK before pressing ENTER to return to the previous menu.

4. Draw Current Graph. The main menu choice of "Draw Current Graph" allows you to draw the current graph from the data, titles and ranges you have previously selected in the edit menu. Several types of "line" graphs are available and the "grid" may be turned on or off.

**Draw Graph Menu**

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|--------------|------------------|
| 1. HiLo Plot | 3. Area Plot     |
| 2. Line Plot | 4. Grid on/off 1 |

1. HiLo Plot--option will plot a vertical line for each data element in range plotting vertically between MIN and MAX values. Up to 100 data items may be plotted.
2. Line Plot--option will plot a line from MAX of one data item to MAX in the next and from MIN to MIN for all data items selected in range. The Edit Range function will allow you to "ZOOM" out until the lines are almost parallel or "ZOOM" in until the lines are outside the vertical range of the grid. Lines which extend "outside" the grid are extended to the point where they leave the grid (try it).
3. Area Plot--option combines both Line and HiLo plot to form areas (convex hulls or manifolds) which can represent, for instance, the pricing range within which a product can be profitably sold.
4. Grid on/off 1--option lets you turn on or off the grid lines ( 0 = "off", 1 = "on" ). If you are using line plot to plot 50 point sets the vertical grid lines should be turned "off".

**\*NOTE--Please experiment with all these options until you see what you like, thousands of combinations are possible.**

## 5. Save Current Graph

Business Graphs 99 can save and retrieve ASCII files which represent the data items (records) for either line or bar graphs. For a line graph the program saves 100 data items (records) consisting of the fields DATA NUMBER, MIN VALUE, MAX VALUE, and IDENTIFICATION. The program will retrieve a file built up of from ten to one hundred data items. These data item files may be created by the Edit Current Graphs routines of Business Graphs 99 or by Microsoft Multiplan (TM) or any ASCII file generation program. See section VI for file parameters.

In order to save or retrieve a data item file you must use a properly initialized disk. Disk Manager II (TM) formatted disks will work. When you choose "2. Get Old Graph" or "5. Save Current Graph" the following menu appears.

Save/Retrieve Graph (BACK to EXIT)

- A. Filename:
- B. Save Graph    D. Retrieve Graph
- C. DSK1 Directory

- A. Filename--you must enter a valid filename before you attempt to Save or Retrieve a graph file. The filename must be a proper filename including the drive specification (i.e. DSK1.OLDGRAPH or DSK.GRAF.OLDGRAPH).
- B. Save Graph--press "B." to save the current graph to the filename you choose in "A."
- C. DSK1 Directory--will show the directory of the disk in the #1 drive. When finished viewing the directory press any key to continue.
- D. Retrieve Graph--press "D." to read the old graph you named in "A." above into the memory.

6. **Print Current Graph.** The main menu choice of "Print Current Graph" allows you to print the current graph from the data, titles and ranges you have previously selected in the edit menu. Several types of "line" graphs are available and the "grid" may be turned on or off.

**Print Menu(BACK to Exit/CLEAR to Abort)**

- |                 |                  |
|-----------------|------------------|
| 1. Device Names |                  |
| 2. HiLo Print   | 4. Area Print    |
| 3. Line Print   | 5. Grid on/off 1 |

1. **Device Names**--Enter the name of your printer here before you select #2, 3, or 4. My printer is set up as follows: RS232.BA=4800.CR . You must use the "CR" option on the setup to stop automatic linefeed-carriage returns being sent while the printer is doing graphics.
2. **HiLo Print**--option will print the HiLo plot in a manner similar to the way it was plotted on the screen.
3. **Line Print**--option will print the Line plot in a manner similar to the way it was plotted on the screen.
4. **Area Print**--option combines both Line and HiLo to print area graphs similar to the area plots on the screen.
5. **Grid on/off 1**--option lets you turn on or off the grid lines( 0 = "off", 1 = "on" ). If you are using line print to show 50 or more point sets it may look better if the vertical grid lines are turned "off".

**##Note**--when you must use the "print abort" by using the <FCTN><4> or "CLEAR" to stop the printing you must restart the program. To do this press <ENTER> then type BG-99 and press <ENTER>. Since the program is stopped you will not see what you type "echoed" to the screen. If the Business Graphs 99 Main Menu does not appear, try the above procedure again. If it still does not restart you will have to turn the computer off and on and reboot.

## V. BAR GRAPHS.

### Main Menu.

Business Graphs 99 Main Menu (QUIT to Exit)

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|-----------------------|-------|------------------------|
| 1. New Graph          | (bar) | 4. Bran Current Graph  |
| 2. Set Old Graph      |       | 5. Save Current Graph  |
| 3. Edit Current Graph |       | 6. Print Current Graph |

By typing the number key corresponding to your choice, Business Graphs 99 will perform the requested action or display another menu, as appropriate.

