

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

Summary of methodologies

- Collection API
- Web scraping
- Data wrangling
- EDA Using SQL
- o EDA Using Pandas and Matplotlib
- o Interactive Visual Analytics with Folium lab

Summary of all results

- Interactive Dashboard with Ploty Dash
- Machine Learning Prediction

Introduction

Project background and context

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 because SpaceX can reuse the first stage. Therefore, if we can determine if the first stage will land, we can determine the cost of a launch. This information can be used if an alternate company wants to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch.

Problems you want to find answers

We will predict if the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully. SpaceX advertises Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website





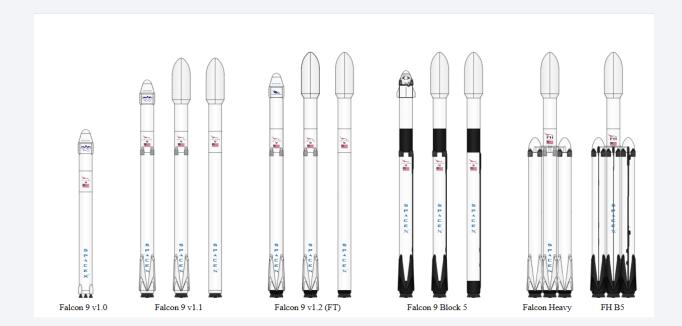
Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - Data Collection API
 - Data Collection with Web Scraping
- Perform data wrangling
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models

Data Collection

- Falcon 9 space X data was collected by different methods and from different sources.
- Get request to the SpaceX API. Request and parse the SpaceX launch data using the GET request. JSON.
- Web scraping to compile historical Falcon 9 launch records from a Wikipedia page titled List of Falcon 9
 and Falcon Heavy launches. Extract all column/variable names from the HTML table header.
 BeautifulSoup.



Data Collection - SpaceX API

 Let's start requesting rocket launch data from SpaceX API with the following URL:

> https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/laun ches/past

- To make the requested JSON results more consistent, I useed the following static response object for this project.
- GitHub SpaceX API calls notebook:https:

https://github.com/Diego-Asturiano/Data Science Capstone Falcon9 SpaceX Launch/blob/97debc8c469fb2301 999bc7af02e6168c285020a/1.1%20Colle ction%20API.ipynb

```
spacex_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
  response = requests.get(spacex url)
 Check the content of the response
  print(response.content)
static json url='https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork/datasets/API call spacex api.json'
We should see that the request was successfull with the 200 status response code
response=requests.get(static_json_url)
response.status code
```

Data Collection - Scraping

 Request the Falcon9 Launch Wiki page from its URL:

https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches&ol did=1027686922

- Let's perform an HTTP GET method to request the Falcon9 Launch HTML page, as an HTTP response.
- Extract all column names from the HTML table header. Then, create a data frame by parsing the launch HTML tables
- GitHub URL of the completed web scraping notebook:

https://github.com/Diego-

Asturiano/Data Science Capstone Falcon9 SpaceX Laun ch/blob/97debc8c469fb2301999bc7af02e6168c28502 Oa/1.2%20Webscraping.ipynb

```
static url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches&oldid=1027686922"
# use requests.get() method with the provided static_url
# assign the response to a object
req = requests.get(static_url)
Create a BeautifulSoup object from the HTML response
# Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
soup = BeautifulSoup(req.content, 'html.parser')
Print the page title to verify if the BeautifulSoup object was created properly
# Use soup.title attribute
soup.title
<title>List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches - Wikipedia</title>
# Use the find all function in the BeautifulSoup object, with element type `table`
# Assign the result to a list called `html_tables`
html tables = soup.find all('table')
Starting from the third table is our target table contains the actual launch records.
# Let's print the third table and check its content
first launch table = html tables[2]
print(first_launch_table)
```

Data Wrangling

```
df['LaunchSite'].value counts()
df.isnull().sum()/len(df)*100
                                  LaunchSite
FlightNumber
                    0.000000
                                  CCAFS SLC 40
Date
                    0.000000
                                  KSC LC 39A
                                                  22
BoosterVersion
                    0.000000
                                  VAFB SLC 4F
                                                  13
PavloadMass
                    0.000000
                                  Name: count, dtype: int64
Orbit
                    0.000000
                                   df['Orbit'].value_counts()
LaunchSite
                    0.000000
                    0.000000
Outcome
                                   0rbit
Flights
                    0.000000
                                   GTO
                                            27
GridFins
                    0.000000
                                   ISS
                                            21
Reused
                    0.000000
                                   VLEO
                                            14
                    0.000000
Legs
                                            9
LandingPad
                   28.888889
                                   LEO
                                            7
                                             5
                                   SS0
Block
                    0.000000
                                   MEO
                                            3
ReusedCount
                    0.000000
                                            1
                                   HEO
Serial
                    0.000000
                                   ES-L1
                    0.000000
Longitude
Latitude
                    0.000000
                                            1
                                   GEO
dtype: float64
                                   Name: count, dtype: int64
```

