IBM DATA SCIENCE CAPSTONE PROJECT

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Executive Summary

Summary of Methodologies

This project follows these steps

- Data Collection
- Data Wrangling
- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)
- Interactive Visual Analytics
- Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Summary of Results

This project produced the following outputs and visualizations

- EDA results
- Geospatial analytics
- Interactive dashboard
- Predictive analysis of classification models

Introduction

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.

In this project, we will predict if the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully.

Methodology

Data Collection

- Making GET requests to the SpaceX REST API
- Web Scraping SpaceX Wikipedia

Data Wrangling

- Using the .fillna() method to remove NaN values
- Using the .value_counts() method to determine:
 - Number of launches on each site.
 - Number and occurrence of each orbit
 - Number and occurrence of mission outcome
- Creating a landing outcome label that shows the following:
 - 0 when the booster did not land successfully
 - 1 when the booster did land successfully

Exploratory Data Analysis

- Using SQL queries to manipulate and evaluate the SpaceX dataset
- Using Pandas and Matplotlib to visualize relationships between variables, and determine patterns

Interactive Visual Analysis

- Geospatial analysis using Folium
- Creating an interactive dashboard using Plotly Dash

Data Modelling and Evaluation

- Using Scikit-Learn to:
 - Pre-process (standardize) the data
 - Split the data into training and testing data using train_test_split
 - Train different classification models
 - Find hyperparameters using GridSearchCV
- Plotting confusion matrices for each classification model
- Assessing the accuracy of each classification model

Data Collection SpaceX Rest API

- Request and parse the SpaceX launch data using the GET request
- Use custom logic to collect and store useful data and build a dataset from dictionary
- Clean the dataset to only include Falcon 9 launches, reset the FlightNumber column, replace missing values of PayloadMass with mean PayloadMass value

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In [15]: # Use json_normalize meethod to convert the json result into a dataframe data = pd.json_normalize(response.json())

In [26]: # Create a data from launch_dict df=pd.DataFrame.from_dict(launch_dict)

In [28]: # Hint data['BoosterVersion']!='Falcon 1' data_falcon9 = df[df['BoosterVersion']!='Falcon 1']

data_falcon9.loc[:,'FlightNumber'] = list(range(1, data_falcon9.shape[0]+1)) data_falcon9

In [32]: # Calculate the mean value of PayloadMass column avgmass = data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].mean() # Replace the np.nan values with its mean value data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].replace(np.nan, avgmass, inplace=True)
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Data Collection SpaceX Web Scraping

- Request the Falcon9 Launch Wiki page from its URL
- Extract all column/variable names from the HTML table header
- Create a data frame by parsing the launch HTML tables

Data Wrangling

- Replace missing values of PayloadMass with the mean PayloadMass
- Determine the number of launches of each site
- Determine the number and occurrence of orbit type
- Determine the number and occurrence of outcome
- Creating a landing outcome label that shows the following:
 - 0 when the booster did not land successfully
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        # Apply value_counts() on column LaunchSite
                                                                 # landing outcomes = values on Outcome column
        df['LaunchSite'].value counts()
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        KSC LC 39A
                      22
       VAFB SLC 4E
                      13
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         # Apply value counts on Orbit column
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         df['Orbit'].value_counts()
                                                                Name: Outcome, dtype: int64
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         VLEO
                  14
                                                                # landing class = 0 if bad outcome
         PO
                                                                # landing class = 1 otherwise
                                                                landing class = []
         MEO
         ES-L1
                                                                for i in df['Outcome']:
         HEO
         50
                                                                     if i in bad outcomes:
                                                                          landing class.append(0)
         Name: Orbit, dtype: int64
                                                                     else:
                                                                          landing_class.append(1)
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EDA - Visualization

SCATTER CHARTS

Scatter charts were produced to visualize A bar chart was produced to visualize the Line charts were produced to visualize the relationships between:

- Flight Number and Launch Site
- Payload and Launch Site
- Orbit Type and Flight Number
- Payload and Orbit Type

Scatter charts are useful to observe relationships, or correlations, between two numeric variables.