Each of the following sections will explain an action or menu performed by Business Graphs 99. To move back to the Main Menu press <FCTN><9> or "BACK" at most any point in the program.

One caution, the current version of the program requires you press option "1. New Graph" when you begin using Bar or whenever you swap in an overlay (i.e. changes to BAR or PIE graphs).

#### 1. New Graph (this must be chosen first)

New Graph Type (Insert BG Disk)

- |               |              |
|---------------|--------------|
| A. Pie Graph  | C. Bar Graph |
| B. Line Graph | D. Exit      |
- Choose A Graph Type C.

The New Graph menu allows you to clear the data or garbage from the memory or to "swap-in" the PIE or LINE graph programs or Exit from the menu without damaging the current graph you are working on. The title of the menu says (Insert BG Disk) because when you "swap-in" the PIE or LINE graph overlays the Business Graphs 99 system's disk must be drive 1 or the "Device Error" message will appear. If this message appears press a key insert the BG disk and try again. The New Graph Menu functions are as follows:

- A. Pie Graph (swaps in the PIE Graph).
- B. Line Graph (swaps in Line Graphs).
- C. Bar Graph (begins editing Bar Graphs).
- D. Exit (Leave New Graph Menu).



## 2. Get Old Graph

Business Graphs 99 can save and retrieve ASCII files which represent the data items (records) for either line or bar graphs. For a bar graph the program saves 20 data items (records) consisting of the fields DATA NUMBER, MIN VALUE, MAX VALUE, and IDENTIFICATION. The program will retrieve a file built up of from ten to twenty data items. These data item files may be created by the Edit Current Graphs routines of Business Graphs 99 or by Microsoft Multiplan (TM) or any ASCII file generator program. See section VI for file parameters.

In order to save or retrieve a data item file you must use a properly initialized disk. Disk Manager II (TM) formatted disks will work. When you choose "2. Get Old Graph" or "5. Save Current Graph" the following menu appears.

### Save/Retrieve Graph (BACK to EXIT)

- A. Filename:
- B. Save Graph    D. Retrieve Graph
- C. DSK1 Directory

- A. Filename--you must enter a valid filename before you attempt to Save or Retrieve a graph file. The filename must be a proper filename including the drive specification (i.e. DSK1.OLDGRAPH or DSK.GRAF.OLDBGRAPH).
- B. Save Graph--press "B." to save the current graph to the filename you choose in "A."
- C. DSK1 Directory--will show the directory of the disk in the #1 drive. When finished viewing the directory press any key to continue.
- D. Retrieve Graph--press "D." to read the old graph you named in "A." above into the memory.

### 3. Edit Current Graph.

The choice of "3. Edit Current Graph" automatically begins the Bar Graph editing cycle which consists of 3 parts, editing the titles which are to appear on the graph, editing the ranges of the graph and editing data for the graph. Shown below is the main editing screen which will allow you to choose between editing titles, ranges or data .

#### EDITING MENU (Back to Exit)

- A. Edit Titles
- B. Edit Ranges
- C. Edit Data

- A. Edit Titles--brings up the title editing screen which allows you to enter new or edit current Titles above and below or horizontal and vertical to the graph.

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Title Above Graph      :
Subtitle Below Graph   :
Horizontal Axis Title  :
Vertical Axis Title    |
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- B. Edit Ranges--This screen controls the drawing and printing displays for the number, size and placement of the graphics which represent your data. By changing various elements of the range option you can create totally different graphic representations of the same data.

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Vertical Range ( -999 - 999) MIN:  MAX:
Horiz Display Begins At( 1-20 ):
Horiz Display Range( 1-20 ) MIN:  MAX:
Horiz Data Density ( 1-20 )      :
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1. Vertical Range--is the "zoom" function which sets the upper and lower boundaries of the display. (i.e. a data value of 10 looks much bigger in the vertical range of 1-20 than the vertical range of 1-500. To start try MIN slightly lower than your lowest data value and MAX higher than your highest.

2. **Horizontal Display Begins at (1-20)--** lets you "center" or otherwise adjust your graph display from side to side for a more interesting effect. **NOTE:** this version of the program lets you "wrap" the data off the edge of the graph with sometimes unusual results.
  3. **Horizontal Display Range--**this choice lets your graph serve as a window on your database displaying all or part of the data items. **NOTE:** your display range should be equal to or less than your "data density" (see 4. below). For example, 12 data items are entered representing net and gross sales for 1983 using the data editing menu (see C. below). To show the entire 12 months your horizontal display range would be MIN: 1 MAX: 12, to display the first 3 months MIN: 1 MAX: 3 etc.
  4. **Horizontal Display Density--**controls proportional spacing between display items on the grid. **NOTE:** the display density should be equal to or greater than the number of displayed items chosen in "3. Horizontal Display Range".
- C. **Edit Data--**Your line graph is created from numbers and labels entered and stored in a database using the "Edit Data" function. Choosing "C. Edit Data" brings up the "Data Item Editing" menu which allows you to enter or edit a single data item (record) or enter or edit a number of records sequentially.

