

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

- Summary of methodologies
 - Data collection via API and Web Scraping
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 - Dashboards with Plotly Dash
 - Machine Learning Predictive Analysis
- Summary of all results
 - Exploratory Data Analysis results
 - Interactive maps and dashboard
 - Predictive results

Introduction

- Project background and context
 - The aim of the project is to predict if the Falcon 9 first stage will successfully be landed. SpaceX states that Falcon 9 rocket launch costs \$60M and other providers' launches cost \$165M.
 - Based on the successful launches and landing, we may predict total cost, and give some recommendations for competing with SpaceX in Space Race.
- Problems you want to find answers
 - What are the main factors of a successful or failed landing?
 - What are the effects of each relationship of the rocket features on landing?
 - What operating conditions that allow SpaceX to achieve a successful landing program?



Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - SpaceX REST API
 - Web Scraping from Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
 - Drop unnecessary columns
 - One Hot Encoding for classification models
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - How to build, tune, evaluate classification models

EDA with Data Visualization

- Scatter Graphs
 - Flight Number vs. Payload Mass
 - Flight Number vs. Launch Site
 - Payload vs. Launch Site
 - Orbit vs. Flight Number
 - Payload vs. Orbit Type
 - Orbit vs. Payload Mass

- Bar Graph
 - Success rate vs. Orbit

- Line Graph
 - Success rate vs. Year

EDA with SQL

- SQL queries to gather and understand data from dataset
 - Display the names of distinct launch sites in the space mission
 - Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
 - Display the total load mass carried by boosters launched by NASA(CRS).
 - Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9.v1.1.
 - List the successful landing outcome in ground pad
 - List the successful boosters in drone ship with 4000 < payload mass < 6000
 - List the successful and failed mission outcomes
 - Display the month names, failed landing in drone ship, booster versions, launch sites in 2015.
 - Rank successful landing outcomes between the dates 04-06-2019 and 20-02-2017 in descending order.

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Folium map object is a map centered on NASA Johnson Space Center at Texas, Houston
 - Red circle at NASA Johnson Space Center (folium.Circle, folium.map.Marker)
 - Red circle at launch site coordinates (folium.Circle, folium.map.Marker, folium.features.Divlcon)
 - Points in a cluster to display multiple information at the same point (folium.plugins.MarkerCluster)
 - Markers to show successful (Green) and unsuccessful (Red) landings (folium.map.Marker, folium.lcon)
 - Markers to show distance with plotline between launch site and key locations(city, railway, highway, coast way) (folium.map.Marker, folium.features.Divlcon, folium.PolyLine)
- These objects are created to understand the problem and data. We can easily show the all launch sites and surroundings, number of successful and unsuccessful landings.

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Dashboard includes dropdown menu, pie chart, range slider, and scatter plot.
 - Dropdown allows the user to choose the launch site or all launch sites(dash_core_components.Dropdown).
 - Pie chart shows totals success and failure for each launch site (plotly.express.pie).
 - Range slider allows the user to select a payload mass in a fixed range(dash_core_components.Rangeslider).
 - Scatter plot shows the relationship between two variables, for instance, Success vs. Payload Mass (plotly.express.scatter).

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

1. Data preparation

- Load dataset
- Normalize data
- Split data into training and test sets

2. Model preparation

- Select machine learning algorithms
- Set parameters for each algorithm to GridSearchCV
- Training GridSearchModel models with training dataset

3. Model evaluation

- Get best hyperparameters for each type of model
- Compute accuracy for each model with test dataset
- Plot Confusion Matrix