BAR CHART

relationship between:

• Success Rate and Orbit Type

LINE CHARTS

the relationships between:

• Success Rate and Year (i.e. the launch success yearly trend)



Bar charts are used to compare a numerical value to a categorical variable. Horizontal or vertical bar charts can be used, depending on the size of the data.



Line charts contain numerical values on both axes, and are generally used to show the change of a variable over time.

EDA - SQL

To further understand the dataset, the following SQL queries were performed:

- Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
- Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'KSC'
- Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- List the date where the successful landing outcome in drone ship was achieved
- List the names of the boosters which have success in ground pad and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- List the names of the booster_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass
- List the records which will display the month names, successful landing_outcomes in ground pad ,booster versions, launch_site for the months in year 2017
- Rank the count of successful landing_outcomes between the date 04-06-2010 and 20-03-2017 in descending order

Launch Sites Locations Analysis with Folium



Mark all launch sites

Initialize a Folium Map object

Add a circle and marker object for
each launch site



Mark success/failed launches for each site

Cluster the launches according to launch site

Assign a successful launch with a green marker and a failed launch with a red marker



Calculate the distances between a launch site to its proximities

The approximate distances can be calculated by using the latitude and longitude values

Create a Folium marker object for the point of interest

Folium polyline was added to show the distance between the two points

Interactive Dashboard – Plotly Dash

Build a Plotly Dash application for users to perform interactive visual analytics on SpaceX launch data in real-time. This dashboard application contains input components such as a dropdown list and a range slider to interact with a pie chart and a scatter point chart.

- The pie chart shows the total successful launches per site
 - This makes it clear to see which sites are the most successful
 - This chart can be filtered using the dropdown list to see more details for a specific site.
- Scatter chart shows the correlation between launch outcome and payload mass
 - This can be filtered using a range slider and dropdown list to further compare booster version and payload mass.

Predictive Analysis - Classification

Create a machine learning pipeline to predict if the first stage will land

Model Development

- Prepare the dataset for model development
- Load data
- Standardize and pre-process
- Split data into training and testing data
- Models
- Create a GridSeachCV object and dictionary of parameters
- Fit the object to the parameters
- Use the training data to train the model

Model Evaluation

- Chosen Model
- Check tuned hyperparameters
- Check accuracy
- Plot and examine the confusion matrix

Determine Best Classification Model

• Compare accuracy of models





Exploratory Data Analysis

Interactive Analytics

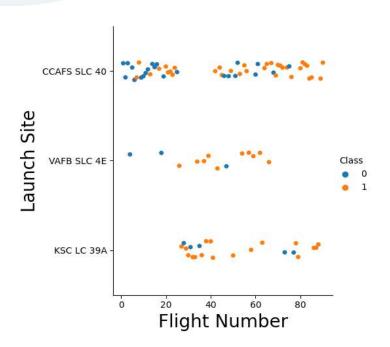




Predictive Analysis



Flight Number vs Launch Site



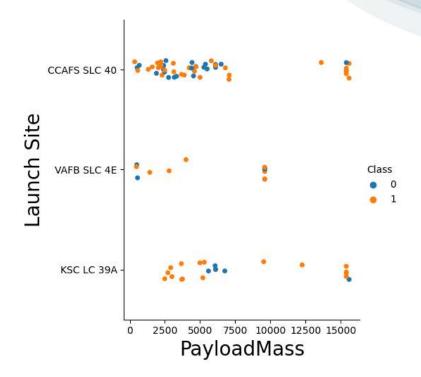
The scatter plot of Launch Site vs. Flight Number shows:

- As the number of flights increases, the rate of success at a launch site increases.
- Most early flights were launched from CCAFS SLC 40 and were generally unsuccessful. (Class = 0)
- The flights from VAFB SLC 4E also show this trend, that earlier flights were less successful.
- No early flights were launched from KSC LC 39A, so the launches from this site are more successful.
- Later flights show there are significantly more successful landings (Class = 1).