**Data Item Editing(BACK to Exit)**

- A. Edit Item 0(1-20):
- B. Sequential Editing at 0(1-20):

- A. **Edit Item 0--**will allow you to choose the data item (record) which you wish to edit. (i.e. to edit or enter data for data item 1, type A then type 1 and <ENTER>).
- B. **Sequential Editing at 0--**will begin an "editing loop" which will allow you to enter or edit data in the records without returning to this menu each time.

Press Enter to edit BACK to exit  
 Data Number (0-999):  
 Data (-999 -- 999) MIN: MAX:  
 Identification of Items

With the choice of either A. or B. the screen seen above is displayed. Pressing <ENTER> will allow you to type in a "data number" of your own choice. This is not shown on the graph but will allow you to easily keep track of each record.

The "DATA" is a MIN and MAX value which will determine the "shape" of your line graph. Enter a value between -999 and 999. If your data is larger or smaller you will need to perform "scaling" on every value before entering. "Scaling" is nothing more than dividing each data number by a constant value say 1000 so it will fit in the range -999 to 999. Every graphic program requires scaling. Business Graphs 99 allows you to scale for values out of the range of -999 to 999 to your taste.

"Identification of Items" lets you either create a label to go under the data displayed on the grid or some identity for this data item (record) of your choice. To allow the identification to be printed on the graph put an asterisk (\*) as the last character. (i.e. "Jan\*" would print "Jan" on the graph under the data representation, but "Jan" put in the identification of item blank would not print.) You must use your discretion when using labels. If you want to display 20 data items and each has a label 6 characters wide there will simply not be enough space.

\*NOTE at the above menu you must press <FCTN><9> or BACK before pressing ENTER to return to the previous menu.

4. **Draw Current Graph.** The main menu choice of "Draw Current Graph" allows you to draw the current graph from the data, titles and ranges you have previously selected in the edit menu. Several types of "bar" graphs are available. The bars may also be shaded.

**Draw Graph Menu**

- A. Single Bar (Uses MAX)      MAX Shade(0-6)  
 B. Stacked Bar (MIN/lower)    MIN Shade(0-6)  
 C. Double Bar (MAX/left)

- A. **Single Bar**--option plots a single bar for each data item in range using the MAX value to generate the vertical size of the bar. After you choose "A." you are allowed to determine the "shade" of the bar (i.e. MAX shade(0-6)). Once the shade is chosen the graph is drawn on the screen.
- B. **Stacked Bar**--option plots a bar for the MIN value then plots the difference between MAX and MIN values as another bar "stacked on top of" the first one. After you choose "B." you are allowed to determine the "shade" for the "top" = MAX bar and the "bottom" = MIN bar. Once the shades are chosen the graph is drawn on the screen.
- C. **Double Bar**--option plots a pair of bars "side by side" representing the MAX and MIN values for each data item within range. Once you choose "C." you are allowed to determine the shade for the MIN and MAX bars. Once the shades are chosen the graph is drawn on the screen.

**\$\$NOTE**--Please experiment with various bar graph types and shades until you like what you see. Also try using the Edit Range function to "Zoom" in and out and center the bars left or right. There are thousands of combinations possible.

## 5. Save Current Graph

Business Graphs 99 can save and retrieve ASCII files which represent the data items (records) for either line or bar graphs. For a bar graph the program saves 20 data items (records) consisting of the fields DATA NUMBER, MIN VALUE, MAX VALUE, and IDENTIFICATION. The program will retrieve a file built up of from ten to twenty data items. These data item files may be created by the Edit Current Graphs routines of Business Graphs 99 or by Microsoft Multiplan (TM) or any ASCII file generator program. See section VI for file parameters.

In order to save or retrieve a data item file you must use a properly initialized disk. Disk Manager II (TM) formatted disks will work. When you choose "2. Get Old Graph" or "5. Save Current Graph" the following menu appears.

Save/Retrieve Graph (BACK to EXIT)

- A. Filename:
- B. Save Graph    D. Retrieve Graph
- C. DSK1 Directory

- A. Filename--you must enter a valid filename before you attempt to Save or Retrieve a graph file. The filename must be a proper filename including the drive specification (i.e. DSK1.OLDGRAPH or DSK.GRAF.OLDGRAPH).
- B. Save Graph--press "B." to save the current graph to the filename you choose in "A."
- C. DSK1 Directory--will show the directory of the disk in the #1 drive. When finished viewing the directory press any key to continue.
- D. Retrieve Graph--press "D." to read the old graph you named in "A." above into the memory.

6. **Print Current Graph.** The main menu choice of "Print Current Graph" allows you to print the current graph from the data, titles and ranges you have previously selected in the edit menu. The bars may also be shaded.

