

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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## **Executive Summary**

- Summary of methodologies: In this project, we will be working with SpaceX launch data that is gathered from an API, specifically the SpaceX REST API. This API will give us data about launches, including information about the rocket used, payload delivered, launch specifications, landing specifications, and landing outcome. Our goal is to use this data to predict whether SpaceX will attempt to land a rocket or not. Explored data using SQL, visualization using folium maps, and dashboards. Gathered relevant columns to be used as features. Preparing data and applying machine learning to predict result. After that, evaluating this result and optimizing them.
- Summary of all results: We can analysis the relationship and insights in data SpaceX. Moreover, we can predict whether SpaceX will attempt to land a rocket or not with a high accuracy. These results will be clearly present in the results part.

#### Introduction

- Project background and context
  - Commercial Space Age is Here
  - Space X has best pricing (\$62 million vs. \$165 million USD)
  - Largely due to ability to recover part of rocket (Stage 1)
  - Space Y wants to compete with Space X
- Problems you want to find answers: Space Y tasks us to train a machine learning model to predict successful Stage 1 recovery



## Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

- Data collection methodology: SpaceX launch data that is gathered from an API, specifically the SpaceX REST API.
- Perform data wrangling: Handle missing value, classifying true landings as successful and unsuccessful otherwise.
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models: We prepare data, split train test set. The next step is using machine learning models such as: logistic regression, SVM, Decision Tree Classifier, KNeighborsClassifier and turned models using GridSearchCV. Finally, we evaluate classification models with score accuracy on each models and visualizing their confution matrix.

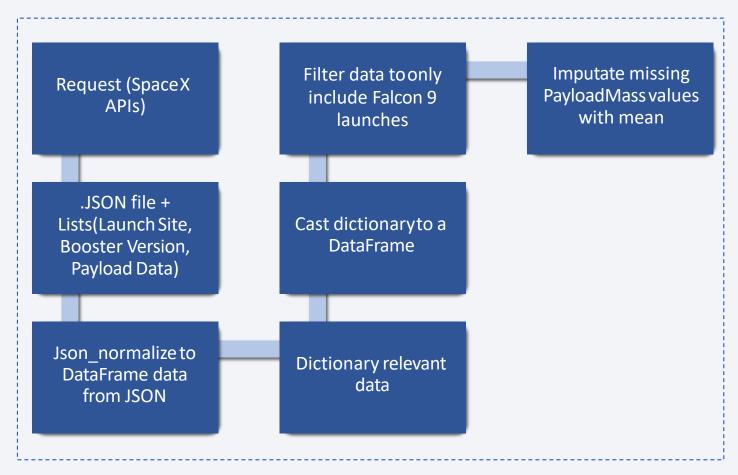
#### **Data Collection**

- Describe how data sets were collected: Data collection process involved a combination of API requests from Space X public API and web scraping data from a table in Space X's Wikipedia entry.
  - Space X API Data Columns: FlightNumber, Date, BoosterVersion, PayloadMass, Orbit, LaunchSite, Outcome, Flights, GridFins, Reused, Legs, LandingPad, Block, ReusedCount, Serial, Longitude, Latitude
  - Wikipedia Webscrape Data Columns: Flight No., Launch site, Payload, PayloadMass, Orbit, Customer, Launch outcome, Version Booster, Booster landing, Date, Time
- You need to present your data collection process use key phrases and flowcharts: The next slide will show the flowchart of data collection from API and the one after will show the flowchart of data collection from webscraping.