Payload vs Launch Site

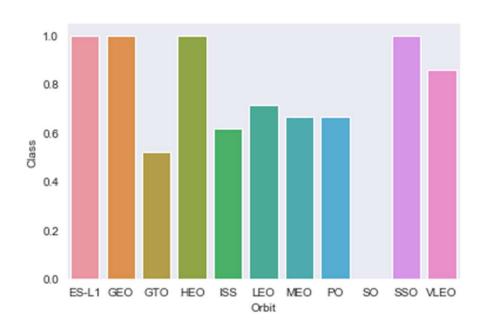
The scatter plot of Launch Site vs. Payload Mass shows:

- Above a mass of around 7000 kg, there are very few unsuccessful landings, but there is also less data for heavier launches.
- There is no clear correlation between payload mass and success rate for a given launch site.
- All sites launched a variety of payload masses, with most of the launches from CCAFS SLC 40 being comparatively lighter payloads (with some outliers).



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Success Rate vs Orbit Type



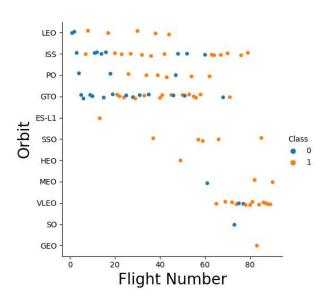
The bar chart of Success Rate vs. Orbit Type shows that the higher altitude orbits have the highest (100%) success rate:

- ES-L1 (Earth-Sun First Lagrangian Point)
- GEO (Geostationary Orbit)
- HEO (High Elliptical Orbit)
- SSO (Sun-synchronous Orbit)

The orbit with the lowest (0%) success rate is:

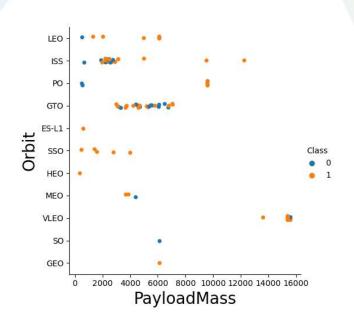
• SO (Sub Orbital)

Flight Number vs Orbit Type



This scatter plot of Orbit Type vs. Flight number shows:

- The 100% success rate of GEO, HEO, and ES-L1 orbits can be explained by only having 1 flight into their respective orbits
- The 100% success rate in SSO is more impressive, with 5 successful flights
- There is little relationship between Flight Number and Success Rate for GTO
- Generally, as Flight Number increases, the success rate increases

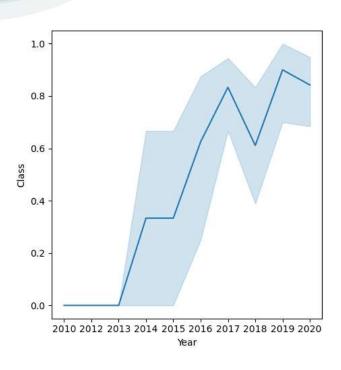


Payload vs Orbit Type

This scatter plot of Orbit Type vs. Payload Mass shows:

- The following orbit types have more success with heavy payloads:
 - PO
 - ISS
 - VLEO
- For the successful, high-altitude orbits, the payload was lighter
- VLEO (Very Low Earth Orbit) launches are associated with heavier payloads.

Launch Success Yearly Trend



The line chart of yearly average success rate shows:

- Between 2010 and 2013, all landings were unsuccessful (as the success rate is 0).
- After 2013, the success rate generally increased, despite small dips in 2018 and 2020.
- After 2016, there was always a greater than 50% chance of success.



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

DISTINCT returns the unique values of the "LAUNCH_SITE" column of the SPACEXTBL table.