Print Menu(BACK to Exit/CLEAR to Abort)

- A. Device Name:                   MAX Shade(0-6)  
 B. Single Bar                    MIN Shade(0-6)  
 C. Stacked Bar    D. Double Bar

- A. **Device Name:**--Enter the name of your printer here before you select #2, 3, or 4. My printer is set up as follows: RS232.BA=4800.CR . You must use the "CR" option on the setup to stop automatic linefeed-carriage returns being sent while the printer is doing graphics.
- B. **Single Bar**--option will print the Single Bar graph in a manner similar to the way it was drawn on the screen.
- C. **Stacked Bar**--option will print the Stacked Bar graph in a manner similar to the way it was drawn on the screen.
- D. **Double Bar**--option will print the Double Bar graph in a manner similar to the way it was drawn on the screen.

**NOTE:**--If you draw the Bar Graph on the screen before you attempt to print it the Shades will "carry over" so all you have to do is press <ENTER> when the MAX Shade and MIN Shade options appear.

**Note**--when you must use the "print abort" by using the <FCTN><4> or "CLEAR" to stop the printing you must restart the program. To do this press <ENTER> then type BG-99 and press <ENTER>. Since the program is stopped you will not see what you type "echoed" to the screen. If the Business Graphs 99 Main Menu does not appear, try the above procedure again. If it still does not restart you will have to turn the computer off and on and reboot.

## VI. ASCII--MULTIPLAN (TM) Files.

A. Microsoft Multiplan (TM) is an example of a program which will create ASCII files which can be read by Business Graphs 99. The following procedure is used to create a file which Business Graphs 99 will read using Multiplan.

1. Place the letter "A" in R1C1.
2. Enter your DATA NUMBER in R2C1.  
Enter your MIN VALUE in R2C2.  
Enter your MAX VALUE in R2C3.  
Enter IDENTIFICATION in R2C4.
3. Repeat step two for each additional data item (record) you wish to add to the database. Each new data item will begin in the row directly below the first (i.e. the MIN VALUE for data item 2 will go in R3C2).
4. Save your file to disk using the standard Multiplan "Transfer" command.
5. Using the "Printer" option save (print) the data on to a disk file. First use the "Options" to set up the area to save (i.e. R1:4C1:20). Next use the "Margins" option to set up the size of the file. You must set the print length equal to the number of rows (data items) you have chosen and the page length equal to one more than the print length (i.e. Print Length=20, Page Length=21). Business Graphs 99 will not read the file in any other format. Once you have set the margins use the "File" print option to save the database.



A

1	100	101	JAN	100000	101010
2	125	121	FEB	125000	121212
3	129	111	MAR	128500	111111
4	133	108	APR	133225	107501
5	90	113	MAY	90004	112500
6	113	90	JUN	112500	90004
7	108	133	JUL	107501	133225
8	111	129	AUG	111111	128500
9	121	125	SEP	121212	125000
10	101	100	OCT	101010	100000

B. Above is a database created in Multiplan which will show how useful Multiplan can be for "scaling" your data for use with Business Graphs 99.

1. Note the "A" in R1C1 position 1; this is the file identifier for Business Graphs 99.
2. Column 1 is the "DATA NUMBER" field. If you want simple ordered DATA NUMBERS you might try this trick.
  - a. Enter "1" in R2C1.
  - b. Enter the formula  $R1-11+1$  in R3C1.
  - c. Copy R3C1 down for as many rows as you will have data items. Multiplan will automatically create your DATA NUMBERS.
3. Columns 2 and 3 contain MIN VALUE and MAX VALUE respectively which we have "scaled" from column 5 and 6 using Multiplan functions. Column 4 contains the IDENTIFICATION field.
4. In column 5 are the original MIN VALUES and in column 6 are the original MAX VALUES beginning in R2C5 and R2C6 respectively.
5. Now to "scale" the values in column 5 and 6 into "range" for Business Graphs 99 we have divided each MAX and MIN value by 1000. That is, we entered the formula  $C(+3)/1000$  into R2C2 and R2C3 and copied it as far down the column as their were data values in column 5 and 6.

6. Next, you will see that we have (after RECALC) "real" values (with decimal points) in columns 2 and 3. Business Graphs 99 accepts only integer (whole) values. To convert we employed the "Format" command, chose the "Cells" option and changed the data type to "Int" for column 2 and 3. If you try the values we have in the table above and got it right your table should look just like the one on the previous page.
7. To store the model on disk first save a copy under one name using the "Transfer" command. Then create a file readable by Business Graphs 99 using the "Printer" command and the "File" option as explained on the previous page.

