

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

Methodologies:

- 1. Data collection using Webscraping
- 2. Data Wrangling
- 3. Exploratory Data Analysis(EDA) with SQL
- 4. EDA with Data Visualization
- 5. Interactive Visual Analytics using Folium
- 6. Interactive Dashboard with Plotly Dash
- 7. Machine Learning Prediction (Model Development)

Result summary:

- i. Data was successfully collected.
- ii. Retrieved data are pre-processed and set to analyze.
- iii. By doing EDA on the data, valuable outputs regarding the launch were obtained.
- iv. Interactive representation of the data was provided through series of folium maps and plotly dash- dashboard.
- v. The best model for predicting the features required for the better way to approach the launch was initiated by using ML Prediction.

Introduction

Objective:

To find all possible ways to give results for the better development of the given company Space Y.

Problems to be answered:

- 1. Cost estimation (i.e.) price of each launch.
- 2. Best place for the launch
- 3. If the first stage will be reused.



Methodology

Executive Summary

Data collection methodology:

Data was collected from sources like

- https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past
- Wikipedia page titled List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of Falcon 9\ and Falcon Heavy launches
- Perform data wrangling
 - The collected data was preprocessed and was properly labeled which helped in further analysis and prediction.

Continues...

- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - The collected data after further cleaning and summarizing was brought to create a model.
 - The data was normalized and split into train and test data randomly.
 - Created four classification models namely: Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree and K-Nearest Neighbor.
 - Then accuracy of each model was compared for the best result.

Data Collection

Data sources:

1. Space X API:

https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past

2. Wikipedia page: 'List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches':

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of Falcon\ 9\ and Falcon Heavy launches

Data Collection – SpaceX API

- The data was collected from a public Space X API.
- The data was being requested through API and being parsed.
- Then, the data was sampled as per the need and dealt with anomalies
- Github link for Data Collection SpaceX
 API:

https://github.com/NagalekshmiNK/Applied-Datascience-Capstone-NAG/blob/master/Data%20Collection%20API-NAG.ipynb API – requested for data



Data parsing done and sampling data to Falcon 9 launches only



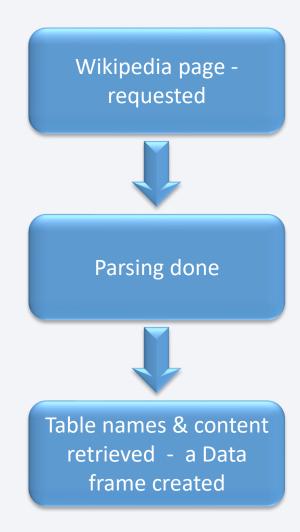
Anomalies like Missing data were replaced with mean value

Data Collection - Scraping

- The data was web scraped from the Wikipedia page: 'List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches'
- Beautiful Soup was used.
- Github link for Data Collection Web scraping:

https://github.com/NagalekshmiNK/Applied-Datascience-Capstone-

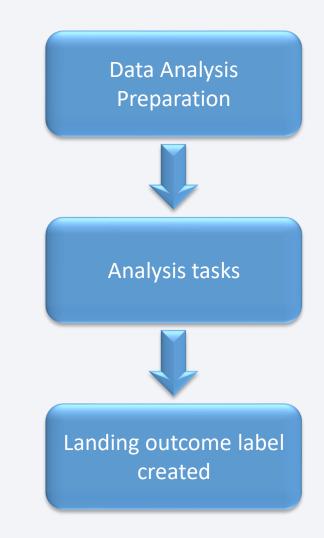
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Data Wrangling

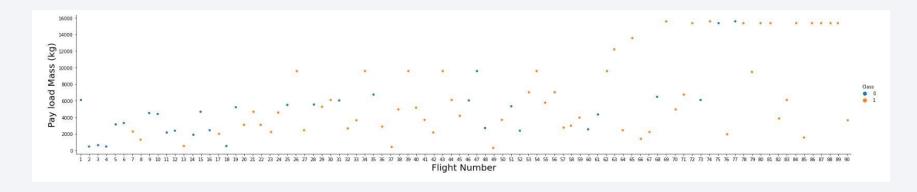
- Exploratory Data Analysis was done.
- Some training labels were determined.
- The data frame was analyzed for obtaining results like, launches per site, occurrences of each orbit and occurrences of mission outcome per orbit type.
- Landing Outcome label was being created from Outcome column.
- Github link for Data Wrangling:

https://github.com/NagalekshmiNK/Applied-Datascience-Capstone-NAG/blob/master/Data%20Wrangling-NAG.ipynb