## Data Collection – SpaceX API

#### · Github link:

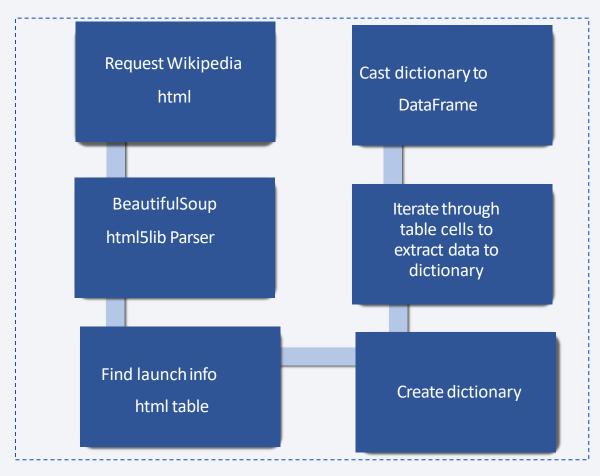
https://github.com/NgocNgu yen2912/Coursera Learning /blob/main/Applied%20Data %20Science%20Capstone/Da ta%20Collection%20Api.ipyn b



## **Data Collection - Scraping**

- Present your web scraping process using key phrases and flowcharts
- Github link:

https://github.com/NgocNguyen2912/Coursera Learning/blob/main/Applied%20Data%20Science%20Capstone/Data%20Collection%20with%20Web%20Scraping.ipynb



## **Data Wrangling**

Describe how data were processed:

Create a training label with landing outcomes where successful = 1 & failure = 0. Value Mapping:

- True ASDS, True RTLS, & True Ocean → 1
- None None, False ASDS, None ASDS, False Ocean, False RTLS  $\rightarrow$  0

#### Github link:

https://github.com/NgocNguyen2912/Coursera Learning/blob/main/Applied%20Data%20Science%20Capstone/Data%20wrangling.ipynb

#### **EDA** with Data Visualization

- Visualization: Using these plots such as:
- Flight Number vs. Payload Mass, Flight Number vs. Launch Site, Payload Mass vs. Launch Site, Orbit vs. Success Rate, Flight Number vs. Orbit, Payload vs Orbit, and Success Yearly Trend
- Scatter plots, line charts, and bar plots were used to compare relationships between variables to decide if a relationship exists so that they could be used in training the machine learning model
- Github link:

https://github.com/NgocNguyen2912/Coursera Learning/blob/main/Applied %20Data%20Science%20Capstone/EDA%20with%20Visualization.ipynb

## **EDA** with SQL

- Loaded data set into IBM DB2 Database.
- Queried using SQL Python integration.
- Queries were made to get a better understanding of the dataset.
- Queried information about launch site names, mission outcomes, various pay load sizes of customers and booster versions, and landing outcomes
- Github link: <a href="https://github.com/NgocNguyen2912/Coursera">https://github.com/NgocNguyen2912/Coursera Learning/blob/main/Applied%20Data%20Science%20Capstone/EDA%20with%20SQL.ipynb</a>

## Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Folium maps mark Launch Sites, successful and unsuccessful landings, and a proximity example to key locations: Railway, Highway, Coast, and City.
- This allows us to understand why launch sites may be located where they are. Also visualizes successful landings relative to location.
- Github link:

https://github.com/NgocNguyen2912/Coursera Learning/blob/main/Applied%20Data%20Science%20Capstone/Interactive%20Visual%20Analytics%20with%20Folium.ipynb

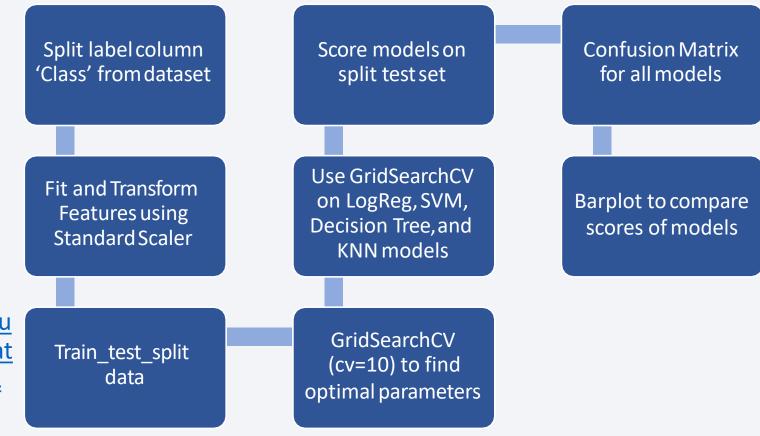
## Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Dashboard includes a pie chart and a scatter plot.
- Pie chart can be selected to show distribution of successful landings across all launch sites and can be selected to show individual launch site success rates.
- Scatter plot takes two inputs: All sites or individual site and payload mass on a slider between 0 and 10000 kg.
- The pie chart is used to visualize launch site success rate.
- The scatter plot can help us see how success varies across launch sites, payload mass, and booster version category.
- Github link:

https://github.com/NgocNguyen2912/Coursera Learning/blob/main/Applied%20Data %20Science%20Capstone/spacex dash app.py

## Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- We prepare data, split train test set. The next step is using machine learning models such as: logistic regression, SVM, Decision Tree Classifier, KNeighborsClassifier and turned models using GridSearchCV. Finally, we evaluate classification models with score accuracy on each models and visualizing their confusion matrix.
- Github link:
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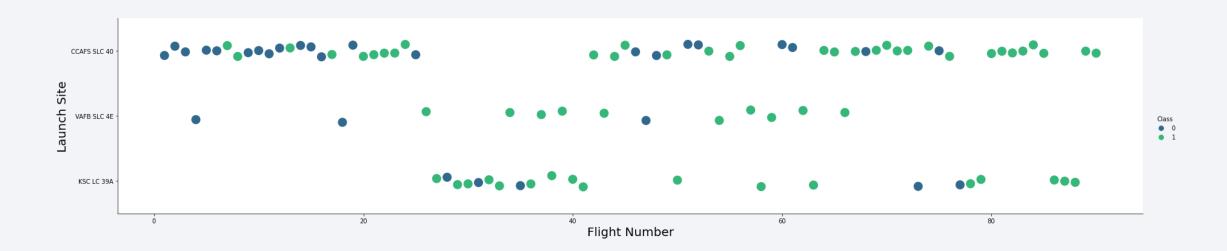
#### Results



This is a preview of the Plotly dashboard. The following sides will show the results of EDA with visualization, EDA with SQL, Interactive Map with Folium, and finally the results of our model with about 83% accuracy.