C. Business Graphs 99 will read ASCII files which are in the proper format for the Line and Bar graph databases. The first record of the file must contain the letter "A" in the first position. The second through one-hundredth record must contain the four elements of data which comprise a Business Graphs 99 data item or record. The first element is DATA NUMBER followed by MIN VALUE, MAX VALUE AND IDENTIFICATION. Each data element must be separated by one or more blanks. The following RANGE restrictions apply:

	Character Type	Data Type	RANGE
DATA NUMBER	Decimal Digit	Integer	1 - 999
MIN VALUE	Decimal Digit	Integer	-999 - 999
MAX VALUE	Decimal Digit	Integer	-999 - 999
IDENTIF.	Character	String	0 - 8 Chars

## VII. DEFAULT SETTINGS.

Four default settings may be set up by the user for convenience. However, this requires writing to the BUSINESS BRAPHS 99 system disk so it should only be done to a copy not the original! Repeat, do not configure your original system disk. Please make a copy. If you don't know how to make a copy either look in your disk drive manual or ask someone in the local user group to help you.

You may set the default background and foreground colors for the values shown by number:

TRANSPARENT	0	MED. RED	8
BLACK	1	LT. RED	9
MED. GREEN	2	DK. YELLOW	10
LT. GREEN	3	LT. YELLOW	11
DK. BLUE	4	DK. GREEN	12
LT. BLUE	5	MAGENTA	13
DK. RED	6	GRAY	14
CYAN	7	WHITE	15

You may set up the default output file such as PIO.CR instead of the current RS232.BA=4800.CR.

The "micro-linefeed" may be changed from the current value of 21/216 for the TI-99/4A printer and other EPSON compatibles like the PANASONIC 1091. You may change this to 14 which will set it at 14/144 which is the setting BEMINI-10X printers use. At the printer menu in each graph type you may press "X" instead of a number, this will allow testing of the micro-linefeed setting before you configure your disk.

Set the defaults as follows:

Load the program from your backup disk leave it in drive 1 without write protect tab. Choose "1. New Graph" then "B. Line Graph". When the drive stops press <CNTRL><S>. Make your choices at each of the configuration options. The drive will run after the last option is chosen. Your copy is now configured. If by chance you tried to configure your original system disk and clobbered it refer to the warranty section, send your \$10 for replacement along with the original system disk and your configuration choices.

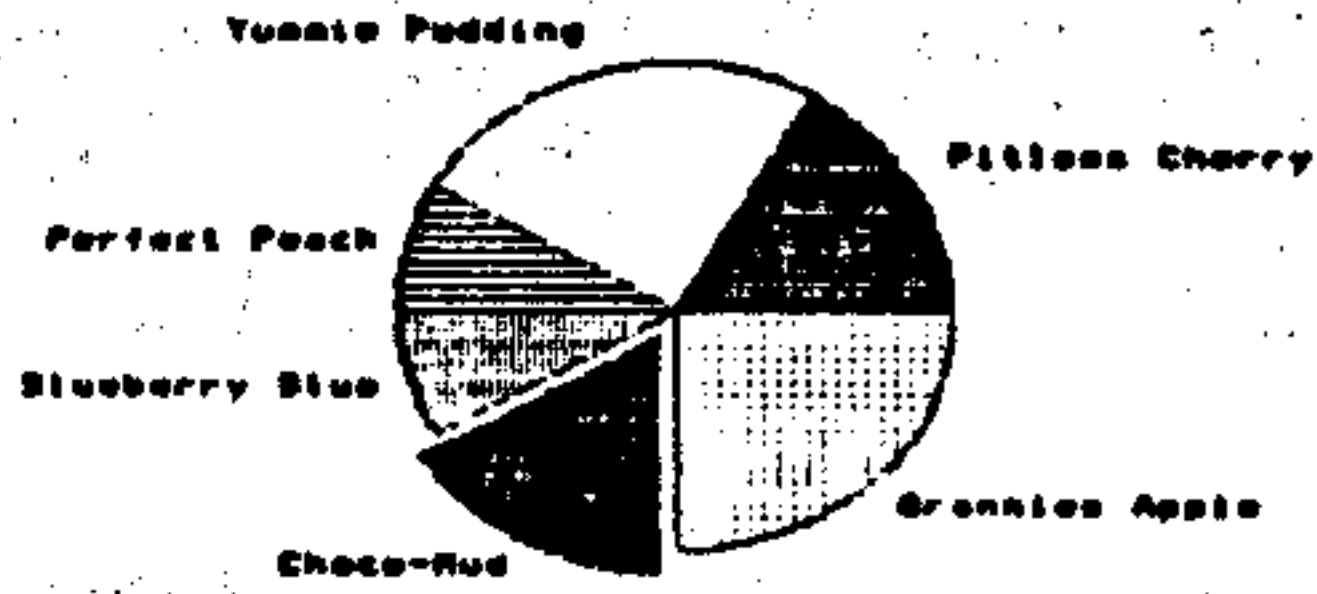
## VII. UPDATES AND WARRANTY.

