Computer Science to Data Science

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Talk Summary

- Carrier to Content evolution
 - Railways, Airlines, Automotive, Electricity
- Evolution of computer industry
 - Hardware evolution, Software evolution
- Current IT scene in India
- Future opportunities
- Summary
- Q&A
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Carrier to content evolution

Railroad industry

Railways, Goods transport, Trains, Logistics & Courier

Airline industry

Airplanes, Airports, Airlines, FedEx, Air Ambulance

Automotive

Highways, Trucks, Passenger cars, Car rentals, Uber, Travel
 & Tourism

Electricity

Bulb, Generator, White goods, Industrial automation

Evolution of Computer industry

- Calculations & computing intensive hardware
- IBM, BUNCH
- Intel (processor), Samsung (RAM, Monitor),
 HP (printer)
- Microsoft (O/S), Adobe (application)
- Google, Facebook, Twitter, WhatsApp, Skype, YouTube. FlipKart, PayTM

Current IT scene in India

- IT services dominance
 - TCS, Infosys, Wipro, CTS, Mahindra, HCL
 - Largest "organized sector" job creator for 20 years; 4.5 million direct jobs
 - Largest export (\$160 billion)
 - 7 to 8% of GDP
 - Sustains growth in real estate, automotive, travel
 & tourism

Future opportunities

- Enormous confusion today
 - Automation will take away jobs
 - Infosys & Wipro are "shrinking"
 - Obituary of Indian IT services
 - 1,000+ engineering colleges will shut down shop
- Data Science (Analytics) offers much larger opportunities
 - Every industry would need data science Banking, financial services, core, automotive, hospitality, transport, education, health, government
- Computer industry / CS academics of the 60's to 80's could not predict IT services industry of the 90's to today; today's industry / academic / government leaders cannot predict the future of Data Science; UG programs in CS took off only in 80's; DS would take time; no one predicted FB; there will be similar opportunities in DS!
- Jobs in dozens in 60's, 100's in 70's, 1,000's in 80's, 10,000's in 90's, Lakhs in the last decade, millions in this decade; tens of millions in the next decade!

Summary

- Carrier to content evolution that impacted other industries is impacting computer industry – it is no different
- Data Science is still evolving; would evolve over the next two decades
- Maths / Stat that gave the "competitive edge" to IT professionals from India would continue to be of help in Data Science too
- It is truly exciting time; work hard and benefit
- EECS students with programming, Maths / Stat and Data skills would thrive truly well
- Learn as much as you can in the College; the foundations will see you through

Summary

- Thank you Dr. B. Venkataramani
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• Any questions?