4. Model comparison

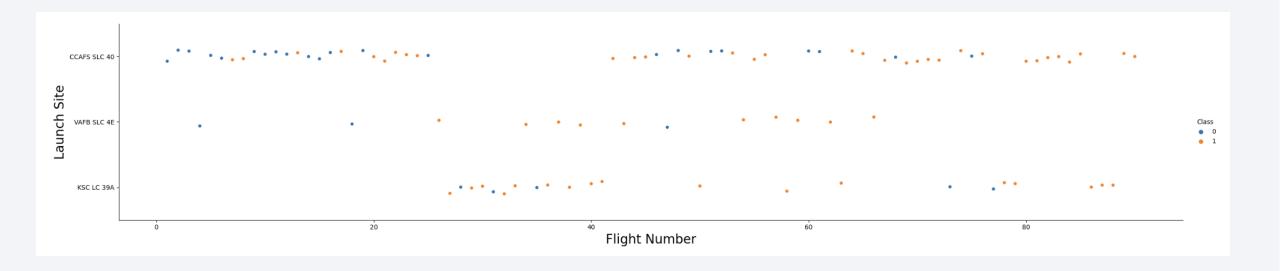
- Comparison of models according to their accuracy
- The model with best accuracy will be selected

Results

- Exploratory data analysis results
- Interactive analytics demo in screenshots
- Predictive analysis results

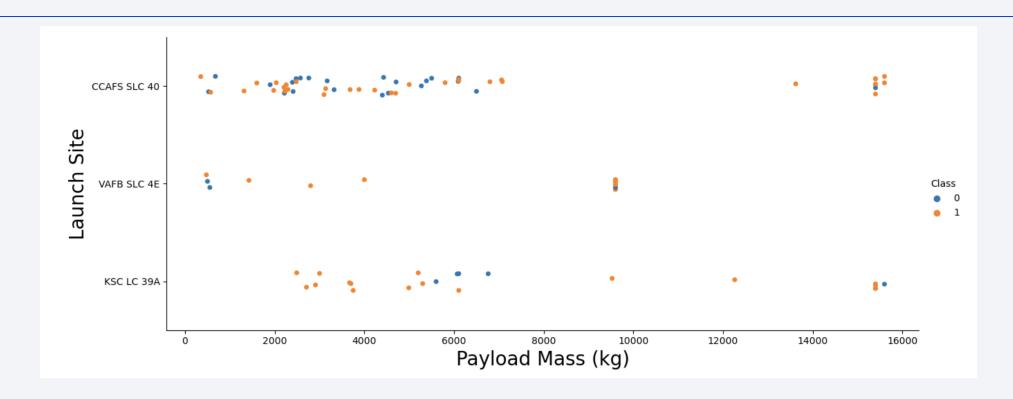


Flight Number vs. Launch Site



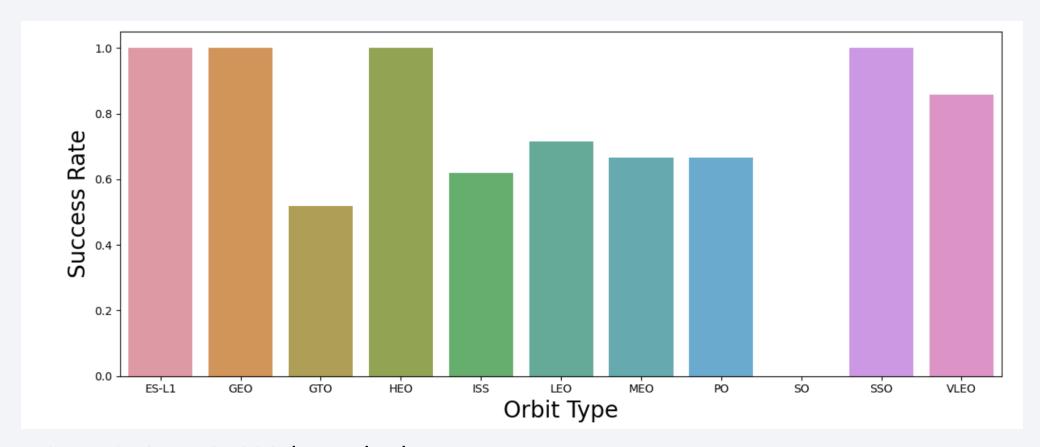
• The success rate is increasing for each site.