The enclosed registration card is your ticket to future updates of Business Graphs 99 and warranty service. You must complete the card, sign it and return it to us in order to become a registered user. If you buy Business Graphs 99 from a registered user you may write to us and apply for registered user status.

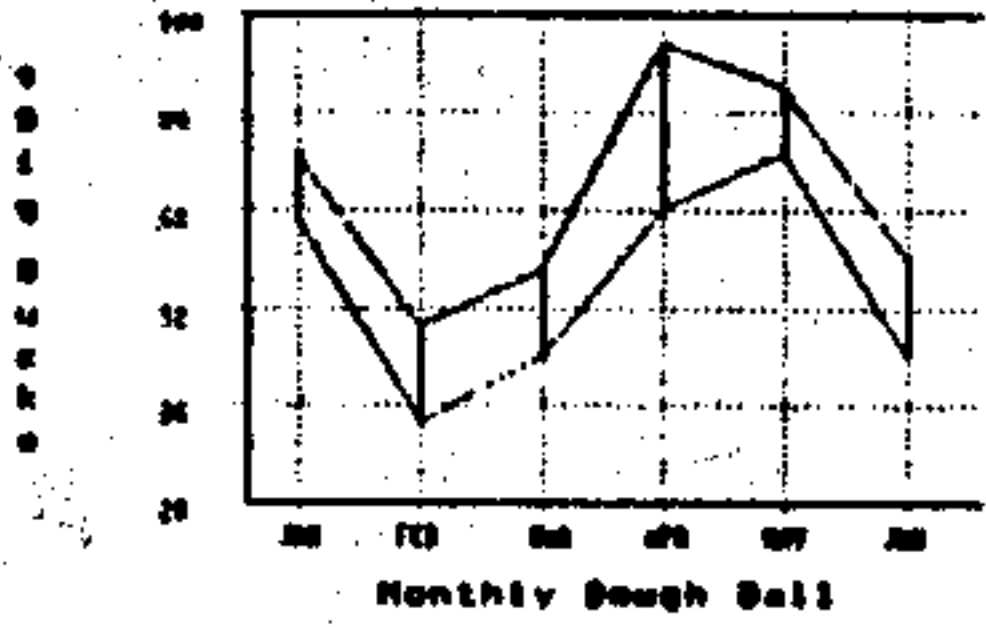
1. Update policy--all registered users (see above) are eligible for any update of Business Graphs 99 which is released. To receive your update you will be required to return your original disk with its serial number label intact and a small fee to cover shipping and handling.
2. Warranty--Any defective disk or software will be replaced if returned within 90 days. If you erase or damage the original system disk return it with \$10 for replacement (i.e. please make a backup copy). This software is like a do-it-yourself book, it is for your use and you are the judge of its accuracy and usefulness. The author is not responsible for any damage incurred by you, your associates or customers as a result of the use of Business Graphs 99.
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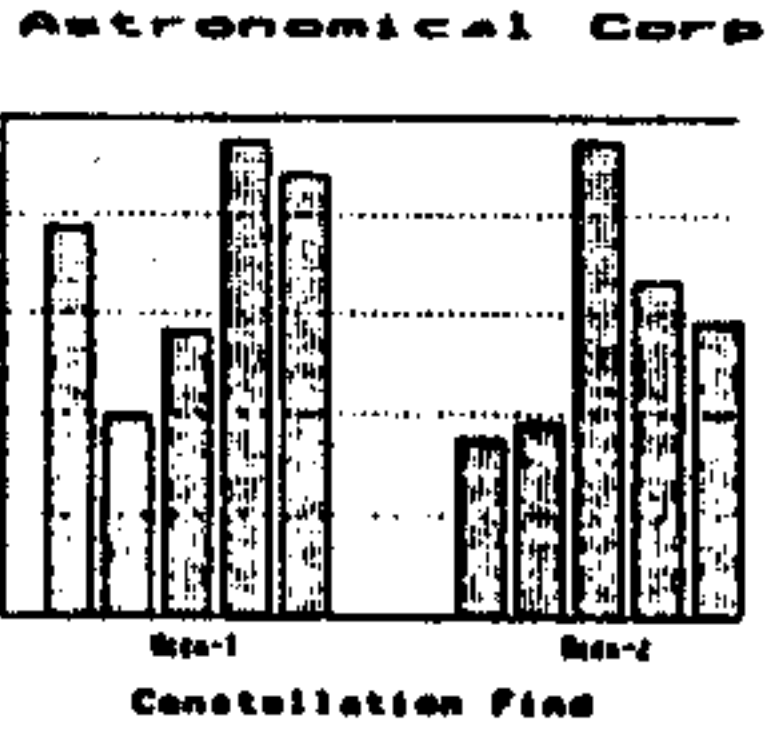
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**Sales By Pie Type  
Peter Piper's Pies**