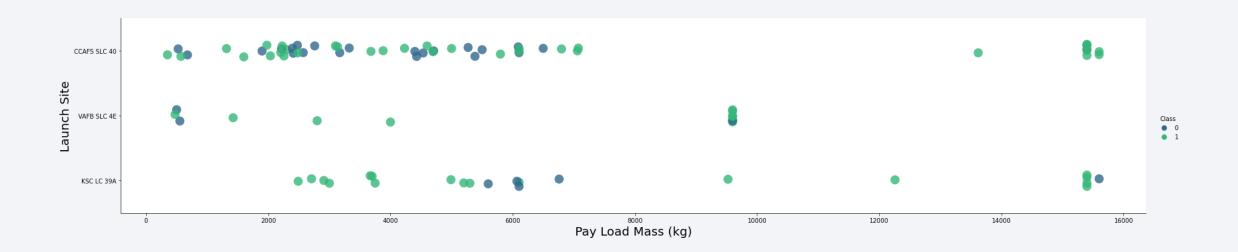


## Flight Number vs. Launch Site



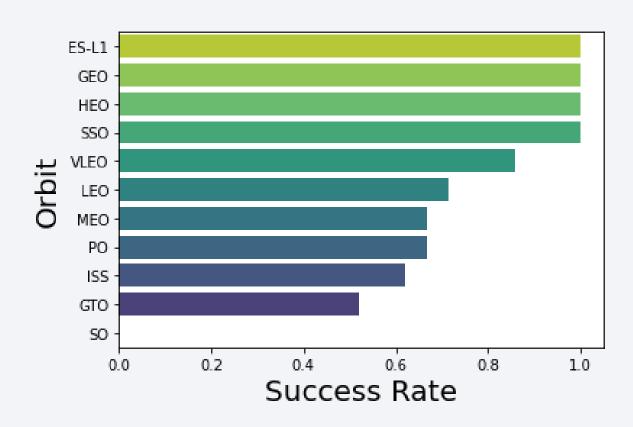
Graphic suggests an increase in success rate over time (indicated in Flight Number). Likely a big breakthrough around flight 20 which significantly increased success rate. CCAFS appears to be the main launch site as it has the most volume. (Green point: successful launch, Purple point: unsucessfull lauch.

## Payload vs. Launch Site



Payload mass appears to fall mostly between 0-6000 kg. Different launch sites also seem to use different payload mass.

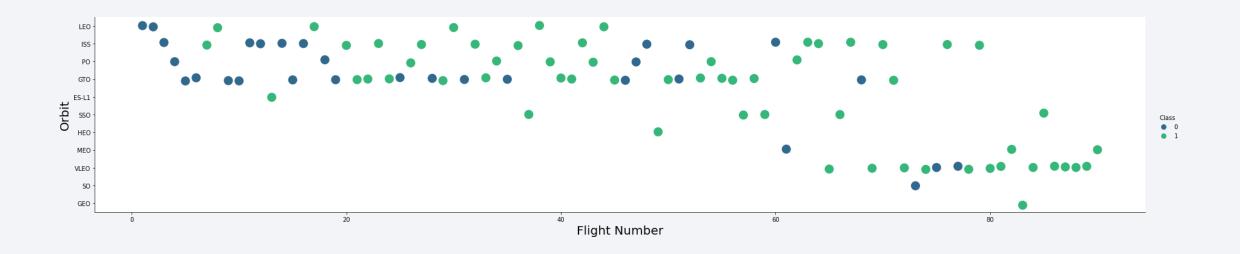
## Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



ES-L1, GEO, HEO have 100% success rate (sample sizes in parenthesis) SSO has 100% success rate VLEO has decent success rate and attempts. SO has 0% success rate.

GTO has the around 50% success rate but largest sample.

## Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

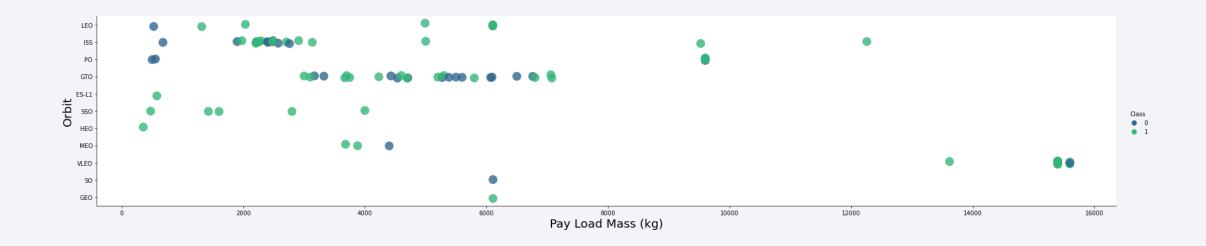


Launch Orbit preferences changed over Flight Number. Launch

Outcome seems to correlate with this preference.