Class
1 60
0 30

- The Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) was performed to find some patterns in the data and determine what would be the label for supervised model training.
- The Space X data set from the previous section is loaded. The percentage of missing values for each attribute was identified and calculated.
- The following calculations were made:
 - Calculate the number of launches on each site
 - Calculate the number and occurrence of each orbit
 - Calculate the number and occurrence of mission outcome of the orbits
- Finally, a landing result tag was created from the Result column.
- GitHub URL of data wrangling related notebooks:

https://github.com/Diego-Asturiano/Data Science Capstone Falcon9 SpaceX Launch /blob/97debc8c469fb2301999bc7af02e6168c285020al/ 1.3%20Data%20wrangling.ipynb

EDA with Data Visualization

- In this section we created scatter and bar charts with Python to analyze data in a Pandas data frame. We performed exploratory data analysis by manipulating data in a Pandas data frame and executed SQL queries to select and sort data.
 - Visualize the relationship between Flight Number and Launch Site. Scatterplot
 - Visualize the relationship between Payload Mass and Launch Site Scatterplot
 - Visualize the relationship between success rate of each orbit type bar plot
 - Visualize the relationship between Flight Number and Orbit type Scatterplot
 - Visualize the relationship between Payload Mass and Orbit type Scatterplot
 - Visualize the launch success yearly trend Line Plot
- GitHub URL of EDA with data visualization notebook:

https://github.com/Diego-

<u>Asturiano/Data Science Capstone Falcon9 SpaceX Launch/blob/666c475415295fdc01b0778dfb7fff901c8e4c0 f/2.2%20EDA%20Using%20Pandas%20and%20Matplotlib.ipynb</u>

EDA with SQL

Load the dataset into the corresponding table in a Db2 database.

```
""" sqlite:///my_data1.db

import pandas as pd

df = pd.read_csv("https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork/labs/module_2/data/Spacex.csv")

df.to_sql("SPACEXTBL", con, if_exists='replace', index=False,method="multi")
```

1. Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission.

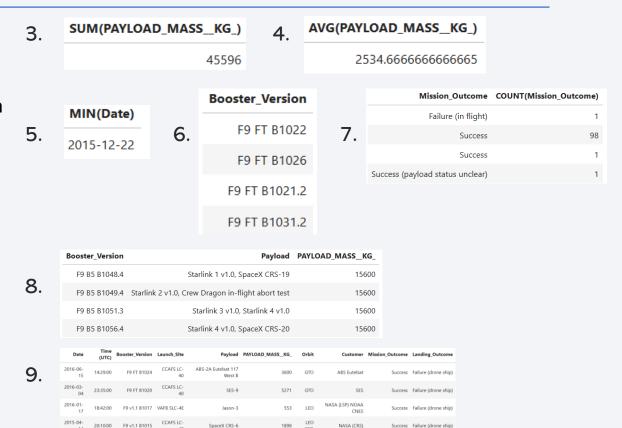
Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASSKG_	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing_Outcome
2010- 06-04	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
2010- 12-08	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of Brouere cheese	0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	Failure (parachute)

2. Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'

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2012- 10-08	0:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

EDA with SQL

- 3. Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- 4. Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- 5. List the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved.
- List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- 7. List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes.
- 8. List all the booster versions that have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery.
- 9. Rank the count of landing outcomes (such as Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad)) between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20, in descending order.