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

In [8]:	<pre>%sql SELECT * FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE "LAUNCH_SITE" LIKE 'KSC%' LIMIT 5 * sqlite://my_data1.db Done.</pre>											
	19-02-2017	14:39:00	F9 FT B1031.1	KSC LC-39A	SpaceX CRS-10	2490	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Success (ground pad)		
	16-03-2017	06:00:00	F9 FT B1030	KSC LC-39A	EchoStar 23	5600	GTO	EchoStar	Success	No attempt		
	30-03-2017	22:27:00	F9 FT B1021.2	KSC LC-39A	SES-10	5300	GTO	SES	Success	Success (drone ship)		
	01-05-2017	11:15:00	F9 FT B1032.1	KSC LC-39A	NROL-76	5300	LEO	NRO	Success	Success (ground pad)		
	15-05-2017	23:21:00	F9 FT B1034	KSC LC-39A	Inmarsat-5 F4	6070	GTO	Inmarsat	Success	No attempt		

LIMIT 5 only retrieves 5 records, and LIKE is used with wild card 'KSC%' to retrieve string values starting with 'KSC'

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

The SUM keyword is used to calculate the total of the LAUNCH column, and the SUM keyword (and the associated condition) filters the results to only boosters from NASA (CRS)

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

The AVG keyword is used to calculate the average of the PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ column, and the WHERE keyword (and the associated condition) filters the results to only the F9 v1.1 booster version

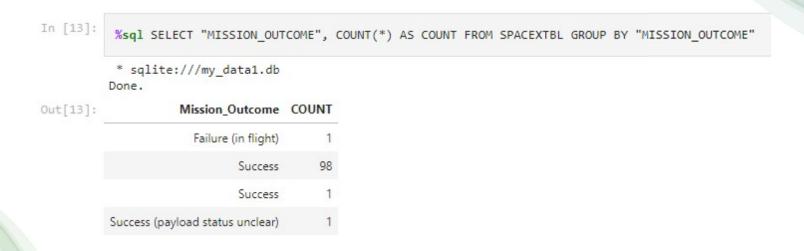
List the date where the successful landing outcome in drone ship was achieved.

The MIN keyword is used to calculate the minimum of the DATE column, i.e., the first date, and the WHERE keyword (and the associated condition) filters the results to only the successful drone ship landings

List the names of the boosters which have success in ground pad and have payload mass between 4000 and 6000

The WHERE keyword is used to filter the results to include only those that satisfy both conditions in the brackets (as the AND keyword is also used). The BETWEEN keyword allows for 4000 < x < 6000 values to be selected

List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes



The COUNT keyword is used to calculate the total number of mission outcomes, and the GROUPBY keyword is also used to group these results by the type of mission outcome.

List the names of the booster_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass

111 [14].	"sql SELECT "BOOSTER_VERSION", "PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_" FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE ("PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_" = (SELECT MAX("PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_") FROM SPACEXTBL))								
	* sqlite:///	my_data1.db							
Out[14]:	Booster_Version	PAYLOAD_MASSKG_							
	F9 B5 B1048.4	15600							
	F9 B5 B1049.4	15600							
	F9 B5 B1051.3	15600	A subquery is used here. The SELECT statement						
	F9 B5 B1056.4	15600	within the brackets finds the maximum						
	F9 B5 B1048.5	15600	payload, and this value is used in the WHERE						
	F9 B5 B1051.4	15600	condition. The DISTINCT keyword is then used						
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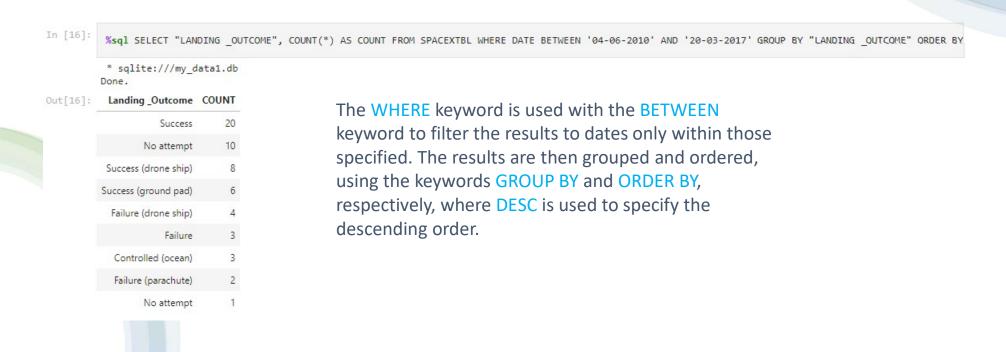
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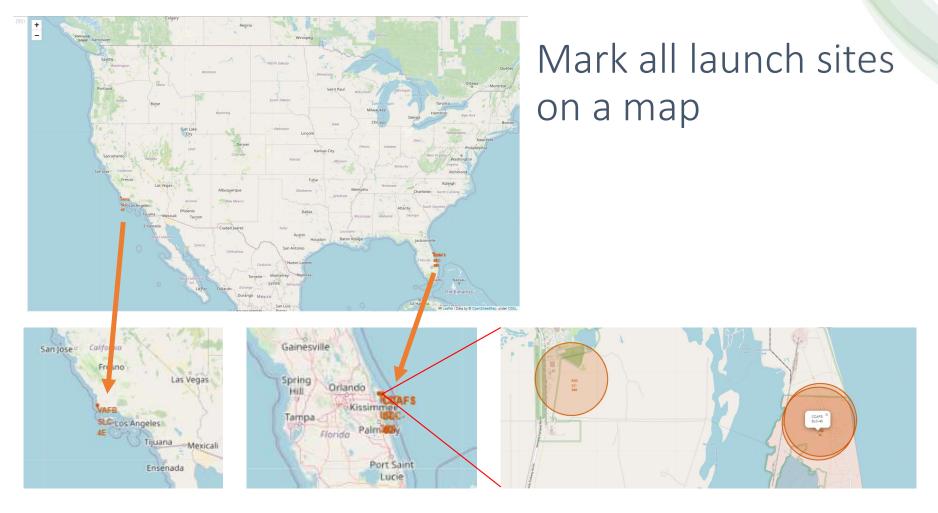
The WHERE keyword is used to filter the results for only successful landing outcomes, AND only for the year of 2017.