Payload vs. Launch Site



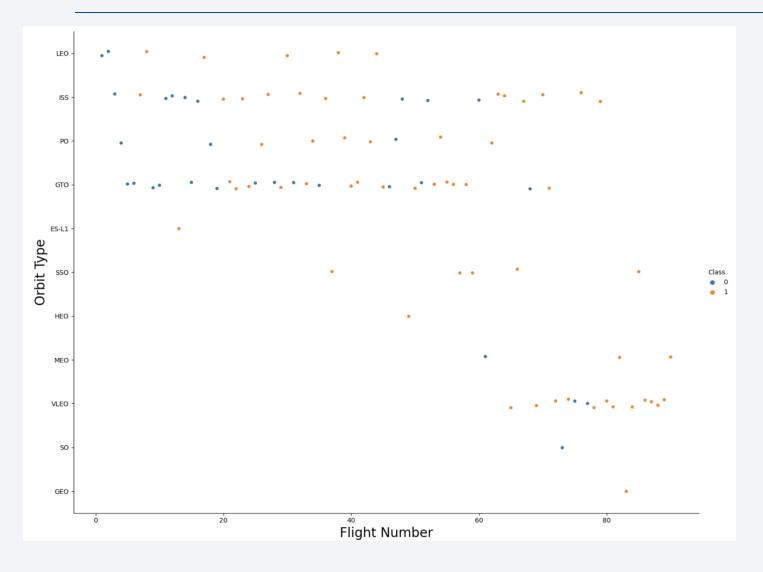
- Based on the launch site,
 - a heavier payload may be a consideration for a successful landing.
 - a too heavy payload can make a landing fail.

Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



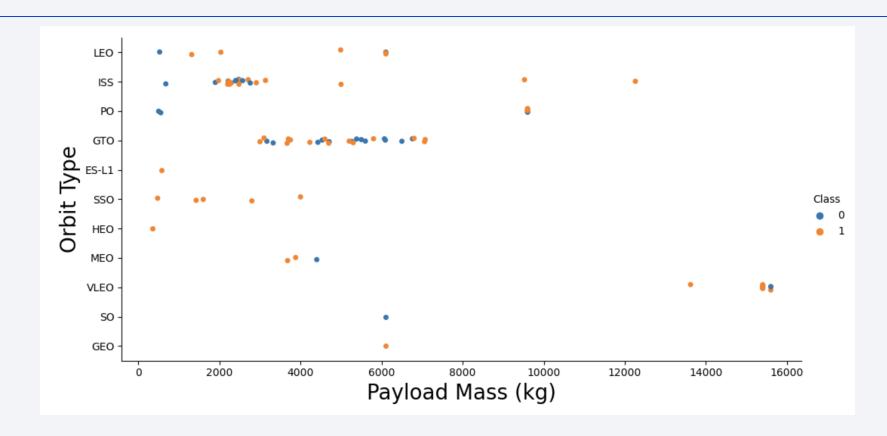
• ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO have the best success rate.

Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



- Success rate increases with the number of flights for the LEO orbit.
- There is no correlation between the success rate and the number of flights.