NASA (CRS

Success Failure (drone shin

GitHub URL of EDA with SQL notebook:
 URL

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Finding an optimal location for building a launch site certainly involves many factors, we could discover some of the factors by analyzing the existing launch site locations.
- In this section the following folium maps were created:
 - Mark all launch sites on a map.
 - Mark the success/failed launches for each site on the map.
- GitHub URL of interactive map with Folium map:

https://github.com/Diego-Asturiano/Data Science Capstone Falcon9 SpaceX Launch/blob/666c 475415295fdc01b0778dfb7fff901c8e4c0f/3.1%20Interactive%20Vis ual%20Analytics%20with%20Folium%20lab.ipynb





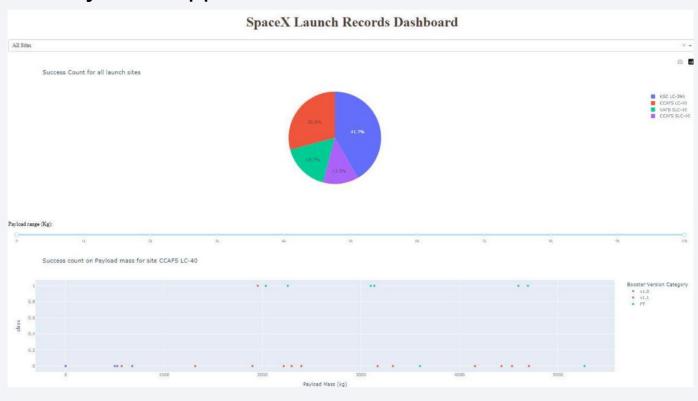
Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- An interactive dashboard containing pie charts and scatter plots was built to analyze launch records interactively with Plotly Dash.
- GitHub URL of Plotly Dash lab:

https://github.com/Diego-

Asturiano/Data Science Capstone Falcon9 SpaceX Launch/blob/666c475415295fdc01b0778dfb7fff901c8e4c0f/3.2%20Build%20an%20Interactive%20Dashboard%20with%20Ploty%20Dash.py

Ploty Dash App



- A predictive analysis of the data was performed, and training labels were determined.
 - Created a column for the class.
 - · Standardize the data.
 - Split the data into training data and test data.
 - Find the best hyperparameter for SVM, classification trees and logistic regression.
 - 1. Create a NumPy array from the column Class in data, by applying the method to_numpy().

```
y = data['Class'].to_numpy()
y.dtype

dtype('int64')
```

2. Standardize the data in X then reassign it to the variable X.

3. Use the function train_test_split to split the data X and Y into training and test data. Set the parameter test_size to 0.2 and random state to

X_train, X_test, Y_train, Y_test

X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split(X , y, test_size=0.2,random_state=2)

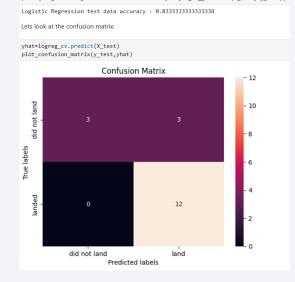
we can see we only have 18 test samples.

y_test.shape

(18,)

5. Calculate the accuracy on the test data using the method score.

print("Logistic Regression test data accuracy:",logreg_cv.score(X_test, y_test))



4. Create a logistic regression object then create a GridSearchCV object logreg_cv with cv = 10.

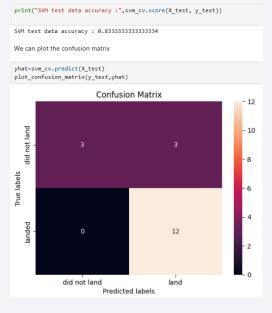
6. Create a support vector machine object then create a GridSearchCV object svm_cv with cv = 10.

```
print("tuned hpyerparameters :(best parameters) ",svm_cv.best_params_)
print("accuracy :",svm_cv.best_score_)

tuned hpyerparameters :(best parameters) {'C': 1.0, 'gamma': 0.03162277660168379, 'kernel': 'sigmoid'}
accuracy : 0.8482142857142856
```

7. Calculate the accuracy on the test data using the

method score:



10.Create a k nearest neighbors object then create a GridSearchCV object knn_cv with cv = 10.

```
knn_cv = GridSearchCV(KNN, parameters, cv= 10)

#Fit the training data into the GridSearch object
knn_cv.fit(X_train, y_train)

print("tuned hyperparameters :(best parameters) ",knn_cv.best_params_)
print("accuracy :",knn_cv.best_score_)

tuned hyperparameters :(best parameters) {'algorithm': 'auto', 'n_neighbors': 10, 'p': 1}
accuracy : 0.8482142857142858
```

8. Create a logistic regression object then create a GridSearchCV object logreg_cv with cv = 10.

```
tree_cv = GridSearchCV(tree, parameters, cv= 10)

#Fit the training data into the GridSearch object
tree_cv.fit(X_train, y_train)

print("tuned hpyerparameters: (best parameters) ",tree_cv.best_params_)
print("accuracy:",tree_cv.best_score_)
tuned hpyerparameters: (best parameters) {'criterion': 'gini', 'max_depth': 10, 'max_features': 'sqrt'
    'splitter': 'random'}
accuracy: 0.8875
```