In [15]:	%sql SELECT substr(Date,4,2) AS MONTH, "BOOSTER_VERSION", "LAUNCH_SITE", "LANDING _OUTCOME" FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE "LANDING _OUTCOME" LIKE "SUCCESS											
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out[15]:	MONTH	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Landing _Outcome								
	02	F9 FT B1031.1	KSC LC-39A	Success (ground pad)								
	05	F9 FT B1032.1	KSC LC-39A	Success (ground pad)								
	06	F9 FT B1035.1	KSC LC-39A	Success (ground pad)								
	08	F9 B4 B1039.1	KSC LC-39A	Success (ground pad)								
	09	F9 B4 B1040.1	KSC LC-39A	Success (ground pad)								
	12	F9 FT B1035.2	CCAFS SLC-40	Success (ground pad)								

Rank the count of successful landing_outcomes between the date 04-06-2010 and 20-03-2017 in descending order.



Launch Sites Locations Analysis with Folium

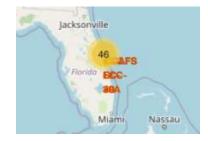


Mark the success/failed launches for each site on the map

Launches have been grouped into clusters and annotated with green icons for successful launches, and red icons for failed launches.





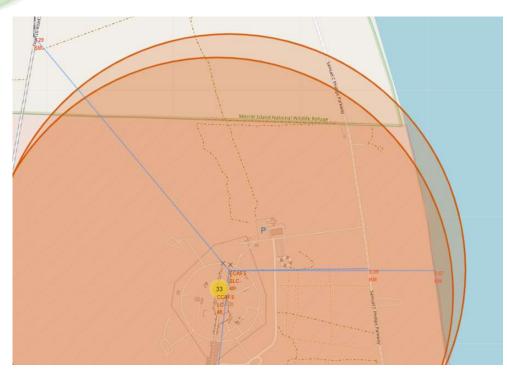








Calculate the distances between a launch site to its proximities



Using the CCAFS SLC-40 launch site, we can understand more about the placement of launch sites.