SpaceX started with LEO orbits which saw moderate success LEO and returned to VLEO in recent launches SpaceX appears to perform better in lower orbits or Sun-synchronous orbits

# Payload vs. Orbit Type

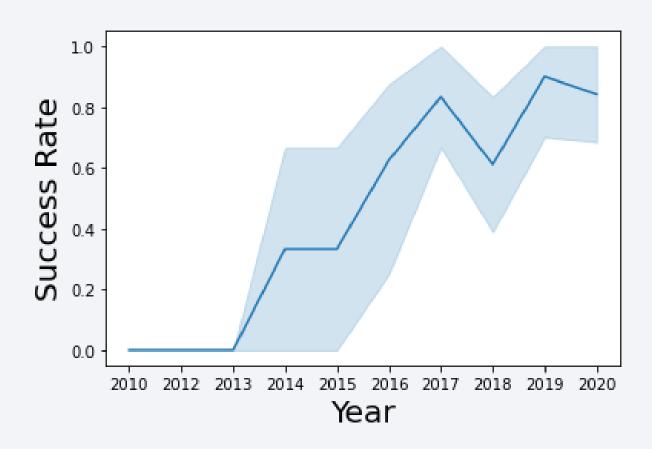


Payload mass seems to correlate with orbit

LEO and SSO seem to have relatively low payload mass

The other most successful orbit VLEO only has payload mass values in the higher end of the range

## Launch Success Yearly Trend



Success generally increases over time since 2013 with a slight dip in 2018

Success in recent years at around 80%

#### All Launch Site Names

```
In [4]: %%sql
SELECT UNIQUE LAUNCH_SITE
FROM SPACEXDATASET;

* ibm_db_sa://ftb12020:***@0c77d6f;
Done.

Out[4]: launch_site
CCAFS LC-40
CCAFS SLC-40
CCAFSSLC-40
KSC LC-39A
VAFB SLC-4E
```

Query unique launch site names from database.

CCAFS SLC-40 and CCAFSSLC-40 likely all represent the same launch site with data entry errors.

CCAFS LC-40 was the previous name.

Likely only 3 unique launch\_site values:

CCAFS SLC-40, KSC LC-39A, VAFB SLC-4E

## Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

```
In [5]: %%sql
         SELECT *
         FROM SPACEXDATASET
         WHERE LAUNCH SITE LIKE 'CCA%'
         LIMIT 5;
          * ibm_db_sa://ftb12020:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90108kqb1od8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:31198/bludb
         Done.
Out[5]:
         DATE
                 time utc booster version launch site payload
                                                                                payload mass kg
                                                                                                           customer
                                                                                                                       mission outcome
                                                                                                                                        landing outcome
         2010-
                                             CCAFS LC-
                                                         Dragon Spacecraft
                 18:45:00
                            F9 v1.0 B0003
                                                                                                    LEO
                                                                                                           SpaceX
                                                                                                                       Success
                                                                                                                                         Failure (parachute)
         06-04
                                                         Qualification Unit
                                                         Dragon demo flight C1,
                                                                                                           NASA
                                            CCAFS LC-
         2010-
                                                                                                    LEO
                                                                                                           (COTS)
                 15:43:00
                            F9 v1.0 B0004
                                                         two CubeSats, barrel of
                                                                                                                       Success
                                                                                                                                         Failure (parachute)
          12-08
                                                                                                    (ISS)
                                                                                                           NRO
                                                         Brouere cheese
                                             CCAFS LC-
                                                                                                    LEO
                                                                                                           NASA
         2012-
                                                         Dragon demo flight C2
                 07:44:00
                            F9 v1.0 B0005
                                                                                525
                                                                                                                       Success
                                                                                                                                         No attempt
         05-22
                                                                                                    (ISS)
                                                                                                           (COTS)
                                             CCAFS LC-
                                                                                                    LEO
                                                                                                           NASA
         2012-
                 00:35:00
                            F9 v1.0 B0006
                                                         SpaceX CRS-1
                                                                                500
                                                                                                                       Success
                                                                                                                                         No attempt
          10-08
                                                                                                    (ISS)
                                                                                                           (CRS)
                                             CCAFS LC-
                                                                                                           NASA
         2013-
                                                                                                    LEO
                 15:10:00
                            F9 v1.0 B0007
                                                         SpaceX CRS-2
                                                                                677
                                                                                                                       Success
                                                                                                                                         No attempt
         03-01
                                                                                                    (ISS)
                                                                                                           (CRS)
```

First five entries in database with Launch Site name beginning with CCA.

