

SpaceX Falcon 9 First Stage Landing Prediction

Assignment: Exploring and Preparing Data

Estimated time needed: 70 minutes

In this assignment, we will predict if the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully. SpaceX advertises Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website with a cost of 62 million dollars; other providers cost upward of 165 million dollars each, much of the savings is due to the fact that SpaceX can reuse the first stage.

In this lab, you will perform Exploratory Data Analysis and Feature Engineering.

Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully



Several examples of an unsuccessful landing are shown here:



Most unsuccessful landings are planned. Space X performs a controlled landing in the oceans.

Objectives

Perform exploratory Data Analysis and Feature Engineering using Pandas and Matplotlib

- Exploratory Data Analysis
- Preparing Data Feature Engineering

Import Libraries and Define Auxiliary Functions

We will import the following libraries the lab

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In [1]: # andas is a software library written for the Python programming language for da
   import pandas as pd
   #NumPy is a library for the Python programming language, adding support for larg
   import numpy as np
   # Matplotlib is a plotting library for python and pyplot gives us a MatLab like
   import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
   #Seaborn is a Python data visualization library based on matplotlib. It provides
   import seaborn as sns
```

Exploratory Data Analysis

First, let's read the SpaceX dataset into a Pandas dataframe and print its summary

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In [5]: df=pd.read_csv("https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.clo
# If you were unable to complete the previous lab correctly you can uncomment an
#df = pd.read_csv('https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.
#df.head(5)
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First, let's try to see how the FlightNumber (indicating the continuous launch attempts.) and Payload variables would affect the launch outcome.

We can plot out the FlightNumber vs. PayloadMass and overlay the outcome of the launch. We see that as the flight number increases, the first stage is more likely to land successfully. The payload mass is also important; it seems the more massive the payload, the less likely the first stage will return.