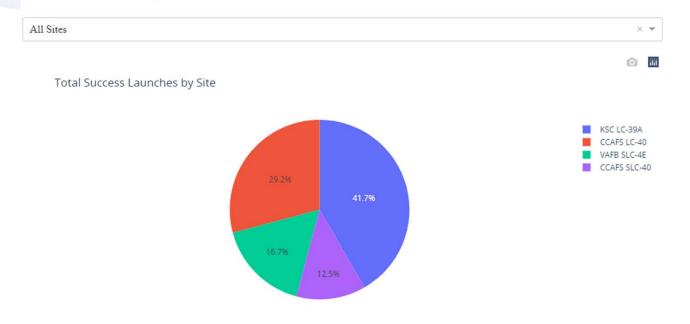
- The nearest city is 51.74 km away.
- The nearest railway is only 1.29 km away.
- The nearest highway is only 0.59km away.
- The coastline is only 0.87 km due East.



Interactive Dashboard Plotly Dash

Total Successful Launches by Site

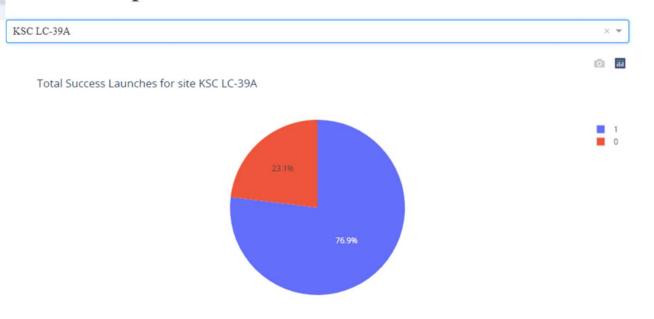
SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard



The launch site KSC LC-39 A had the most successful launches, with 41.7% of the total successful launches.

Launch Site with Highest Success

SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard



The launch site KSC LC-39 A also had the highest rate of successful launches, with a 76.9% success rate.

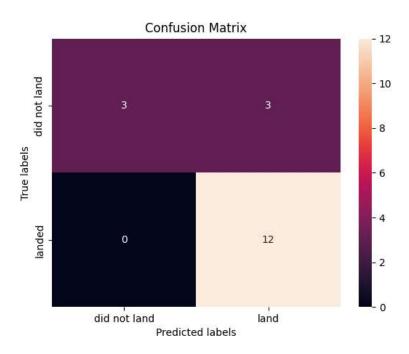
Outcome vs Payload Across All Sites



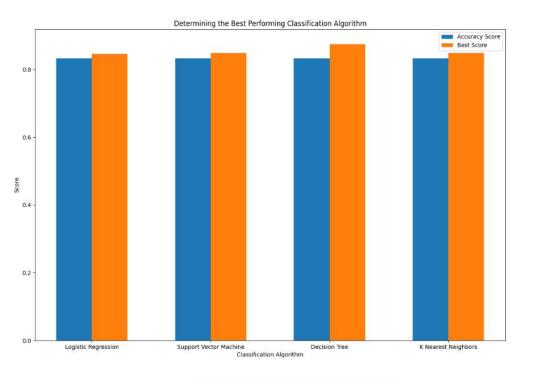
Plotly dashboard has a Payload range selector. However, this is set from 0-10000 instead of the max Payload of 15600. Class indicates 1 for successful landing and 0 for failure. Scatter plot also accounts for booster version category in color

Predictive Analysis Classification

Confusion Matrix



- This confusion matrix shows the predicted labels from the model vs the actual labels, which shows 3 out of 18 total results classified incorrectly (a false positive, shown in the top-right corner).
- The other 15 results are correctly classified (3 did not land, 12 did land).



	Algorithm	Accuracy Score	Best Score
0	Logistic Regression	0.833333	0.846429
1	Support Vector Machine	0.833333	0.848214
2	Decision Tree	0.833333	0.875000
3	K Nearest Neighbors	0.833333	0.848214

Classifier Accuracy

Plotting the Accuracy Score and Best Score for each classification algorithm produces the following result:

- The Decision Tree model has the highest classification accuracy
- The Accuracy Score is 83.33%
- The Best Score is 87.50%