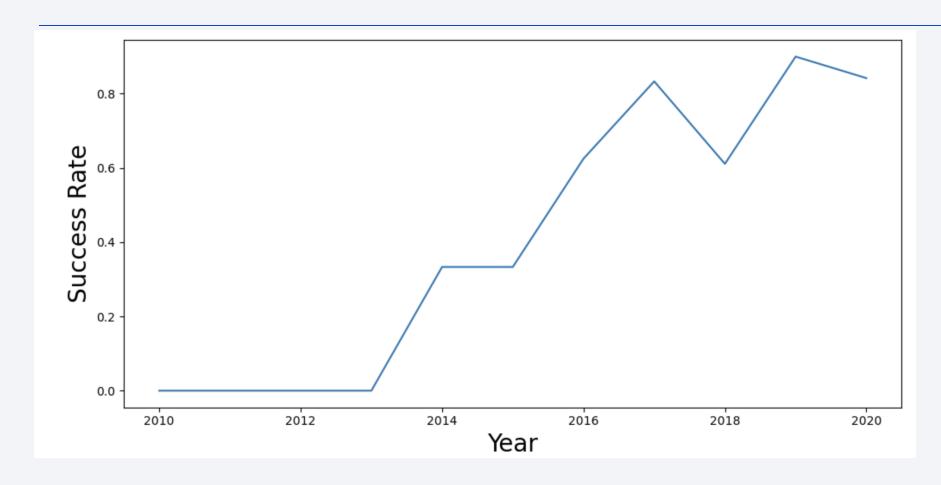
Payload vs. Orbit Type



The weight of the payloads can have a great influence on the success rate of the launches in certain orbits.

The less payload weight for a GTO orbit improves the success of a launch.

Launch Success Yearly Trend



• We can see an increase in the Space X Rocket success rate since 2013

All Launch Site Names

SQL Query and Result

```
%sql select DISTINCT(LAUNCH_SITE) from SPACEXTBL;

* sqlite://my_datal.db
Done.
    Launch_Site

CCAFS LC-40

VAFB SLC-4E

KSC LC-39A

CCAFS SLC-40
```

• DISTINCT in the query was used to remove duplicated LAUNCH_SITE

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

```
* sqlite://my_datal.db
Done.
Launch_Site
CCAFS LC-40
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```

- LIKE clause filters launch sites that contain the substring CCA.
- LIMIT 5 shows only 5 records

Total Payload Mass

SQL Query and Result

• This query returns the sum of all payload masses where the customer is NASA (CRS).

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

SQL Query and Result

• This query returns the average of all payload masses where the booster version contains the substring F9 v1.1.

First Successful Ground Landing Date

```
%sql select min(DATE) from SPACEXTBL where "Landing _Outcome" lIKE '%Success%';
    * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
imin(DATE)
    O1-05-2017
```

- Selection of the oldest successful landing
- The WHERE clause filters dataset to keep only records where landing was successful. With the MIN function, we select the record with the oldest date.

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

```
%sql select "BOOSTER_VERSION" from SPACEXTBL where "Landing _Outcome" ='Success (drone ship)' \
and "PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_" > 4000 and "PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_" < 6000;

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

Booster_Version

F9 FT B1022

F9 FT B1021.2

F9 FT B1031.2</pre>
```

- This query returns the booster version where landing was successful and payload mass is between 4000 and 6000 kg.
- The WHERE and AND clauses filter the dataset.

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

```
* sql select (select count("MISSION_OUTCOME") from SPACEXTBL where "MISSION_OUTCOME" LIKE '%Success%') as Success, \
    (select count("MISSION_OUTCOME") from SPACEXTBL where "MISSION_OUTCOME" LIKE '%Failure%') as Failure;
    * sqlite://my_data1.db
    Done.

* Success Failure

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- With the first SELECT, we show the subqueries that return results. The first subquery counts the successful mission. The second subquery counts the unsuccessful mission.
- The WHERE clause followed by LIKE clause filters mission outcome. The COUNT function counts records filtered.