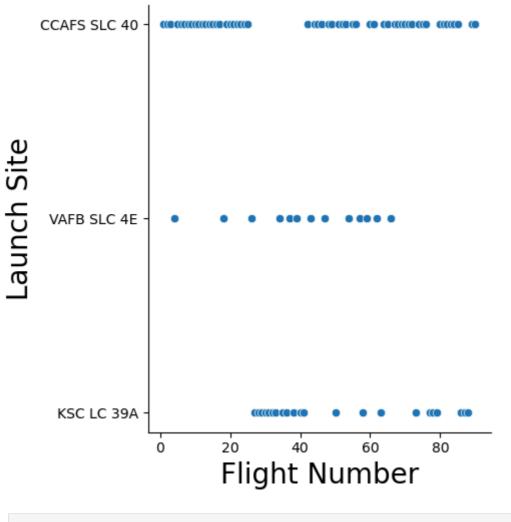
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In [6]: sns.catplot(y="PayloadMass", x="FlightNumber", hue="Class", data=df, aspect = 5) plt.xlabel("Flight Number", fontsize=20) plt.ylabel("Pay load Mass (kg)", fontsize=20) plt.show()
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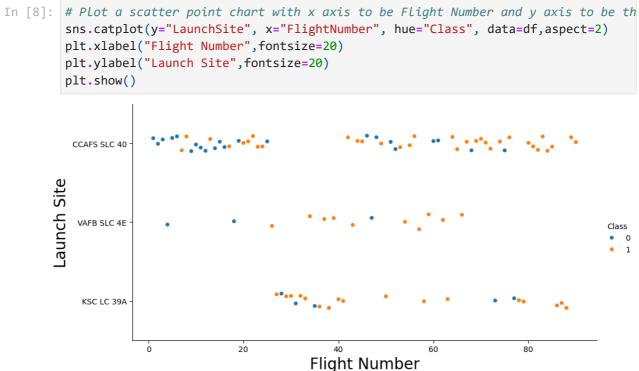
Next, let's drill down to each site visualize its detailed launch records.

TASK 1: Visualize the relationship between Flight Number and Launch Site

Use the function catplot to plot FlightNumber vs LaunchSite, set the parameter x parameter to FlightNumber, set the y to Launch Site and set the parameter hue to 'class'

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In [7]: # Plot a scatter point chart with x axis to be Flight Number and y axis to be th
### TASK 1: Visualize the relationship between Flight Number and Launch Site
sns.relplot(y="LaunchSite", x="FlightNumber", data=df)
plt.xlabel("Flight Number", fontsize=20)
plt.ylabel("Launch Site", fontsize=20)
plt.show()
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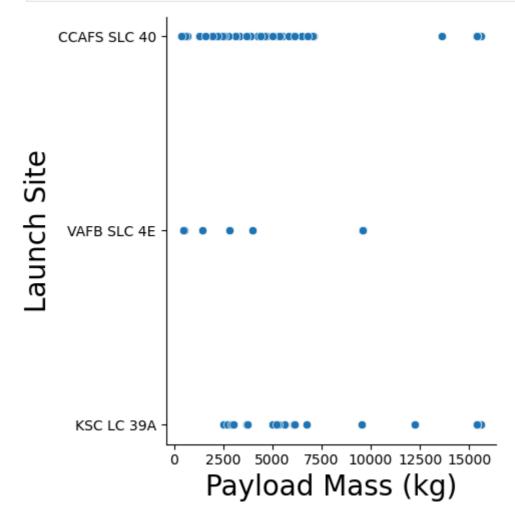


Now try to explain the patterns you found in the Flight Number vs. Launch Site scatter point plots.

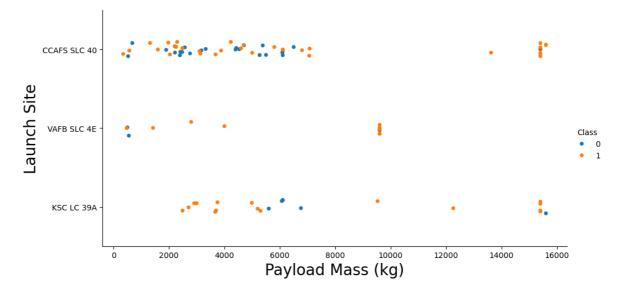
TASK 2: Visualize the relationship between Payload and Launch Site

We also want to observe if there is any relationship between launch sites and their payload mass.

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In [9]: # Plot a scatter point chart with x axis to be Pay Load Mass (kg) and y axis to
### TASK 2: Visualize the relationship between Payload and Launch Site
sns.relplot(y="LaunchSite", x="PayloadMass", data=df)
plt.xlabel("Payload Mass (kg)",fontsize=20)
plt.ylabel("Launch Site",fontsize=20)
plt.show()
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In [10]: # Plot a scatter point chart with x axis to be Pay Load Mass (kg) and y axis to
    sns.catplot(y="LaunchSite", x="PayloadMass", hue="Class", data=df,aspect=2)
    plt.xlabel("Payload Mass (kg)",fontsize=20)
    plt.ylabel("Launch Site",fontsize=20)
    plt.show()
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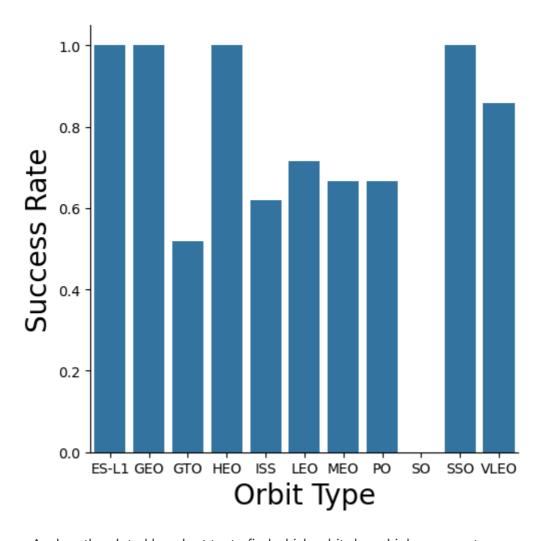


Now if you observe Payload Vs. Launch Site scatter point chart you will find for the VAFB-SLC launchsite there are no rockets launched for heavypayload mass(greater than 10000).