Conclusion

- As the number of flights increases, the rate of success at a launch site increases, with most early flights being unsuccessful. (I.e., with more experience, the success rate increases.)
 - Between 2010 and 2013, all landings were unsuccessful (as the success rate is 0)
 - After 2016, there was always a greater than 50% chance of success
- Orbit types ES-L1, GEO, HEO, and SSO, have the highest (100%) success rate.
 - The 100% success rate of GEO, HEO, and ES-L1 orbits can be explained by only having 1 flight into the respective orbits
 - The 100% success rate in SSO is more impressive, with 5 successful flights
 - The orbit types PO, ISS, and VLEO, have more success with heavy payloads
- The launch site KSC LC-39 A had the most successful launches, with 41.7% of the total successful launches, and the highest rate of successful launches, with 76.9% success rate.
- The success for heavier payloads is lower than that for lighter payloads.
- The best performing classification model is the Decision Tree

Appendix

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# Takes the dataset and uses the rocket column to call the API and append the data to the list
  def getBoosterVersion(data):
      for x in data['rocket']:
         if x:
          response = requests.get("https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/rockets/"+str(x)).json()
          BoosterVersion.append(response['name'])
 # Takes the dataset and uses the launchpad column to call the API and append the data to the list
def getLaunchSite(data):
    for x in data['launchpad']:
       if x:
         response = requests.get("https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launchpads/"+str(x)).json()
         Longitude.append(response['longitude'])
         Latitude.append(response['latitude'])
         LaunchSite.append(response['name'])
# Takes the dataset and uses the payloads column to call the API and append the data to the lists
def getPayloadData(data):
    for load in data['payloads']:
      if load:
       response = requests.get("https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/payloads/"+load).json()
        PayloadMass.append(response['mass_kg'])
       Orbit.append(response['orbit'])
```

Data Collection SpaceX Rest API

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# Takes the dataset and uses the cores column to call the API and append the data to the lists
def getCoreData(data):
   for core in data['cores']:
           if core['core'] != None:
               response = requests.get("https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/cores/"+core['core']).json()
               Block.append(response['block'])
               ReusedCount.append(response['reuse_count'])
               Serial.append(response['serial'])
           else:
               Block.append(None)
               ReusedCount.append(None)
               Serial.append(None)
           Outcome.append(str(core['landing_success'])+' '+str(core['landing_type']))
           Flights.append(core['flight'])
           GridFins.append(core['gridfins'])
           Reused.append(core['reused'])
           Legs.append(core['legs'])
           LandingPad.append(core['landpad'])
```

Data Collection SpaceX Rest API

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# Lets take a subset of our dataframe keeping only the features we want and the flight number, and date_utc.

data = data[['rocket', 'payloads', 'launchpad', 'cores', 'flight_number', 'date_utc']]

# We will remove rows with multiple cores because those are falcon rockets with 2 extra rocket boosters and rows that have multiple payloads in a sing data = data[data['cores'].map(len)==1]

data = data[data['payloads'].map(len)==1]

# Since payloads and cores are lists of size 1 we will also extract the single value in the list and replace the feature.

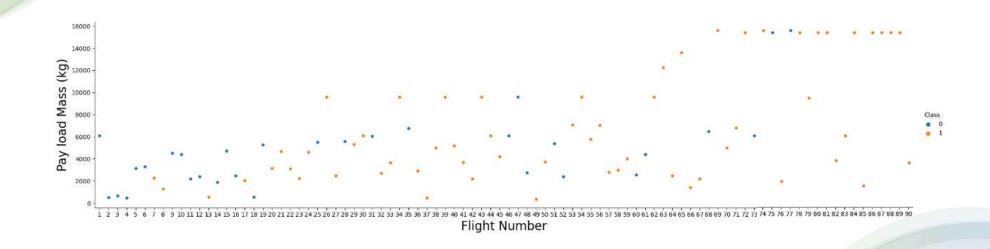
data['cores'] = data['cores'].map(lambda x : x[0])

data['payloads'] = data['payloads'].map(lambda x : x[0])

# We also want to convert the date_utc to a datetime datatype and then extracting the date leaving the time data['date'] = pd.to_datetime(data['date_utc']).dt.date

# Using the date we will restrict the dates of the launches data = data[data['date'] <= datetime.date(2020, 11, 13)]
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Data Collection SpaceX Rest API



EDA - Visualization