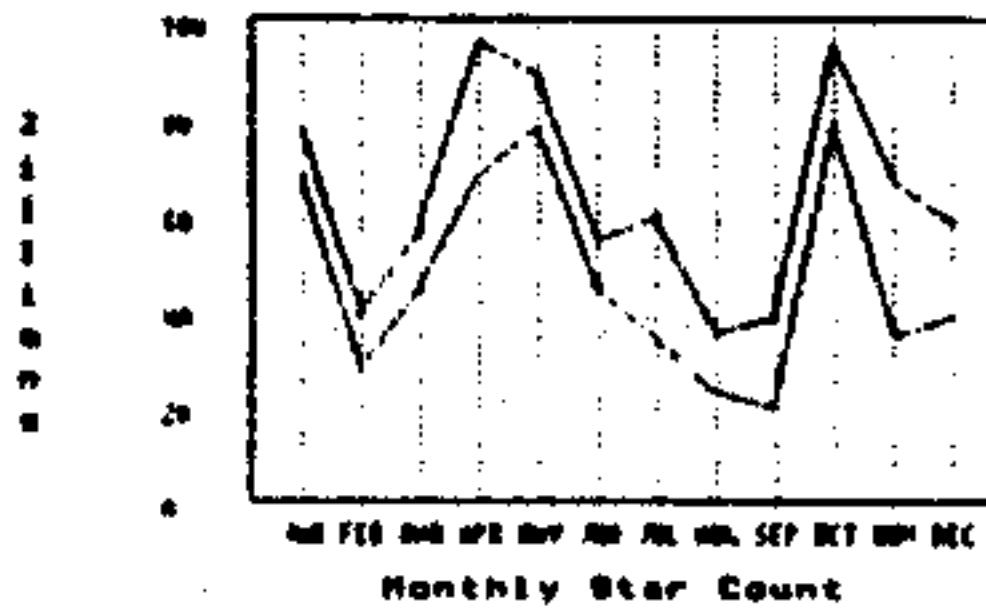


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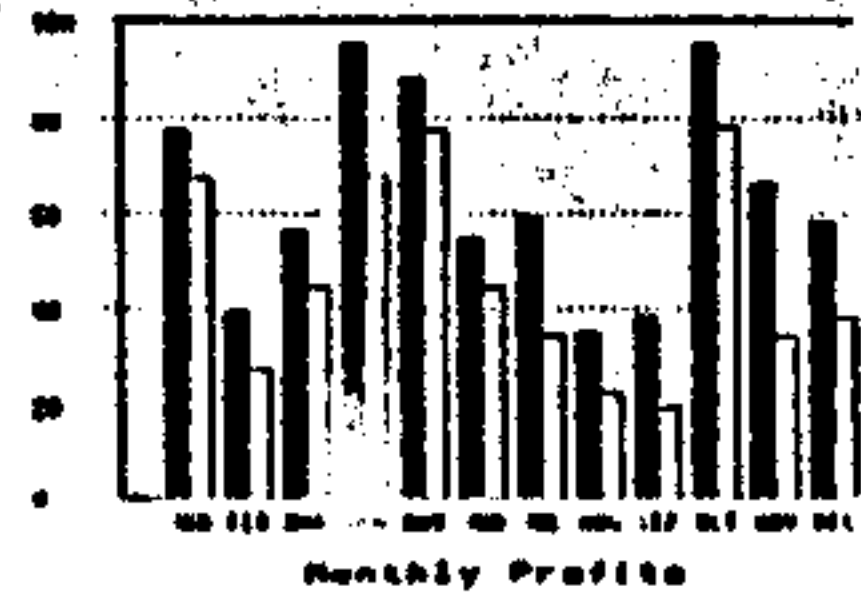
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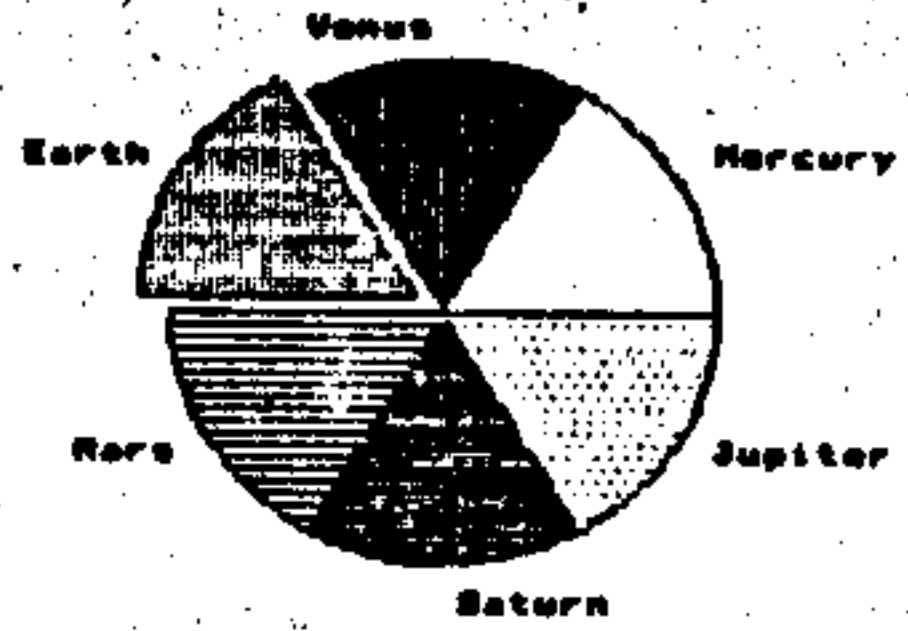