TASK 3: Visualize the relationship between success rate of each orbit type

Next, we want to visually check if there are any relationship between success rate and orbit type.

Let's create a bar chart for the sucess rate of each orbit

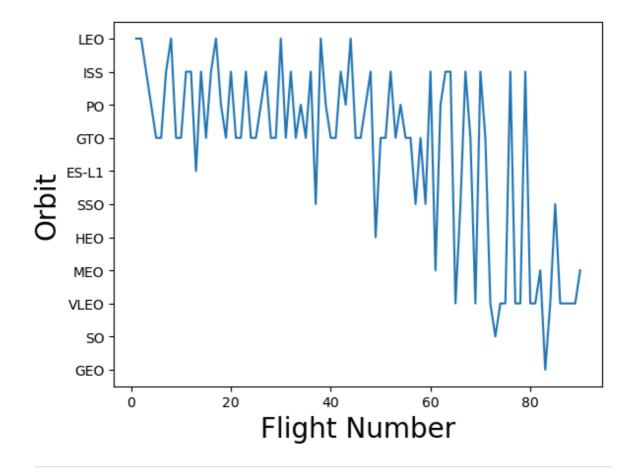


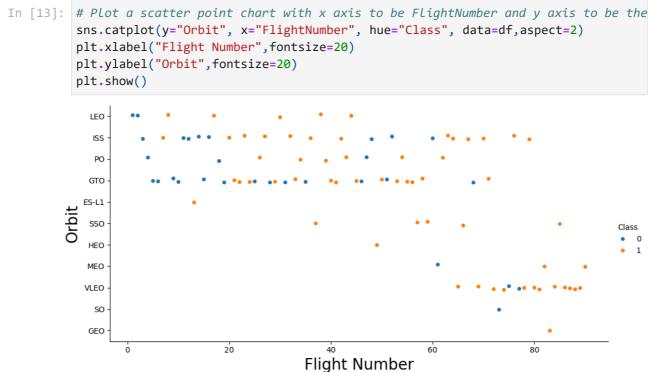
Analyze the ploted bar chart try to find which orbits have high sucess rate.

TASK 4: Visualize the relationship between FlightNumber and Orbit type

For each orbit, we want to see if there is any relationship between FlightNumber and Orbit type.

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In [12]: # Plot a scatter point chart with x axis to be FlightNumber and y axis to be the
### TASK 4: Visualize the relationship between FlightNumber and Orbit type
sns.lineplot(y="Orbit", x="FlightNumber",data=df)
plt.xlabel("Flight Number",fontsize=20)
plt.ylabel("Orbit",fontsize=20)
plt.show()
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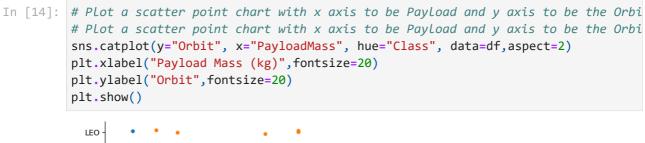


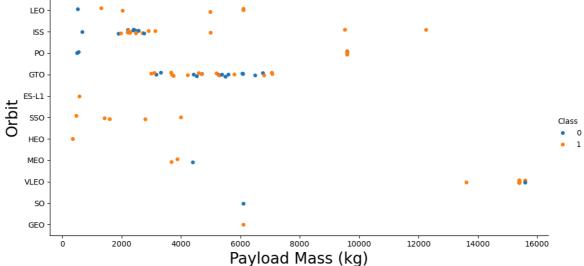


You should see that in the LEO orbit the Success appears related to the number of flights; on the other hand, there seems to be no relationship between flight number when in GTO orbit.

TASK 5: Visualize the relationship between Payload and Orbit type

Similarly, we can plot the Payload vs. Orbit scatter point charts to reveal the relationship between Payload and Orbit type





With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Polar, LEO and ISS.

However for GTO we cannot distinguish this well as both positive landing rate and negative landing(unsuccessful mission) are both there here.

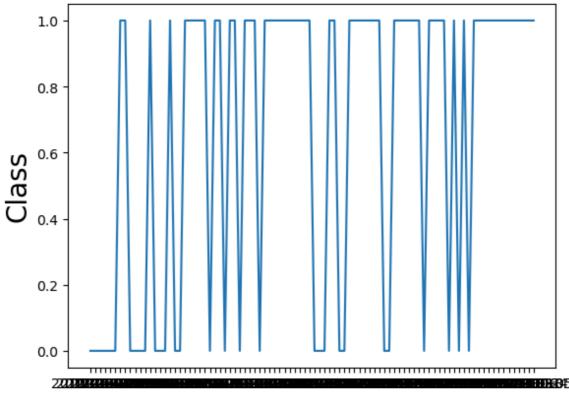
TASK 6: Visualize the launch success yearly trend

You can plot a line chart with x axis to be Year and y axis to be average success rate, to get the average launch success trend.

The function will help you get the year from the date:

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In [16]: # A function to Extract years from the date
    year=[]
    def Extract_year(date):
        for i in df["Date"]:
            year.append(i.split("-")[0])
        return year

In [15]: # Plot a line chart with x axis to be the extracted year and y axis to be the su
    sns.lineplot(y="Class", x="Date", data=df)
    plt.xlabel("Date",fontsize=20)
    plt.ylabel("Class",fontsize=20)
    plt.show()
```



