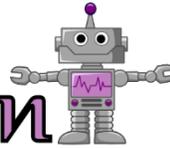


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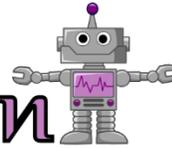
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Appster is projected to break even in 33.141 months.

Enrich is projected to break even in 10.566 months.

Green Team is projected to break even in 44.627 months.

Southwest Fusion is projected to break even in -19 months!!! They will never break even.

Zoo to You is projected to break even in 6.437 months.

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Answers will vary.

Students could rank the break even points...

They could describe the break even points...

Analysis of the evidence

If the investor desires to break even within 24 months, Enrich or Zoo to You seems to be the best bet.