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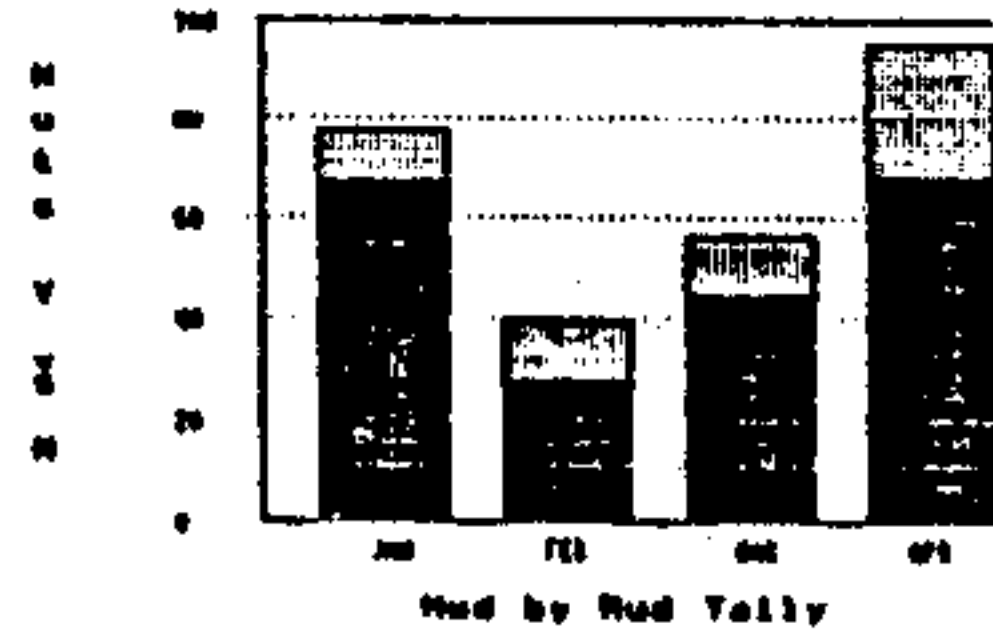
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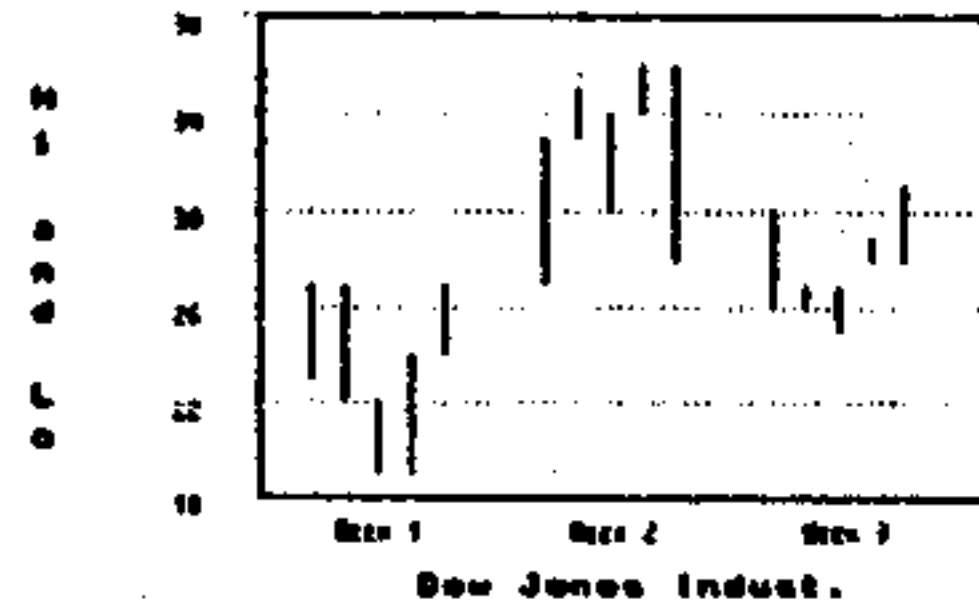
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