

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

Summary of methodologies

- ➤ SpaceX REST API, Web scraping → Read historical SpaceX data
- ➤ Data Wrangling → Clean and label data
- \triangleright Exploratory data analysis using visualization and SQL \rightarrow key variables
- ➤ Interactive visual analytics using Folium and Ploty Dash → Launch sites and success rate
- ➤ Predictive analysis using classification models → Best data model

Summary of all results

- ➤ Launch Site, Landing site or method, Payload Mass, Booster Version, Year, orbit type are key factors
- > Decision Tree is the most accurate algorithm.

Introduction

Project background and context

- As a commercial space company, SpaceX perhaps is the most successful one.
- ➤ One key reason is Falcon 9 reusable first stage, which makes Falcon 9 relatively inexpensive and more competing.
- ➤ To compete with SpaceX, SpaceY needs to analyze why Falcon 9 can successfully recover first stage.

Problems you want to find answers

➤ Based on SpaceX Falcon 9 historical data, SpaceY needs to find what key factors are on the success of first stage recovering.



Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - SpaceX REST API, Python Requests and JSON libraries
 - Web scraping related Wiki pages
- Perform data wrangling
 - Missing value percentage; Data types; Values counts on Launch Site, Orbit, Outcome; label landing outcome
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - · GridSearchCV find best parameters for LR, SVM, Decision Tree and KNN

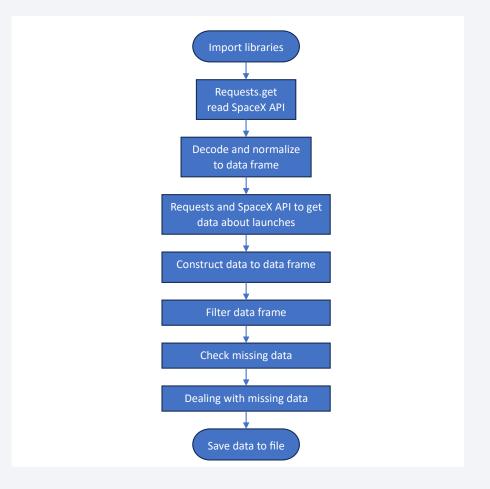
Data Collection

- Describe how data sets were collected.
 - > SpaceX REST API, Requests
 - > Web Scraping, BeautifulSoup

Data Collection – SpaceX API

SpaceX API and Requests to read in data
 decode and normalize
 select required data for this project
 clean them and save to file.

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Data Collection - Scraping

Requests read Wiki page >
 BeautifulSout parse data >
 Create data frame > Save

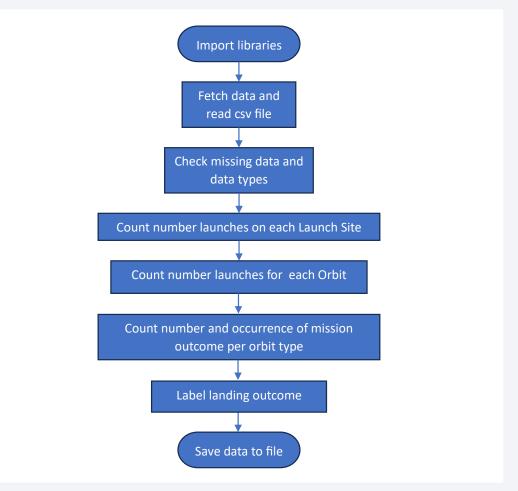
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Data Wrangling

 Data were read → missing data and data type were checked → launches on each launch site and for each orbit were counted → landing outcome were labeled.

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EDA with Data Visualization

- Scatter plots: find relationships between variables
- Bar chart: visualize relationship between success rate of each orbit type
- Line plot: view launch success yearly trend
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EDA with SQL

• Display:

- the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
- ≥5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
- > the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- ➤ average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

• List:

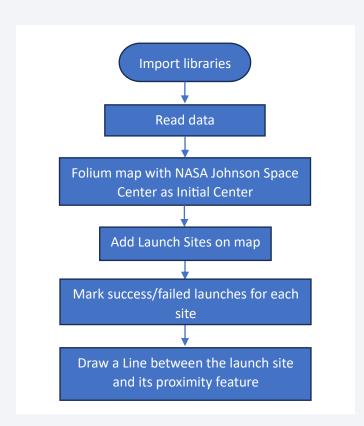
- the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad
- \triangleright the names of the boosters succeeded in drone ship with payload mass >4000 & < 6000
- > the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- the names of the booster_versions carried the maximum payload mass
- ➤ the month, failure landing_outcomes in drone ship ,booster versions, launch_site for the months in year 2015
- Rank: the count of landing outcomes between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20
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Build an Interactive Map with Folium