9. Calculate the accuracy of tree_cv on the test data using the method score:

```
print("tuned hpyerparameters :(best parameters) ",tree_cv.best_params_)
print("accuracy: ",tree_cv.best_score_)

tuned hpyerparameters :(best parameters) {'criterion': 'gini', 'max_depth': 10, 0, 'splitter': 'random'}
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We can plot the confusion matrix

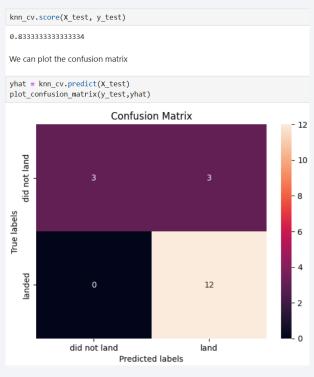
yhat = tree_cv.predict(X_test)
plot_confusion_matrix(y_test,yhat)

Confusion Matrix

- 12
- 10
- 8
- 6
- 4
- 2
- 0

did not land
Predicted labels
```

11.Calculate the accuracy of knn_cv on the test data using the method score:



12. Find the method performs best:

```
Report = pd.DataFrame({'Method' : ['Test Data Accuracy']})
knn_accuracy=knn_cv.score(X_test, y_test)
Decision_tree_accuracy=tree_cv.score(X_test, y_test)
SVM_accuracy=svm_cv.score(X_test, y_test)
Logistic_Regression=logreg_cv.score(X_test, y_test)

Report['Logistic_Reg'] = [Logistic_Regression]
Report['SVM'] = [SVM_accuracy]
Report['Decision Tree'] = [Decision_tree_accuracy]
Report['KNN'] = [knn_accuracy]
Report.transpose()
```

GitHub URL predictive análisis:

https://github.com/Diego-

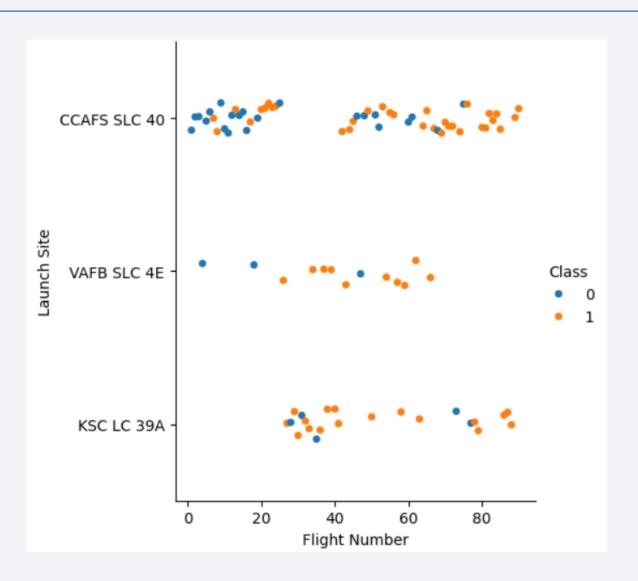
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Results

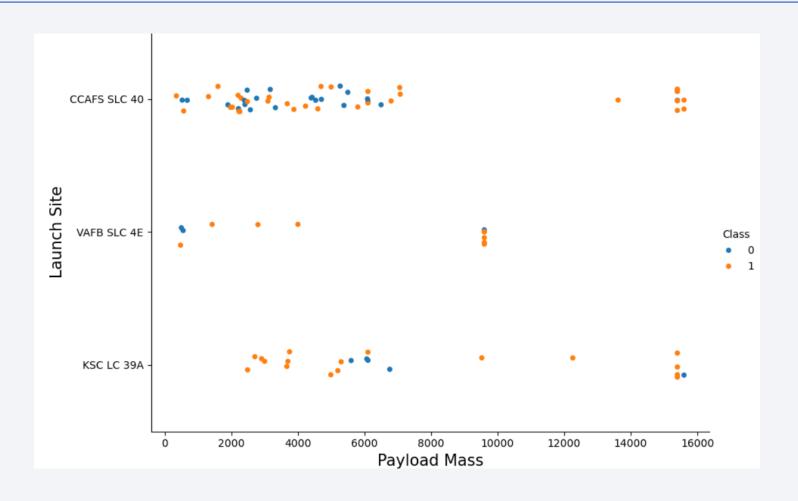
- Exploratory data analysis results
- Interactive analytics demo in screenshots
- Predictive analysis results