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

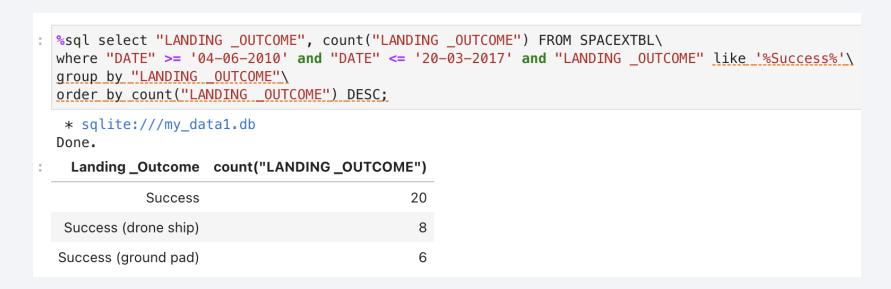
```
%sql select distinct "BOOSTER_VERSION" from SPACEXTBL \
where "PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_" = (select max(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from SPACEXTBL);
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
Booster_Version
  F9 B5 B1048.4
  F9 B5 B1049.4
  F9 B5 B1051.3
  F9 B5 B1056.4
  F9 B5 B1048.5
  F9 B5 B1051.4
  F9 B5 B1049.5
  F9 B5 B1060.2
  F9 B5 B1058.3
  F9 B5 B1051.6
  F9 B5 B1060.3
  F9 B5 B1049.7
```

- We used a subquery to filter data by returning only the heaviest payload mass with MAX function.
- The main query uses subquery results and returns unique booster version (SELECT DISTINCT) with the heaviest payload mass.

2015 Launch Records

- This query returns month, booster version, launch site where landing was unsuccessful and landing date took place in 2015.
- substr() function process date in order to take month or year.
- substr(DATE, 4, 2) shows month. substr(DATE, 7, 4) shows year.

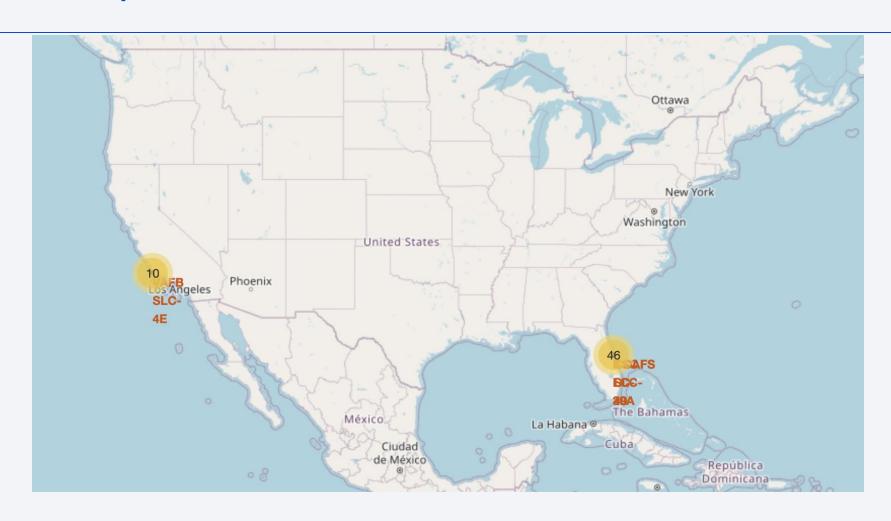
Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20



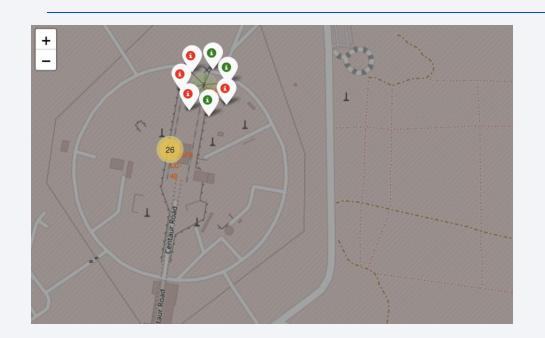
- This query returns landing outcomes and their count where mission was successful, and date is between 04/06/2010 and 20/03/2017.
- The GROUP BY clause groups results by landing outcome and ORDER BY COUNT DESC shows results in decreasing order.