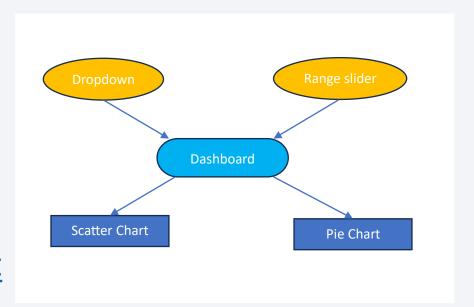
- Folium Map with NASA Johnson Space Center as initial center

 Add Launch Sites
 Mark success/failed launches for each site
 Draw a line between the launch site and its proximity feature.
- Where launch sites locate?
- Which sites have high success rates?
- What features near each launch site?
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Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Dropdown of launch site
- Range slider of payload mass
- Pie chart of success launch by each site
- Scatter chart of success launch vs. payload mass
- https://github.com/Aaron2014/IBM Dat a Science Practice/blob/693b48abb95c f5b398a9630bfe252ff88a7c2443/spacex dash app.py

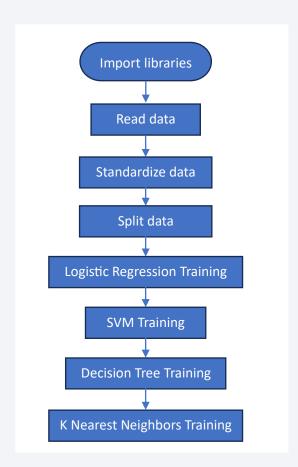


Predictive Analysis (Classification)

• Standardize data

• LR, SVM, Decision Tree, KNN algorithms with GridSearchCV to find best parameters.

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Results

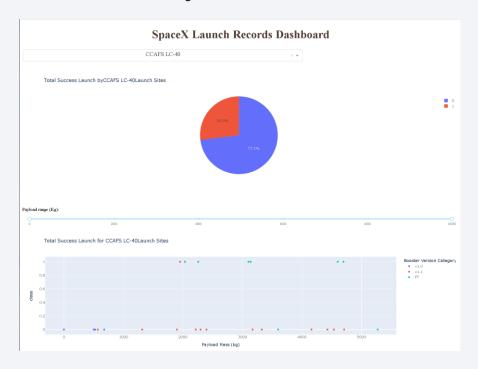
Exploratory data analysis results

- ❖ Success rate increase with flight number, year.
- Success rate decrease with payload mass.
- **ES-L1**, GEO, HEO, SSO orbits have higher success rate
- Different launch sites have different success rates.
- Not all orbits have success rate related to flight number
- ❖ Payload mass don't have clear relationship with Orbit

Predictive analysis results

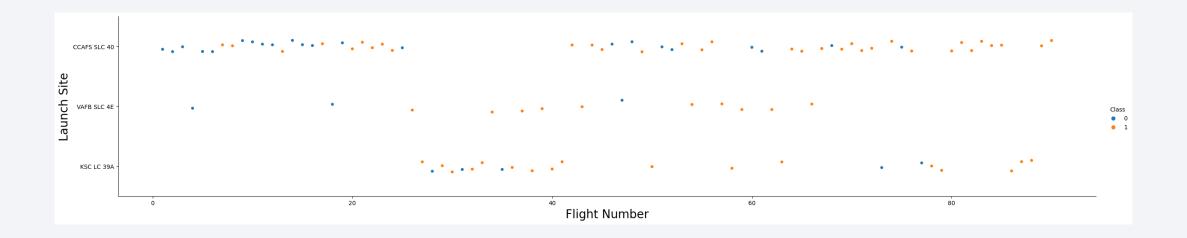
[34]:		Algorithm	Accuracy	F1-Score	Score
	0	LR	0.846429	0.888889	0.833333
	1	KNN	0.848214	0.888889	0.833333
	2	Decision Tree	0.875000	0.888889	0.833333
	3	SVM	0.848214	0.888889	0.833333