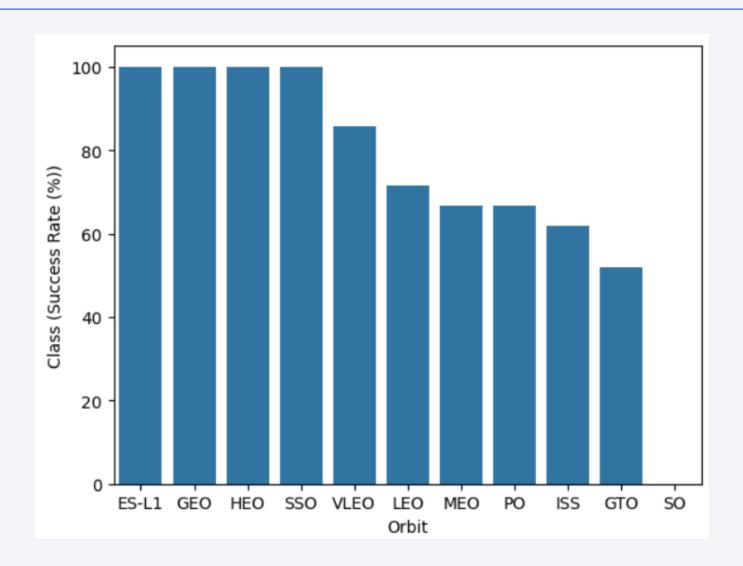
Flight Number vs. Launch Site



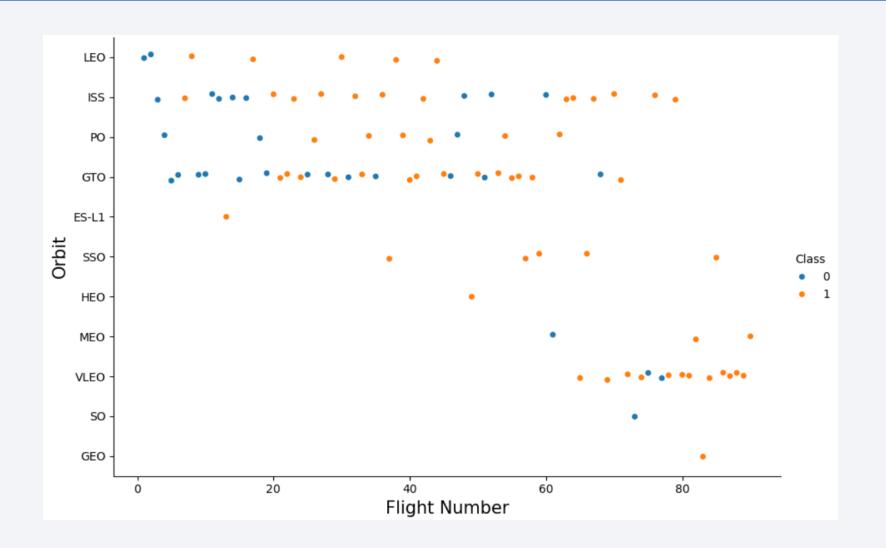
Payload vs. Launch Site



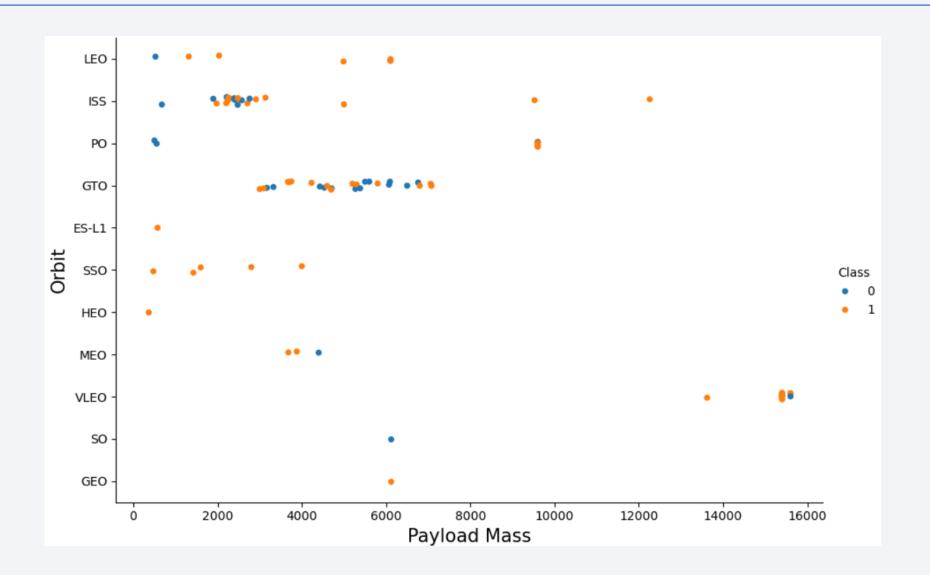
Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