EDA with Data Visualization

- Greater understanding are made through visualization. Hence, we use visualization methods like scatterplot and barplot to visualize the data.
- The relationship with various features are being visualized. Let us see a sample output:



Github link for EDA with Data Visualization:

EDA with SQL

There were 10 queries performed on the data

- 1. Names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
- 2. Five records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
- 3. Total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- 4. Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- 5. Date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved
- 6. Names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass between 4000 and 6000 kg
- 7. Total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- 8. Names of the booster versions which have carried the maximum payload mass
- 9. Failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015
- 10. Rank of the count of landing outcomes (such as Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad)) between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

Github link for EDA with SQL:

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Folium was used to create Maps with Markers, circles, lines and marker clusters.
- They were used for:
 - a) Markers launch sites, etc.
 - b) Circles highlighted areas around coordinates like, NASA JSC
 - c) Lines distances between two coordinates
 - d) Marker clusters launches in a launch site, etc.
- Github link for Interactive Map with Folium:

https://github.com/NagalekshmiNK/Applied-Datascience-Capstone-NAG/blob/master/Interactive%20Visual%20Analytics%20with%20Folium-NAG.ipynb

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

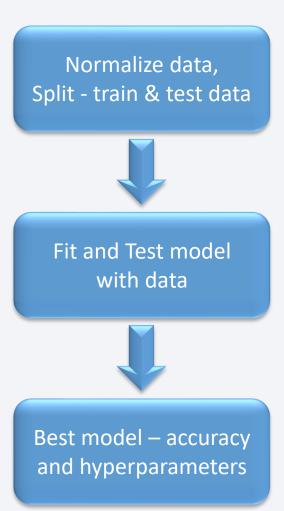
- Using Plotly Dash, pie-charts and scatter plots had been added.
- Pie-chart was used to indicate the percentage of launches by site
- Scatter plot was used to visualize the difference occurring across payload range.
- Thus, an easy understanding of relationship between Launch sites, payloads and booster version is obtained by using both the plots.
- Github link for Dashboard with Plotly:

https://github.com/NagalekshmiNK/Applied-Datascience-Capstone-NAG/blob/master/spacex_dash_app.py

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- Built FOUR Classification models:
 - I. Logistic Regression
 - II. Support Vector Machine
 - III. Decision Tree
 - IV. K Nearest Neighbors
- The data was normalized and split randomly into train and test data
- Then, fit into the model for evaluation and the best model based on accuracy was determined.
- Github link for Dashboard with Predictive Analysis :

https://github.com/NagalekshmiNK/Applied-Datascience-Capstone-NAG/blob/master/Machine%20Learning%20Prediction-NAG.ipynb



Results

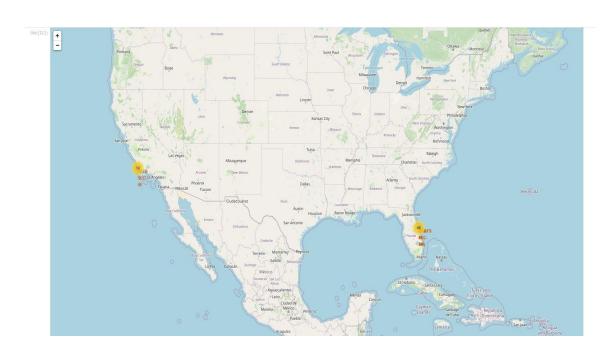
Exploratory data analysis results

- 1. CCAFS LC-40, CCAFS SLC-40, KSC LC-39A, VAFB SLC-4E are the four different launch sites of Space X.
- 2. The first launches were done to Space X by itself and NASA.
- 3. The average payload of F9 v1.1 booster is 2,928 kg.
- 4. The first success landing outcome in ground-pad happened on 22-12-2015, five year after the first launch.
- 5. Many Falcon 9 booster versions were successful at landing in drone ships having payload between 4000 and 6000 kg.
- 6. Almost 100% of mission outcomes were successful.
- 7. Two booster versions failed at landing in drone ships in 2015 are F9 v1.1 B1012 and F9 v1.1 B1015, both at the launch site CCAFS LC-40.
- 8. The number of landing outcomes became as better as years passed

Results

Interactive analytics Results

- Interactive analytics helped in ruling out the safety of the launch sites by locating them near safe places like sea, also states that they are away from cities.
- The view of distance between launch sites and means of transport were given.
- Most launches happens at east cost launch sites.