Interactive analytics demo



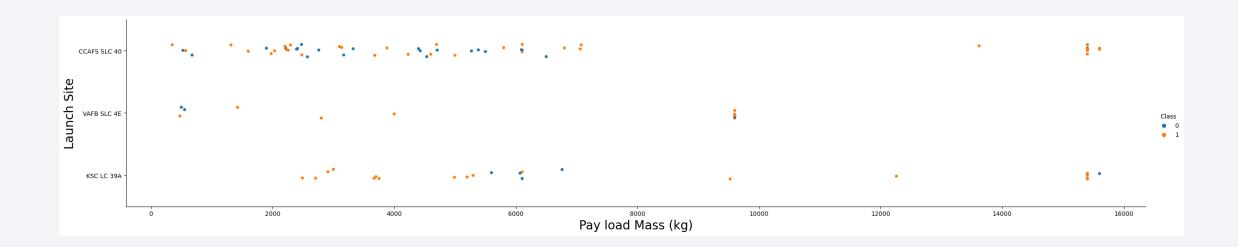


Flight Number vs. Launch Site



- Different launch sites have different success rate
- CCAF SLC 40 : 60%
- KSC LC 39A and WAFB SLC 4E: 77%

Payload vs. Launch Site



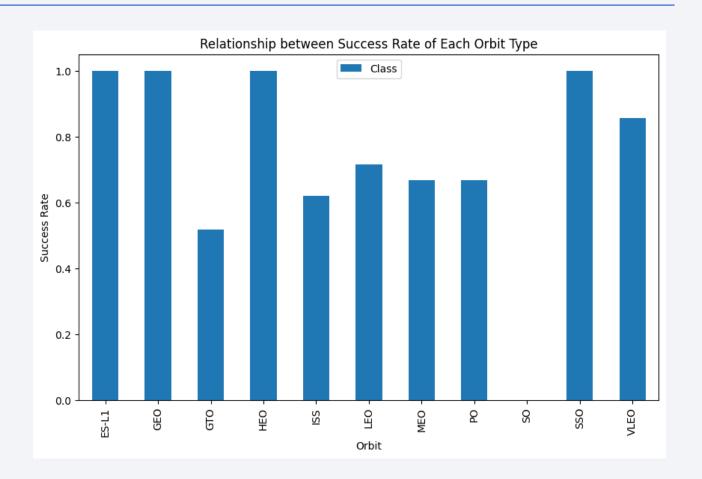
• WAFB SLC: no heavy payload mass (>10000kg)

Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

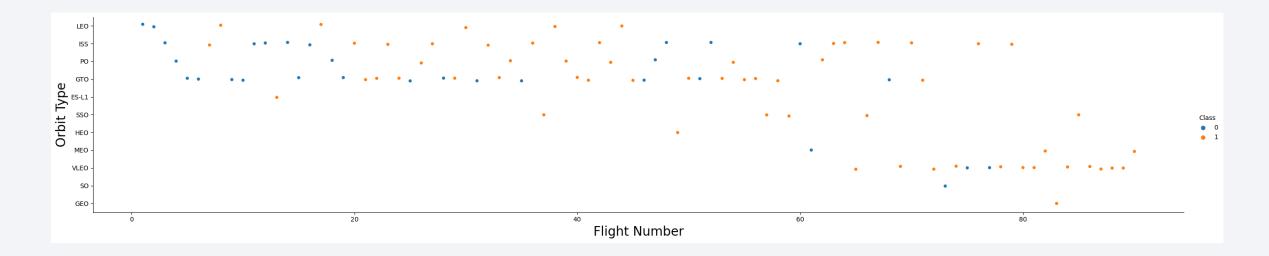
• ES-L1 (1), GEO (1), HEO (1) and SSO (5): higher success rate