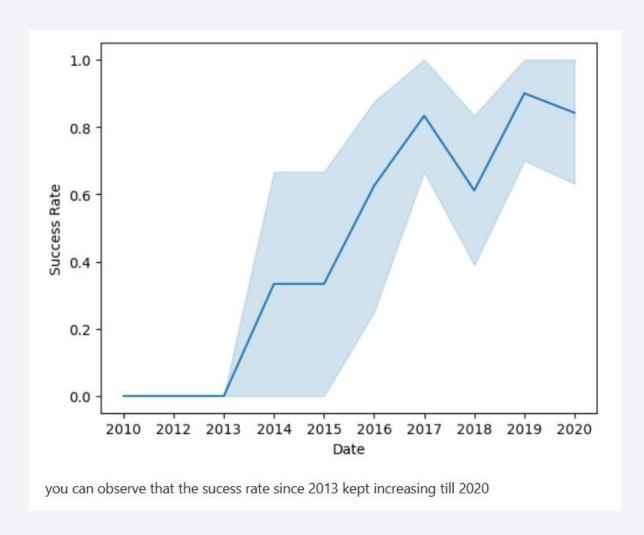
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



Payload vs. Orbit Type



Launch Success Yearly Trend



All Launch Site Names

```
Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
%sql SELECT DISTINCT LAUNCH_SITE as "Launch_Sites" FROM SPACEXTBL;
 * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
Launch_Sites
CCAFS LC-40
 VAFB SLC-4E
  KSC LC-39A
CCAFS SLC-40
```

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

• Find 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`

Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'

%sql SELECT * FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Launch_Site LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5;

* sqlite:///my_data1.db

Done.

Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing_Outcome
2010- 06-04	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
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Total Payload Mass

Calculate the total payload carried by boosters from NASA

```
%sql SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Customer = 'NASA (CRS)'

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.

SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)

45596
```

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

Calculate the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

```
Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

%sql SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Booster_Version LIKE 'F9 v1.1%'

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.

AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)

2534.66666666666665
```

First Successful Ground Landing Date

• Find the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad

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

Hint:Use min function

%sql SELECT MIN(Date) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Landing_Outcome = 'Success (ground pad)'

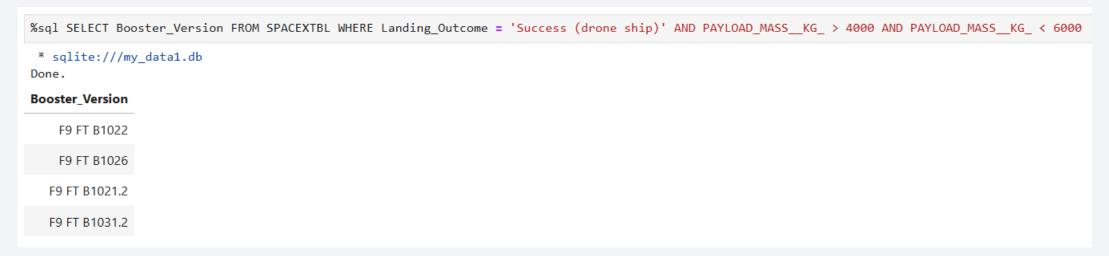
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

MIN(Date)

2015-12-22

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

 List the names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000



Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

• Calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

%sql SELEC	T Mission_Outcome	, COUNT(Mission_Outcome)
* sqlite: Done.	///my_data1.db	
	Mission_Outcome	COUNT(Mission_Outcome)
	Failure (in flight)	1
	Success	98
	Success	1
	load status unclear)	1