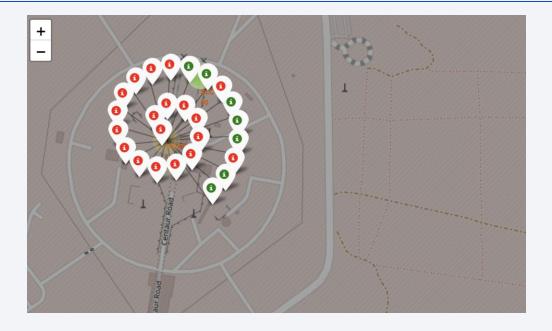


Folium map – Ground stations



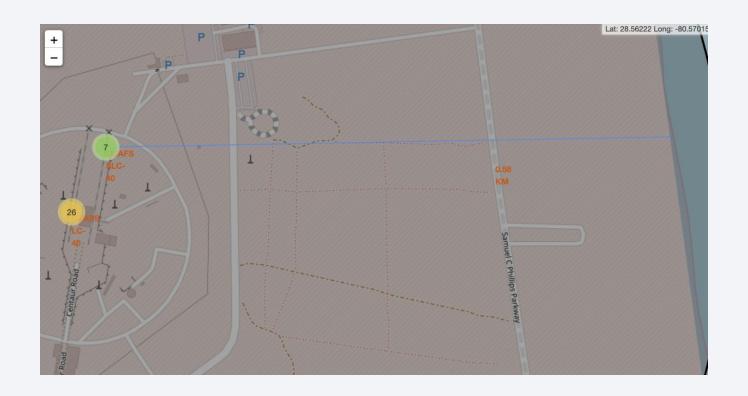
Folium map – Color Labeled Markers





- Green marker represents successful launches.
- Red marker represents unsuccessful launches.
- We note that KSC LC-39A has a highest launch success rate.

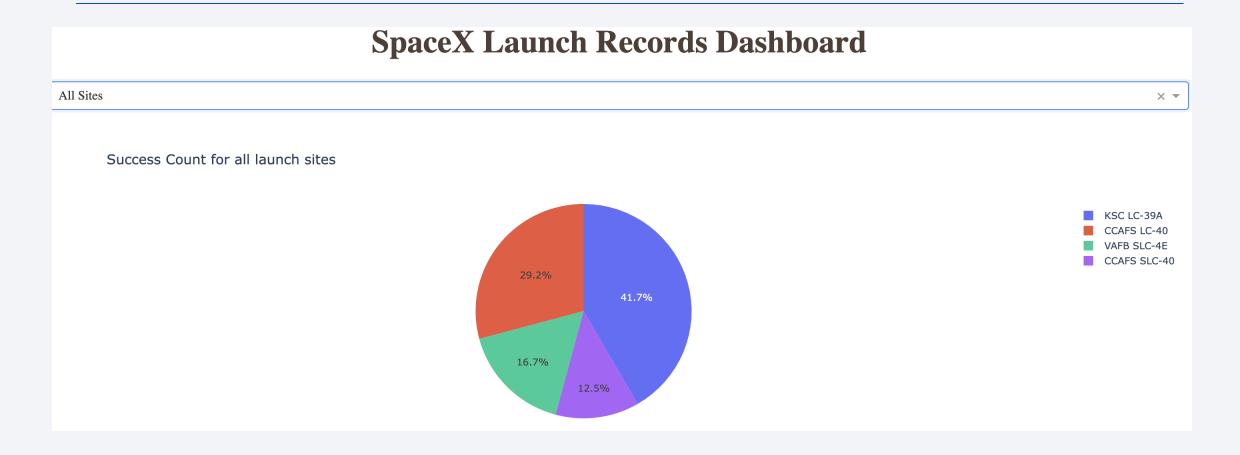
Folium Map – Distances between CCAFS SLC-40 and its proximities



- Are launch sites in close proximity to railways? Yes
- Are launch sites in close proximity to highways? Yes
- Are launch sites in close proximity to coastline? Yes
- •Do launch sites keep certain distance away from cities? No



Dashboard - Success by Site



KSC LC-39A has the best success rate of launches

Dashboard - Success launches for Site KSC LC-39A



• KSC LC-39A has achieved a 76.9% success rate while getting a 23.1% failure rate

Dashboard – Payload mass vs Outcome for all sites with different payload mass selected



• Low weighted payloads have a better success rate than the heavy weighted payloads.