Results

Predictive analysis results

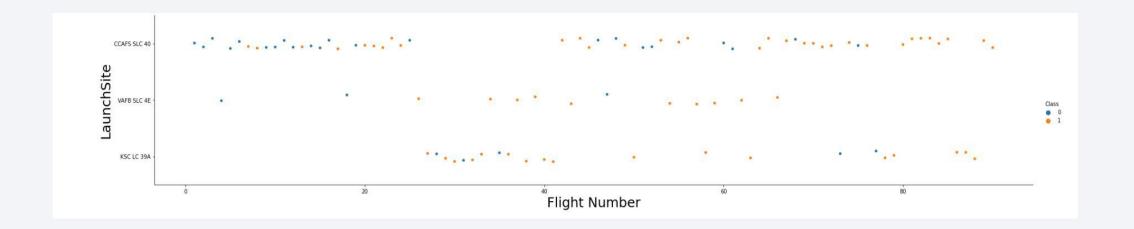
- Decision Tree was finalized as the best model for the prediction of successful landings by Machine Learning Predictive Analysis with an accuracy of 89% and accuracy for test data is 83%
- In the below table, LR, SVM, DT, KNN denotes Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree and K-Nearest Neighbor respectively.

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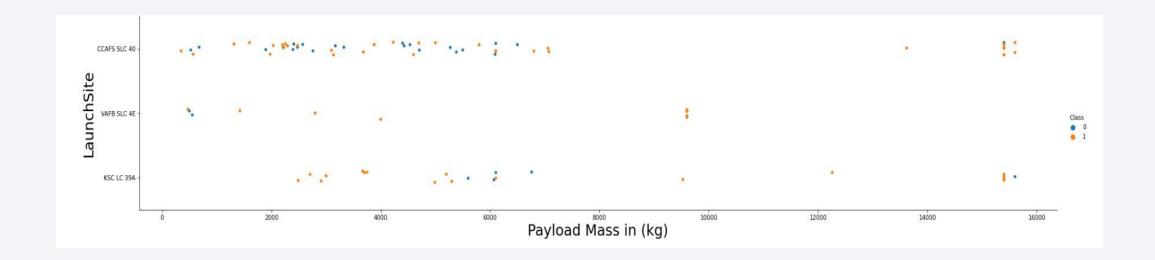
Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- The below plot says that the best launch site nowadays is CCAF5 SLC 40, where most of recent launches were successful. VAFB SLC 4E and KSC LC 39A take the second and third places respectively
- Note that the general success rate is improved over time



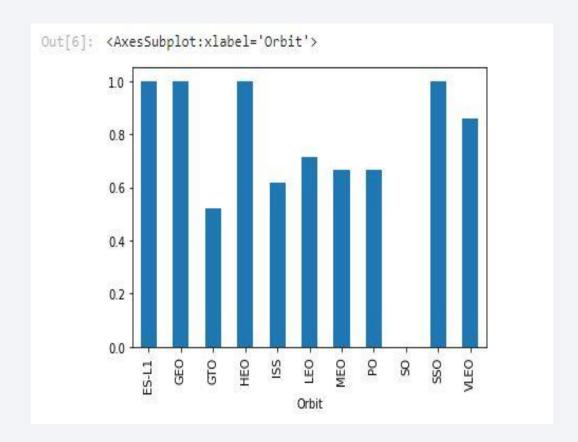
Payload vs. Launch Site

- Payloads over 9,000kg have excellent success rate
- Payloads over 12,000kg seems to have success rate only at CCAFS SLC 40 and KSC LC 39A launch sites



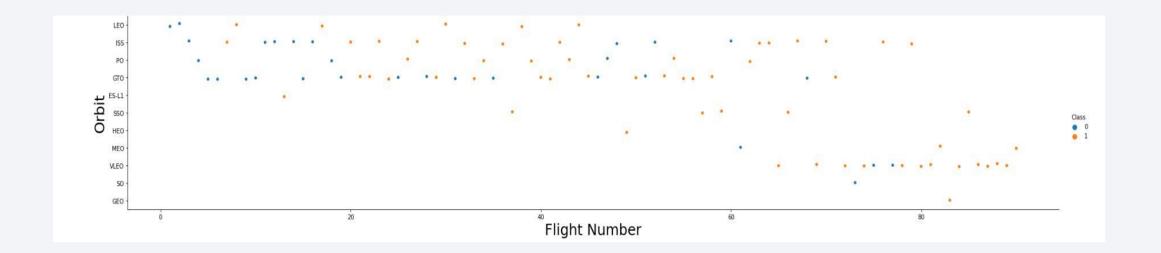
Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