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

• List the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass

%sql SELECT Boo	oster_Version, Payload, PAYLOAD_MASSKG	_ FROM SPACEXTBL WHEN
* sqlite:///my Done.	y_data1.db	
Booster_Version	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_
F9 B5 B1048.4	Starlink 1 v1.0, SpaceX CRS-19	15600
F9 B5 B1049.4	Starlink 2 v1.0, Crew Dragon in-flight abort test	15600
F9 B5 B1051.3	Starlink 3 v1.0, Starlink 4 v1.0	15600
F9 B5 B1056.4	Starlink 4 v1.0, SpaceX CRS-20	15600
F9 B5 B1048.5	Starlink 5 v1.0, Starlink 6 v1.0	15600
F9 B5 B1051.4	Starlink 6 v1.0, Crew Dragon Demo-2	15600
F9 B5 B1049.5	Starlink 7 v1.0, Starlink 8 v1.0	15600
F9 B5 B1060.2	Starlink 11 v1.0, Starlink 12 v1.0	15600
F9 B5 B1058.3	Starlink 12 v1.0, Starlink 13 v1.0	15600
F9 B5 B1051.6	Starlink 13 v1.0, Starlink 14 v1.0	15600
F9 B5 B1060.3	Starlink 14 v1.0, GPS III-04	15600
F9 B5 B1049.7	Starlink 15 v1.0, SpaceX CRS-21	15600

2015 Launch Records

 List the failed landing_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015

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

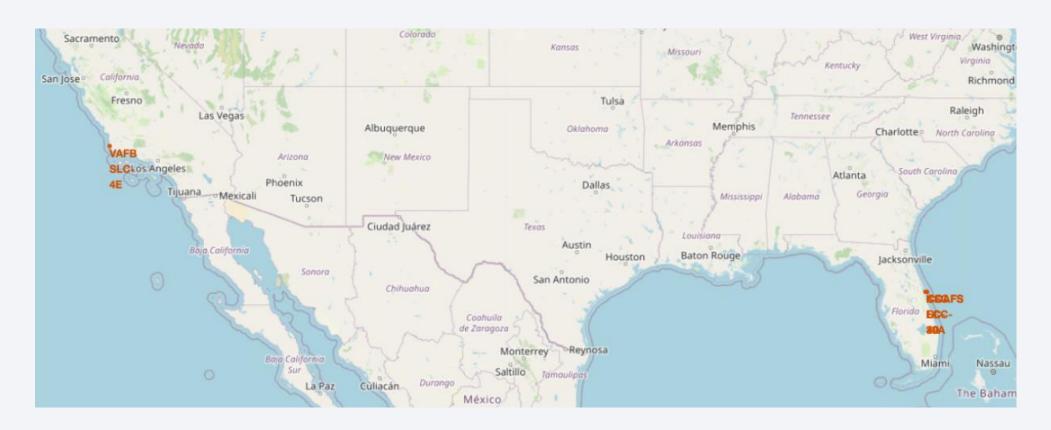
 Rank the count of landing outcomes (such as Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad)) between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20, in descending order

%sql SELECT * FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Landing Outcome LIKE 'Failure (drone ship)%' AND (Date BETWEEN '2010-06-04 ' AND '2017-03-20') ORDER BY Date DESC; * sqlite:///my data1.db Done. Payload PAYLOAD MASS KG Customer Mission_Outcome Landing_Outcome Date **Booster Version** Launch Site Orbit (UTC) ABS-2A Eutelsat 117 2016-06-CCAFS LC-14:29:00 F9 FT B1024 3600 **GTO** ABS Eutelsat Success Failure (drone ship) 15 40 West B 2016-03-CCAFS LC-23:35:00 F9 FT B1020 Success Failure (drone ship) SES-9 5271 **GTO** SES NASA (LSP) NOAA 2016-01-LEO 18:42:00 553 Success Failure (drone ship) F9 v1.1 B1017 VAFB SLC-4E Jason-3 17 CNES 2015-04-LEO CCAFS LC-20:10:00 F9 v1.1 B1015 SpaceX CRS-6 1898 NASA (CRS) Success Failure (drone ship) (ISS) 14 LEO 2015-01-CCAFS LC-9:47:00 F9 v1.1 B1012 SpaceX CRS-5 NASA (CRS) Success Failure (drone ship) 2395 (ISS) 10



Launch sites on a map

• We can see all the location markers of the launch points on a global map, we can see all the launch points very close to the coast.



Success/Failed launches for each site on the map

Show the color-labeled launch outcomes on the map.