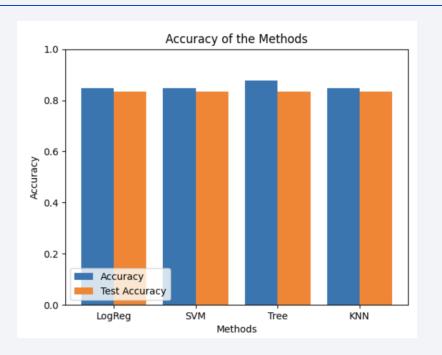
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Classification Accuracy

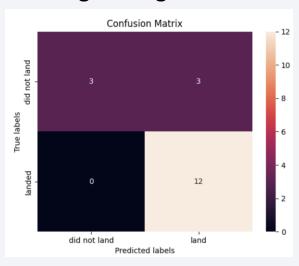
:		Accuracy Train	Accuracy Test
	Logreg	0.846429	0.833333
	Svm	0.848214	0.833333
	Tree	0.875000	0.833333
	Knn	0.848214	0.833333



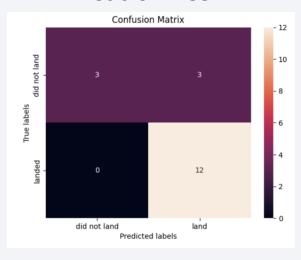
- In accuracy test, all methods performed similar.
- If we really need to choose one right now, we will take the decision tree.

Confusion Matrix

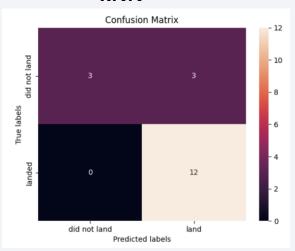
Logistic regression



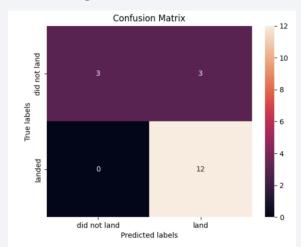
Decision Tree



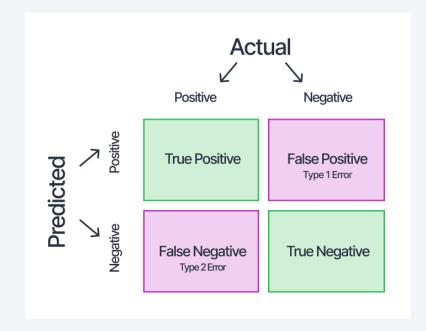
kNN



SVM



 Show the confusion matrix of the best performing model with an explanation



Conclusions

- Different data sources were analyzed, refining conclusions along the process;
 - GEO, HEO, SSO, ES-L1 have the best success rates,
 - Launches above 7,000kg are less risky,
 - The best launch site is KSC LC-39A,
 - Low weighted payloads perform better than the heavy weighted payloads.
- According the evolution of processes and rockets,
 - Most of mission outcomes are successful,
 - Successful landing outcomes seem to improve over time.
- The Decision Tree Algorithm has a better train accuracy and test accuracy between all the models used is identical. Decision Tree Classifier can be used to predict successful landings and increase profits.

Appendix

- Python code snippets, SQL queries, charts, Notebook outputs, and data sets were used to create the project.
- SpaceX Falcon 9 Landing Prediction Project was deployed to GitHub.
- https://github.com/BurcakAydin/ibmcapstone