- The biggest success rates happens to orbits:
 - ES-L1
 - GEO
 - HEO
 - SSO
- Followed by:
 - VLEO (above 80%)
 - LEO (above 70%)



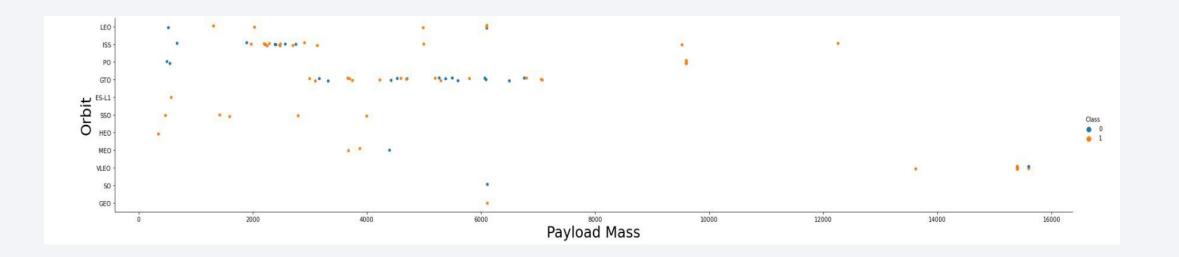
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- The success rate improved over time for all the orbits
- Orbit VLEO has a recent increase in success frequency



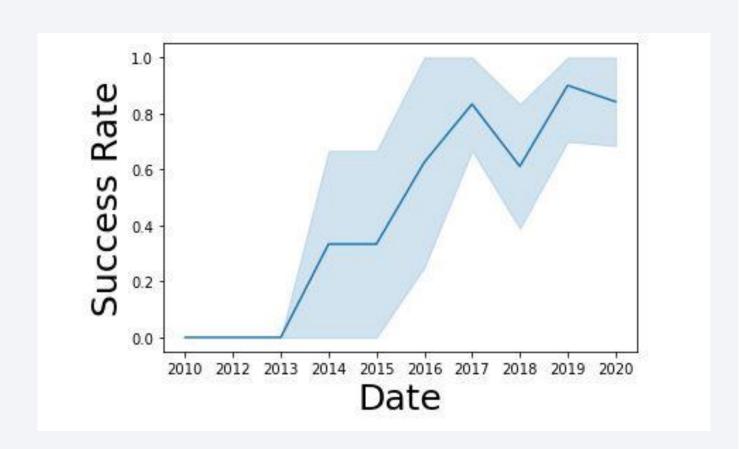
Payload vs. Orbit Type

- There is no relation between payload and success rate to orbit GTO
- ISS orbit has the widest range of payload and a good rate of success
- There are few launches to the orbits SO and GEO



Launch Success Yearly Trend

- The success rate from 2010-2020 is being displayed here.
- Success rate started increasing in 2013 and kept rising until 2020.
- The earlier stages were like a training and testing period for advancing the technology and the needed features.