• SO (1): lowest success rate

• GTO (27): relative lowest rate

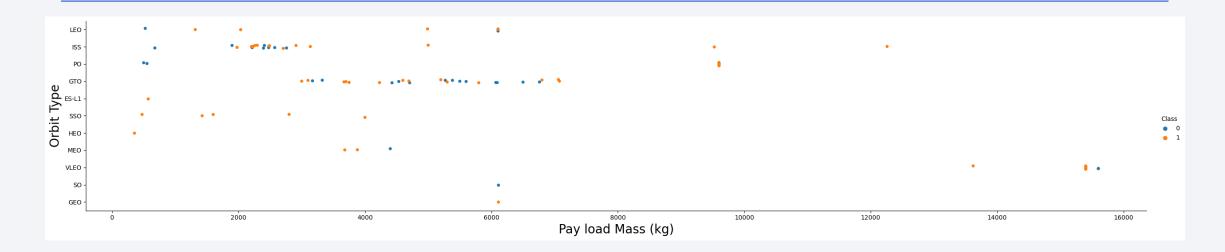


Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



- LEO: positive relationship
- GTO and others: no clear relationship

Payload vs. Orbit Type

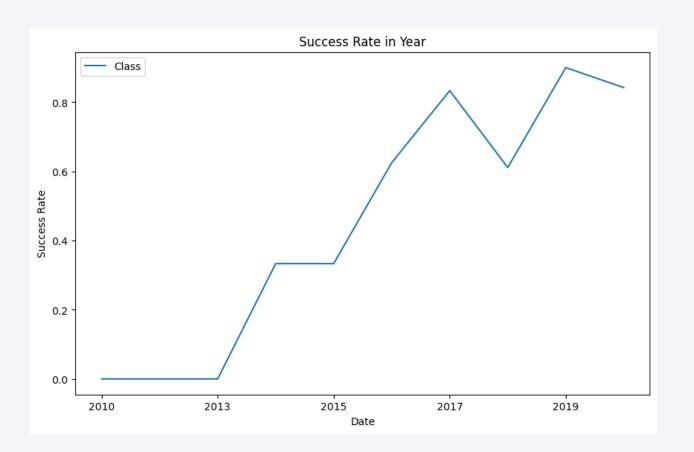


• PO, LEO, ISS: positive relationship

• GTO and others: no clear relationship

Launch Success Yearly Trend

• Success rate increase with year



All Launch Site Names

• Four Launch Site:

CCAFS LC-40

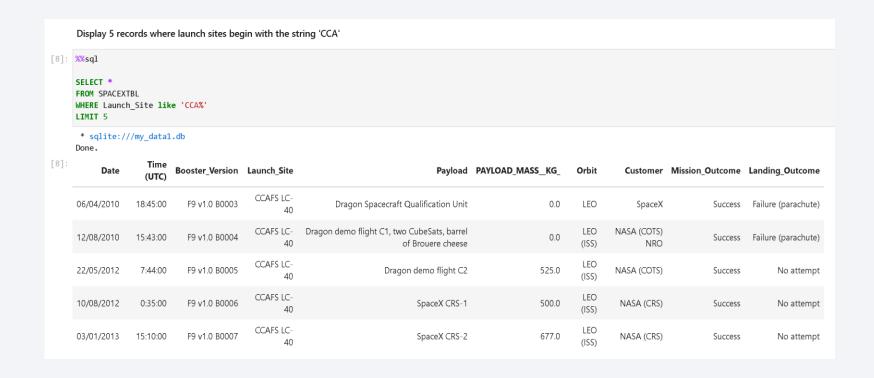
WAFB SLC-4E

KSC LC-39A

CCAFS SLC-40

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

• Use LIKE 'CCA%'



Total Payload Mass

• WHERE Customer = 'NASA (CRS)'

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Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)

[9]: 
%%sql

SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS Total_Payload_Mass_By_NASA
FROM SPACEXTBL
WHERE Customer = 'NASA (CRS)'

* sqlite:///my_datal.db
Done.

[9]: Total_Payload_Mass_By_NASA

45596.0
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Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

• WHERE

Booster_Version LIKE 'F9 v1.1%'

First Successful Ground Landing Date

• MIN(Date)

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List the date when the first succesful landing outcome in ground pad was acheived.

Hint:Use min function

[11]: %%sql

SELECT MIN(Date)
FROM SPACEXTBL
WHERE Mission_Outcome = 'Success'

* sqlite:///my_datal.db
Done.