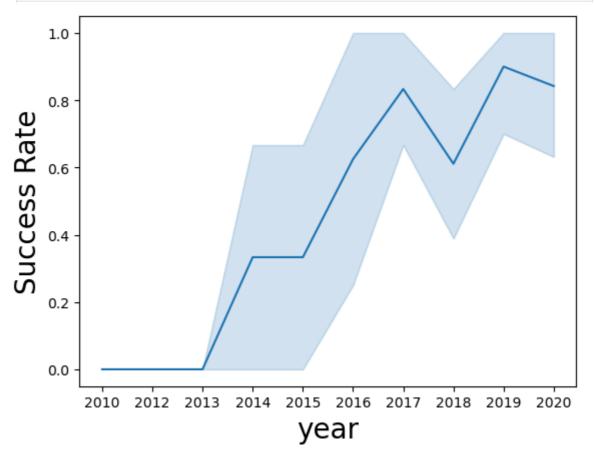
Date

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In [17]: # A function to Extract years from the date
    year=[]
    def Extract_year():
        for i in df["Date"]:
            year.append(i.split("-")[0])
        return year
    Extract_year()
    df['Date'] = year
    df.head()
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Out[17]:		FlightNumber	Date	BoosterVersion	PayloadMass	Orbit	LaunchSite	Outcome	Fliç
	0	1	2010	Falcon 9	6104.959412	LEO	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	
	1	2	2012	Falcon 9	525.000000	LEO	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	
	2	3	2013	Falcon 9	677.000000	ISS	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	
	3	4	2013	Falcon 9	500.000000	РО	VAFB SLC 4E	False Ocean	
	4	5	2013	Falcon 9	3170.000000	GTO	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	

In [18]: # Plot a line chart with x axis to be the extracted year and y axis to be the su
sns.lineplot(data=df, x="Date", y="Class")
plt.xlabel("year",fontsize=20)

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plt.ylabel("Success Rate",fontsize=20)
plt.show()
```



You can observe that the success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2017 (stable in 2014) and after 2015 it started increasing.

Features Engineering

By now, you should obtain some preliminary insights about how each important variable would affect the success rate, we will select the features that will be used in success prediction in the future module.

Out[19]:	19]: FlightNumber		PayloadMass	Orbit	LaunchSite	Flights	GridFins	Reused	Legs	Lan
	0	1	6104.959412	LEO	CCAFS SLC 40	1	False	False	False	
	1	2	525.000000	LEO	CCAFS SLC 40	1	False	False	False	
	2	3	677.000000	ISS	CCAFS SLC 40	1	False	False	False	
	3	4	500.000000	РО	VAFB SLC 4E	1	False	False	False	
	4	5	3170.000000	GTO	CCAFS SLC 40	1	False	False	False	
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TASK 7: Create dummy variables to categorical columns

Use the function <code>get_dummies</code> and <code>features</code> dataframe to apply OneHotEncoder to the column <code>Orbits</code>, <code>LaunchSite</code>, <code>LandingPad</code>, and <code>Serial</code>. Assign the value to the variable <code>features_one_hot</code>, display the results using the method head. Your result dataframe must include all features including the encoded ones.

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In [20]: # HINT: Use get_dummies() function on the categorical columns
          # HINT: Use get_dummies() function on the categorical columns
          features_one_hot = pd.get_dummies(features, columns=['Orbit', 'LaunchSite', 'Lan
          features_one_hot.head()
Out[20]:
             FlightNumber PayloadMass Flights GridFins Reused Legs Block ReusedCount
          0
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         5 rows × 80 columns
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TASK 8: Cast all numeric columns to float64

Now that our features_one_hot dataframe only contains numbers cast the entire dataframe to variable type float64

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In [21]: # HINT: use astype function
features_one_hot.astype(float)
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	FlightNumber	PayloadMass	Flights	GridFins	Reused	Legs	Block	ReusedCount
0	1.0	6104.959412	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
1	2.0	525.000000	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
2	3.0	677.000000	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
3	4.0	500.000000	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
4	5.0	3170.000000	1.0	0.0	0.0	0.0	1.0	0.0
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85	86.0	15400.000000	2.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	2.0
86	87.0	15400.000000	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	2.0
87	88.0	15400.000000	6.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	5.0
88	89.0	15400.000000	3.0	1.0	1.0	1.0	5.0	2.0
89	90.0	3681.000000	1.0	1.0	0.0	1.0	5.0	0.0

90 rows × 80 columns

In [22]: # HINT: use astype function
features_one_hot.to_csv('dataset_part_3.csv', index=False)

We can now export it to a **CSV** for the next section, but to make the answers consistent, in the next lab we will provide data in a pre-selected date range.

features_one_hot.to_csv('dataset_part_3.csv', index=False)

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Change Log

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2020-09-20	1.0	Joseph	Modified Multiple Areas
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