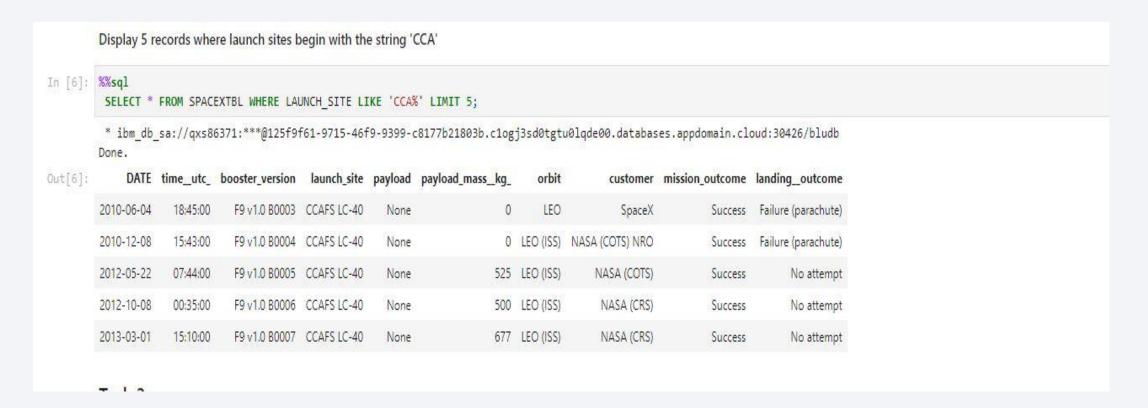


All Launch Site Names

The four launch sites are CCAFS LC-40, CCAFS SLC-40, KSC LC-39A, VAFB SLC-4E

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`



Total Payload Mass

Total payload carried by boosters from NASA(CRS): 45596 kg

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

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In [10]: %%sql
SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) AS TOTAL_PAYLOAD_MASS FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE CUSTOMER = 'NASA (CRS)';
    * ibm_db_sa://qxs86371:***@125f9f61-9715-46f9-9399-c8177b21803b.c1ogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:30426/bludb Done.