[11]: MIN(Date)

01/06/2014
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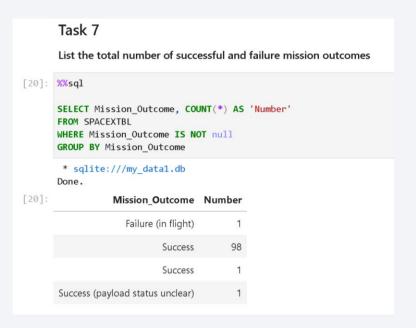
Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

• WHERE

"Landing_Outcome" = "Success (drone ship)" and ("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_" BETWEEN 4000 and 6000)

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

• In 102 records, there are 99 success, 1 success with payload status unclear and 1 failure.

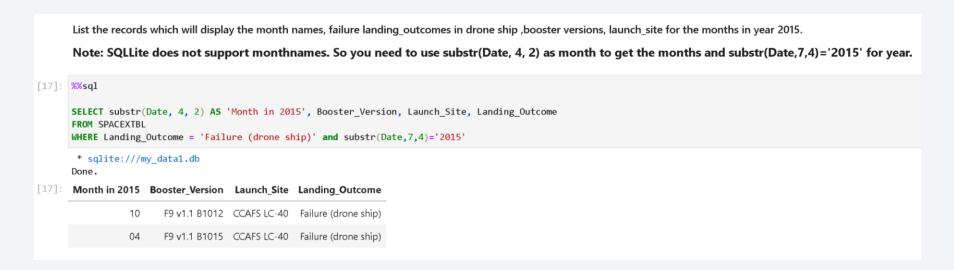


Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

• F9 B5 carried the maximum payload mass

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List the names of the booster versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery
[16]: %%sql
      SELECT Booster_Version
      FROM SPACEXTBL
      WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL)
       * sqlite:///my_data1.db
[16]: Booster Version
         F9 B5 B1048.4
         F9 B5 B1049.4
         F9 B5 B1051.3
         F9 B5 B1056.4
         F9 B5 B1048.5
         F9 B5 B1051.4
         F9 B5 B1049.5
         F9 B5 B1060.2
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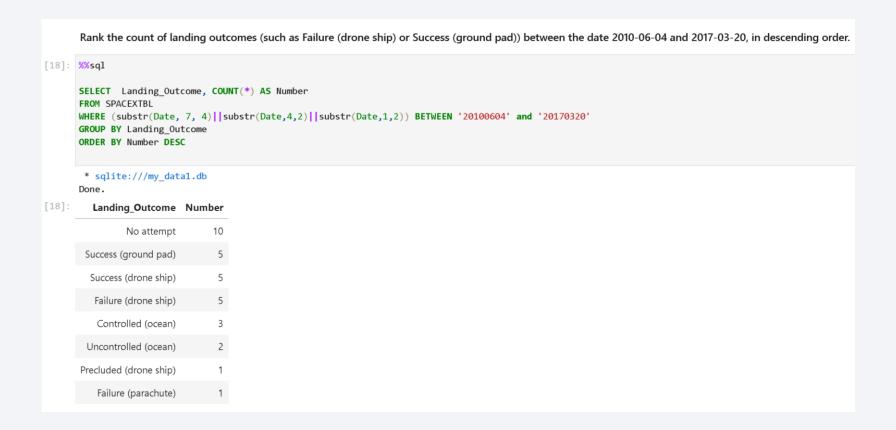
2015 Launch Records



• In April and October 2015, there were failures landing on drone ship.

Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

• No Attempt: 10, highest

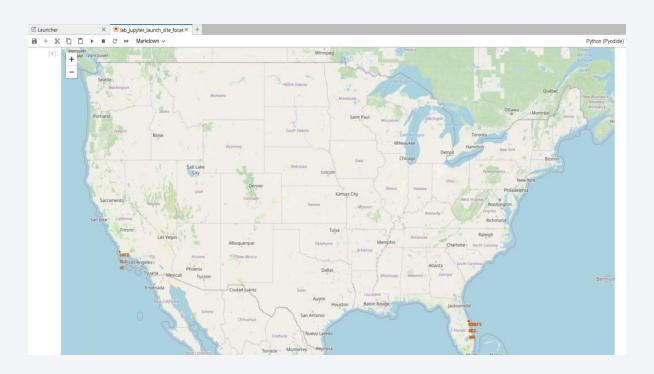




Explore Data using Folium Map

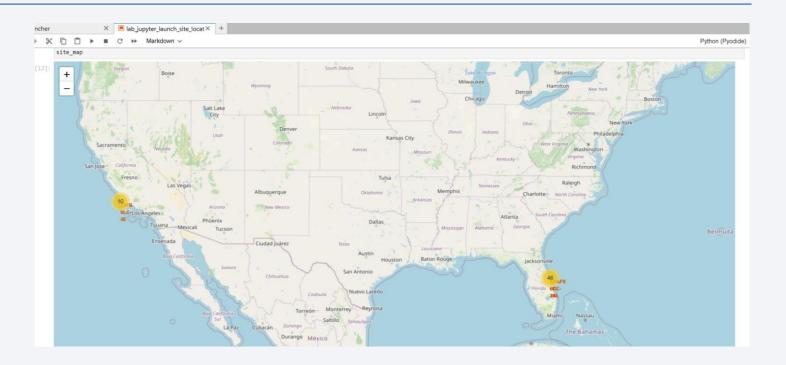
• VAFB SLC-4E in CA, West Coast

• KSC LC-39A, CCAFS SLC-40, CCAFS LC-40 in FL, East Coast



Explore Data using Folium Map

- 56 launches in total
- 10 in CA
- 46 in FL

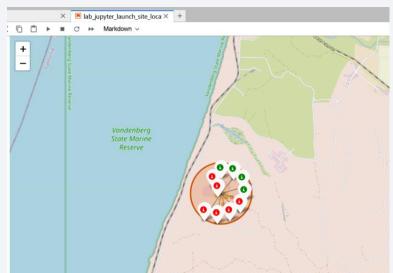


Explore Data using Folium Map

- VAFB SLC-4E: 4 of 10 success
- KSC LC-39A: 10 of 13 success
- CCAFS LC-40: 7 of 26 success
- CCAFS SLC-40: 3 of 7 success



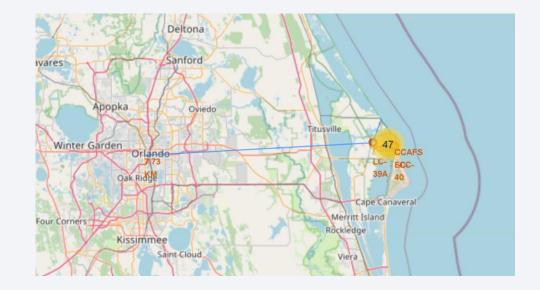


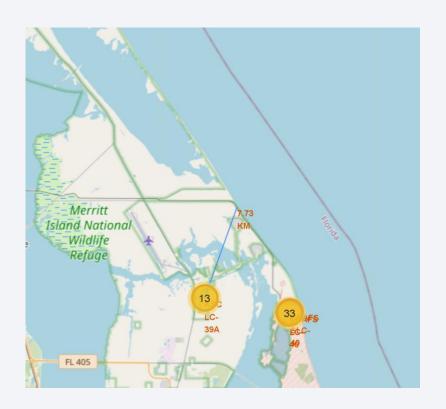




Explore Data using Folium Map

- Marked coast point is 7.73km to KSC LC-39A site
- Orlando is 773km to KSC LC-39A site