Calculate the distances between a launch site to its proximities

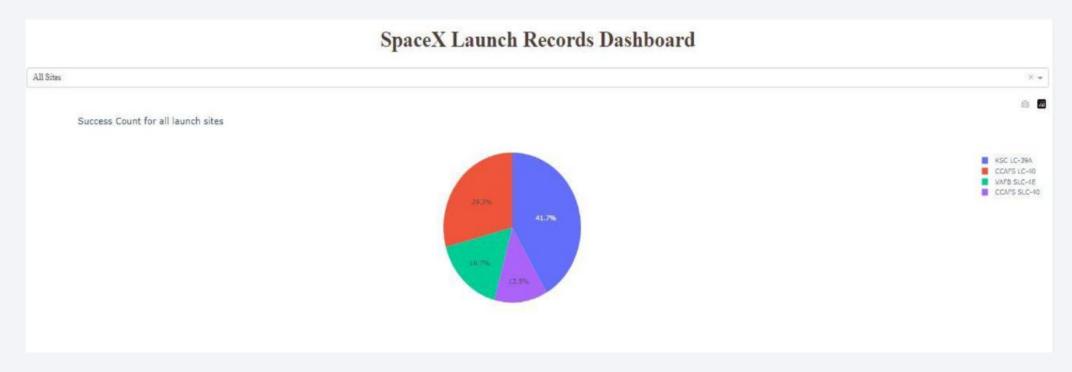
Selected launch site to its proximities such as railway, highway, coastline, with distance calculated and displayed





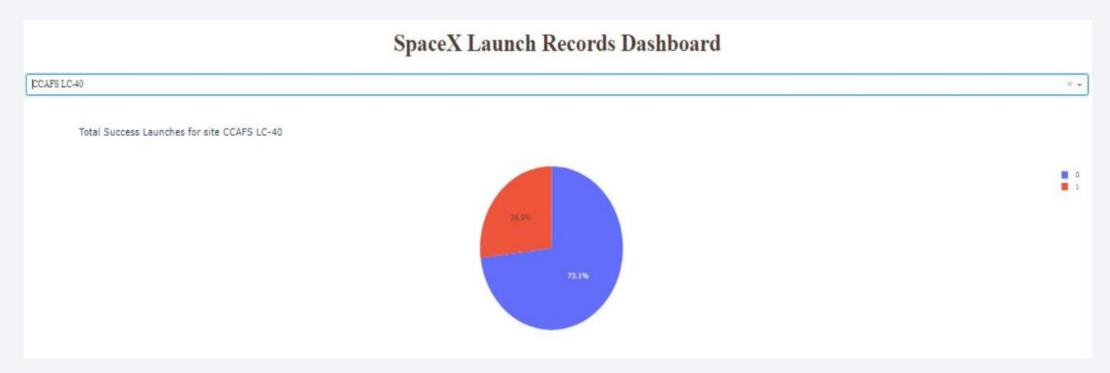
Launch success count for all launches sites

• Show the screenshot of launch success count for all sites, in a piechart.



Launch site with highest launch success ratio

• Show the screenshot of the piechart for the launch site with highest launch success ratio.



Payload vs. Launch Outcome scatter plot for all sites

• Show screenshots of Payload vs. Launch Outcome scatter plot for all sites, with different payload selected in the range slider.





Classification Accuracy

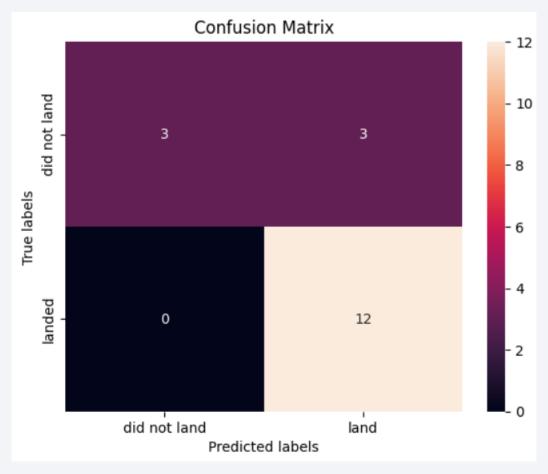
• Model accuracy for all built classification models, in a bar chart

Method	Test Data Accuracy
Logistic_Reg	0.833333
SVM	0.833333
Decision Tree	0.944444
KNN	0.833333

• The model who has the highest classification accuracy is Decision Tree

Confusion Matrix

• Confusion matrix of the best performing model. Accuracy of knn_cv on the test data using the method score.



Conclusions

- Machine learning techniques were applied to predict the landing success of the first leg of the rocket, using models such as logistic regression, decision tree and SVM.
- Different models were compared using metrics such as precision and accuracy, identifying which ones offer better predictions based on variables such as launch site, orbit type and payload.
- The project helps to make informed data science decisions.
- This experience simulates a real use case in the aerospace industry, showing how data science can support critical decisions in space missions.