Out[10]: total_payload_mass
    45596
```

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1: 2928 kg

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

In [11]:  

**Select AvG(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) As AVERAGE_PAYLOAD_MASS FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE BOOSTER_VERSION = 'F9 v1.1';

**ibm_db_sa://qxs86371:***@125f9f61-9715-46f9-9399-c8177b21803b.c1ogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:30426/bludb Done.

Out[11]: average_payload_mass

2928
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First Successful Ground Landing Date

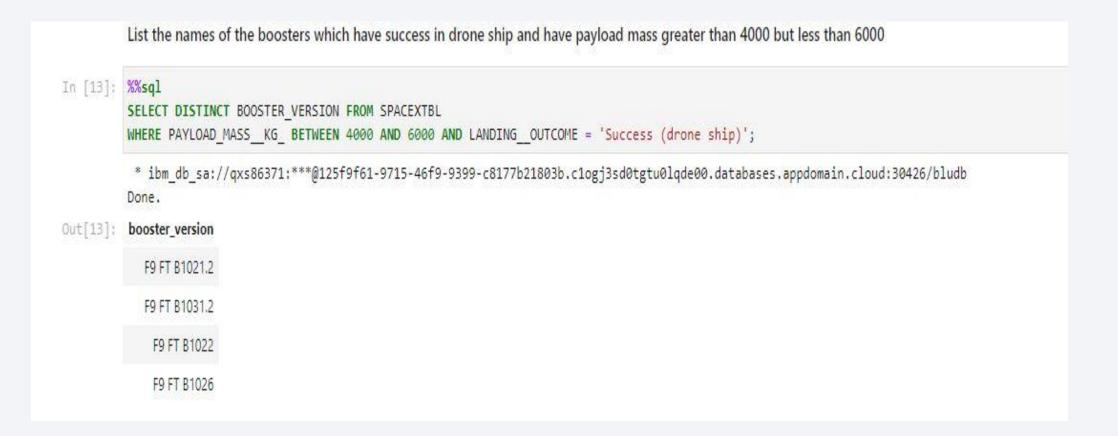
Date of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad: 22-12-2015

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

Hint:Use min function

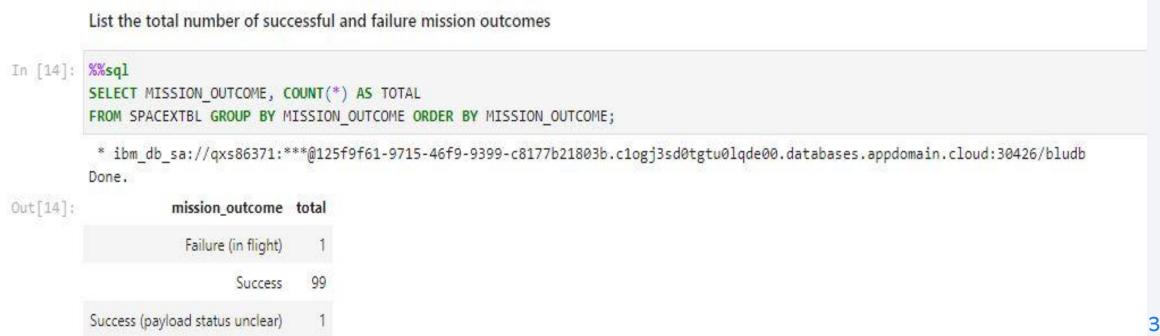
Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

The names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000 kg are listed using below query



Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

Total number of successful and failure mission outcomes: 99 success, I success (payload status unclear) and 1 failure



Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

Names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass are listed below

List the names of the booster_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery In [15]: %%sql SELECT DISTINCT BOOSTER_VERSION FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL) ORDER BY BOOSTER VERSION; * ibm db sa://qxs86371:***@125f9f61-9715-46f9-9399-c8177b21803b.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:30426/bludb Done. booster_version Out[15]: F9 B5 B1048.4 F9 B5 B1048.5 F9 B5 B1049,4 F9 B5 B1049.5 F9 B5 B1049.7 F9 B5 B1051.3 F9 B5 B1051.4 F9 B5 B1051.6 F9 B5 B1056.4 F9 B5 B1058.3 F9 B5 B1060.2 F9 B5 B1060.3

2015 Launch Records

- Failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015 are
 - F9 v1.1 B1012 and CCAFS LC-40
 - F9 v1.1 B1015 and CCAFS LC-40

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

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In [16]:  

**SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION, LAUNCH_SITE FROM SPACEXTBL
WHERE LANDING_OUTCOME = 'Failure (drone ship)' AND DATE_PART('YEAR', DATE) = 2015;

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Done.

Out[16]: booster_version | launch_site |

F9 v1.1 B1012 | CCAFS LC-40 |

F9 v1.1 B1015 | CCAFS LC-40
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Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

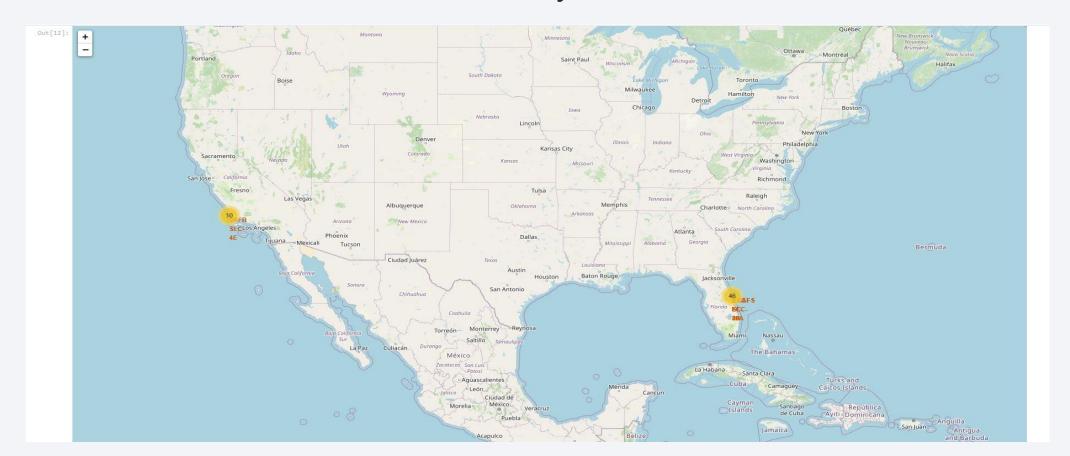
Ranking of landing outcomes (such as Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad)) between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20:

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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
In [20]: %%sql
          SELECT LANDING OUTCOME, COUNT(*) AS TOTAL FROM SPACEXTBL
          WHERE DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20' GROUP BY LANDING OUTCOME ORDER BY TOTAL DESC;
           * ibm db sa://qxs86371:***@125f9f61-9715-46f9-9399-c8177b21803b.c1ogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:30426/bludb
            landing_outcome total
Out [20]:
                   No attempt
                                10
             Failure (drone ship)
            Success (drone ship)
             Controlled (ocean)
           Success (ground pad)
             Failure (parachute)
           Uncontrolled (ocean)
          Precluded (drone ship)
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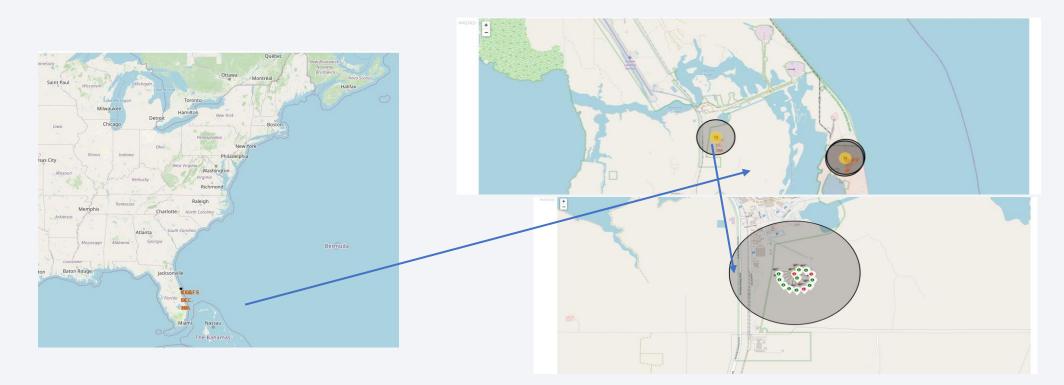
Launch sites

The below image displays all launch sites and shows that they are located at safer distance from the cities and also very near to the sea



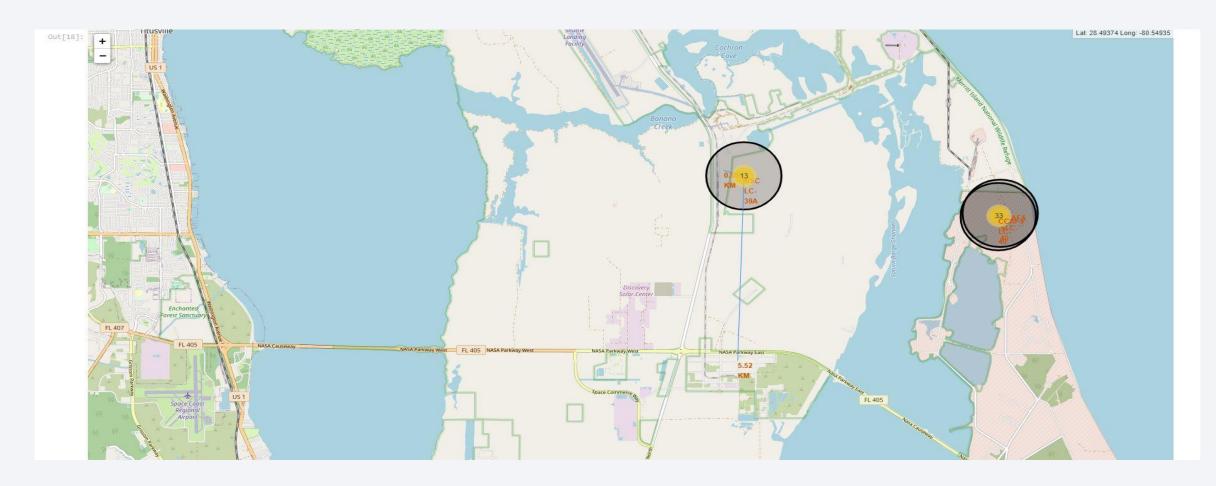
Closer view Launch site

- As we zoom into the folium map, the launch sites are located at their accurate locations
- The green and red markers indicate Success and Failure of launches.



Safety and Proximity to Transport

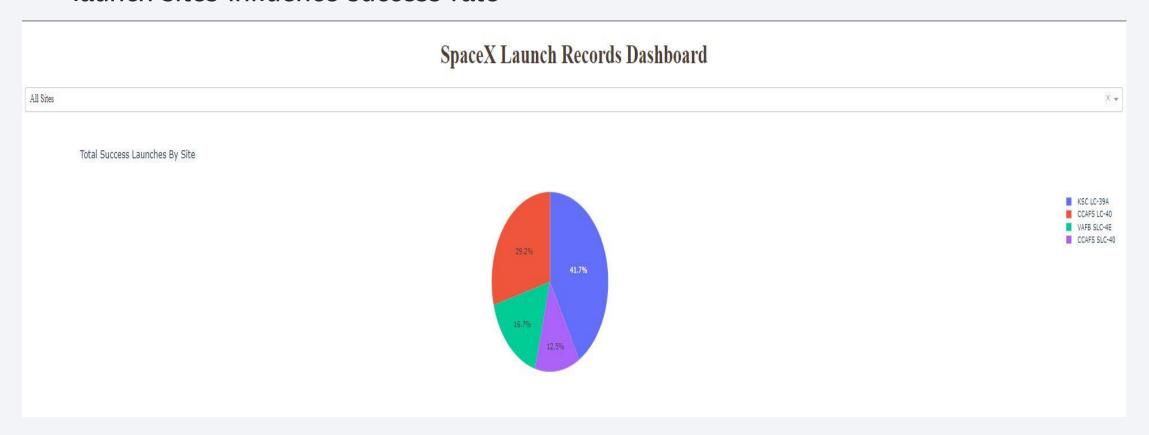
The below generated folium map explores the proximity of a selected launch site to railway, highway, coastline and the distance is also calculated.