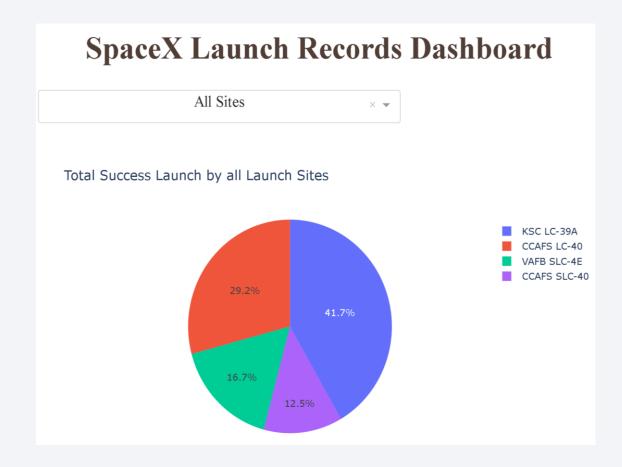
Explore Data with Dashboard

• KSC LC-39A: 41.7%

• CCAFS LC-40: 29.2%

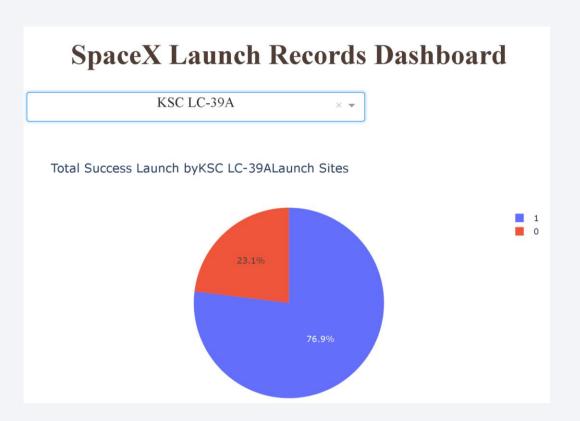
• VAFB SLC-4E: 16.7%

• CCAFS SLC-40: 12.5%



Explore Data with Dashboard

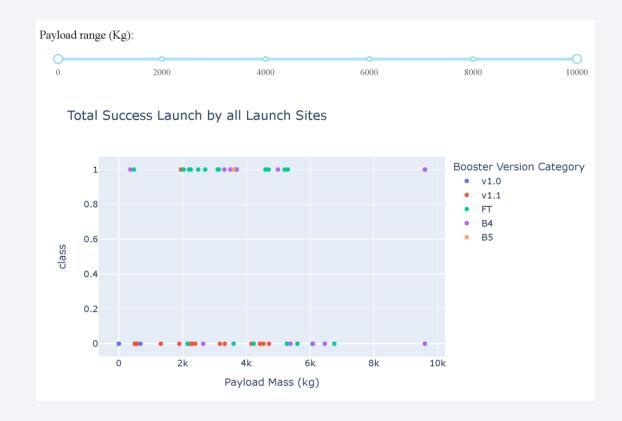
• KSC LC-39A has 76.9% success rate



Explore Data with Dashboard

 Version FT, B4, B5 take most of success launches

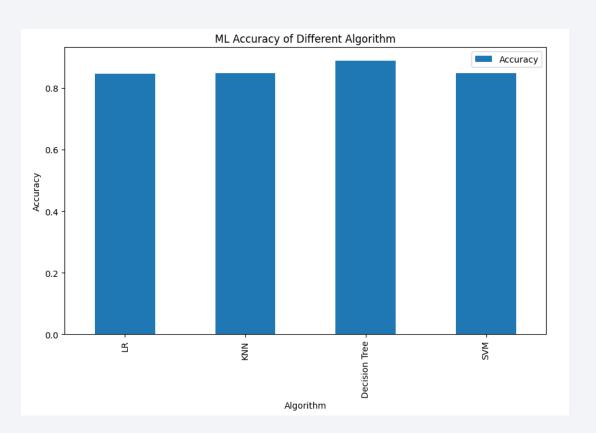
 Version v1.0, v1.1 have most of failures





Classification Accuracy

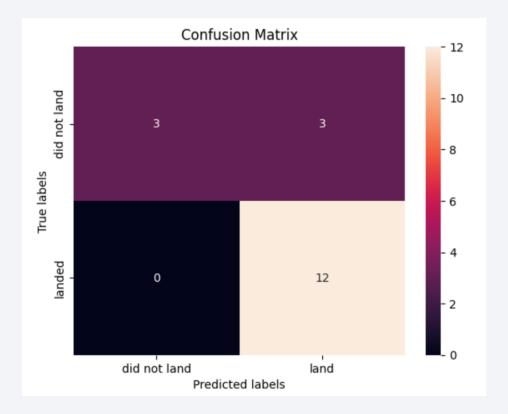
• Decision Tree has relativly highest accuracy



Confusion Matrix

• 12 landed predicted as landed

• 3 failures predicted as success



Conclusions

- Different launch sites have different success rate. KSC LC 39A and WAFB SLC 4E have success rate of 77%
- Success rate increase with Flight Number and Year
- Success rate decrease with payload mass
- ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO orbits have higher success rate
- Not all orbits have success rate related to flight number
- Payload mass don't have clear relationship with Orbit
- 4 launch sites are in CA and FL. 10 of 56 launches are in CA and the rest are in FL
- Booster version of FT, B4, B5 have higher success rate
- Decision Tree is more accurate than LR, SVM and KNN

Appendix

- All Jupyter Notebooks and python code have been uploaded to Github and their links have been pasted in this presentation.
- https://github.com/Aaron2014/IBM Data Science Practice