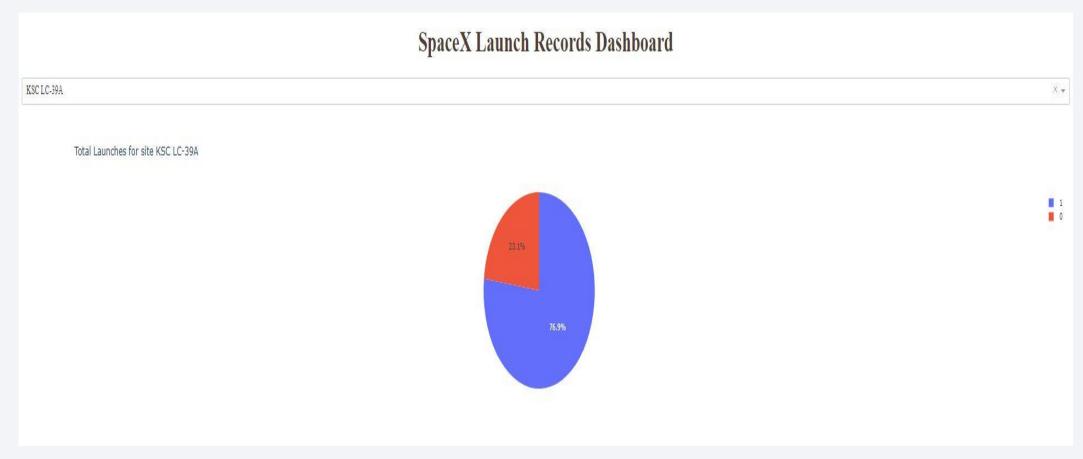
Launch success count for all sites

Launch success count for all sites is displayed using a pie-chart, indicating that launch sites influence success rate



Launch site with highest launch success ratio

The launch site with highest launch success ratio is KSC LC-39A with 76.9% successful launches



Payload vs. Launch Outcome scatter plot for all sites

Payload vs. Launch Outcome scatter plot for all sites, with different payload selected in the range slider is displayed below. Payloads under 6,000kg and FT boosters are the most successful combination

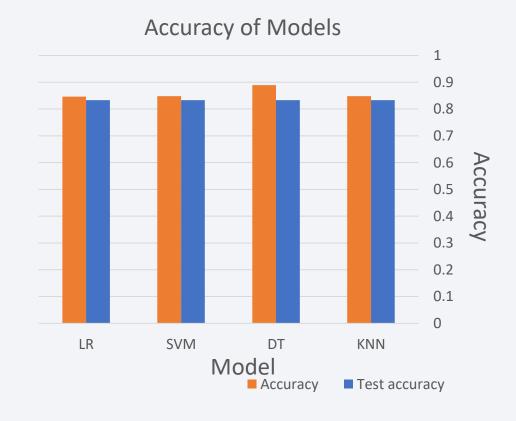




Classification Accuracy

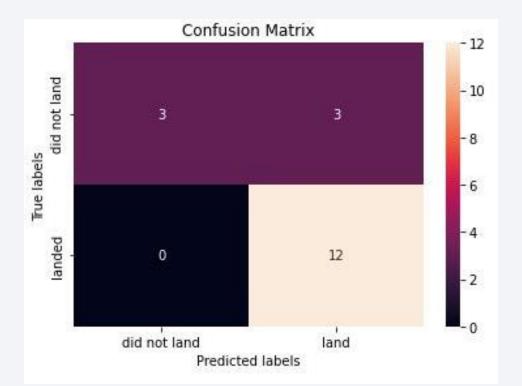
- The accuracies of all the four classification model are displayed here
- The model with the highest classification accuracy is **Decision Tree** with an accuracy of 89% and test accuracy of 83%

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Confusion Matrix of Decision Tree

The confusion matrix of the best performing model, Decision Tree is displayed below. It proves its accuracy by showing the larger number of true positive and true negative compared to the false ones.



Conclusions

- Data from two different data sources were collected, pre-processed and analyzed
- Launch sites and the payloads influence the success rate
- The success rate has increased from 2013 and is consistent in 2020
- The launch sites are safer locations
- It is found that the best launch site is KSC LC-39A
- Payload mass under 6,000kg and FT boosters are the most successful combination.
- Decision Tree Classifier is the best suited model to predict successful landings

The above conclusions can be used to enhance the success rate of the launches and thereby increasing the profit and win the space race.

Appendix

- Dataset created at the end of Data collection with Space X API: dataset_part_1.csv
- Dataset created at the end of Data collection with Web scraping: spacex_web_scraped.csv
- Dataset created at the end of Data wrangling: dataset_part_2.csv