## **Total Payload Mass**

```
%%sql
SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS SUM_PAYLOAD_MASS_KG
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE CUSTOMER = 'NASA (CRS)';

* ibm_db_sa://ftb12020:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86
Done.

sum_payload_mass_kg
45596
```

This query sums the total payload mass in kg where NASA was the customer.

CRS stands for Commercial Resupply Services which indicates that these payloads were sent to the International Space Station (ISS).

## Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

```
%%sql
SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS AVG_PAYLOAD_MASS_KG
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE booster_version = 'F9 v1.1'
```

\* ibm\_db\_sa://ftb12020:\*\*\*@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-8@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-80c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-80c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-80c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-80c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-80c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-80c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-80c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-80c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-80c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-80c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-80c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-80c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-80c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-80c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-80c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-80c77d6f2-5da9-80c77d66f2-5da9-80c77d66f2-5da9-80c77d6f2-5da9-80c77d66f2-5da9-80c77d66f2-5da9-80c77d66f2-5da9-80c77d66f2-5da9-80c77d66f2-5da9-80c77d66f2-5da9-80c77d66f2-5da9-80c77d66f2-5da9-80c77d66f2-5da9-80c77d66f2-5da9-80c77d66f2-5da9-80c77d66f

```
avg_payload_mass_kg
```

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This query calculates the average payload mass or launches which used booster version F9 v1.1

Average payload mass of F9 1.1 is on the low end of our payload mass range

## First Successful Ground Landing Date

```
%%sql
SELECT MIN(DATE) AS FIRST_SUCCESS
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE landing__outcome = 'Success (ground pad)';

* ibm_db_sa://ftb12020:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81
Done.

first_success
2015-12-22
```

This query returns the first successful ground pad landing date.

First ground pad landing wasn't until the end of 2015.

Successful landings in general appear starting 2014.

#### Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

```
%%sql
SELECT booster_version
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE landing_outcome = 'Success (drone ship)' AND payload_mass_kg_ BETWEEN 4001 AND 5999;

* ibm_db_sa://ftb12020:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90l08kqb1od8lcg.database
Done.

booster_version
F9 FT B1022
F9 FT B1021.2
F9 FT B1031.2
```

This query returns the four booster versions that had successful drone ship landings and a payload mass between 4000 and 6000 noninclusively

#### Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

```
%%sql
SELECT mission_outcome, COUNT(*) AS no_outcome
FROM SPACEXDATASET
GROUP BY mission_outcome;
```

\* ibm\_db\_sa://ftb12020:\*\*\*@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-2 Done.

mission_outcome	no_outcome
Failure (in flight)	1
Success	99
Success (payload status unclear)	1

This query returns a count of each mission outcome.

SpaceX appears to achieve its mission outcome nearly 99% of the time.

This means that most of the landing failures are intended.

Interestingly, one launch has an unclear payload status and unfortunately one failed in flight.

# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

```
%%sql
SELECT booster_version, PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXDATASET);
```

\* ibm\_db\_sa://ftb12020:\*\*\*@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90l08kqb1 Done.

booster_version	payload_masskg_
F9 B5 B1048.4	15600
F9 B5 B1049.4	15600
F9 B5 B1051.3	15600
F9 B5 B1056.4	15600
F9 B5 B1048.5	15600
F9 B5 B1051.4	15600
F9 B5 B1049.5	15600
F9 B5 B1060.2	15600
F9 B5 B1058.3	15600
F9 B5 B1051.6	15600
F9 B5 B1060.3	15600
F9 B5 B1049.7	15600

This query returns the booster versions that carried the highest payload mass of 15600 kg.

These booster versions are very similar and all are of the F9 B5 B10xx.x variety.

This likely indicates payload mass correlates with the booster version that is used.

#### 2015 Launch Records

```
%%sql
SELECT MONTHNAME(DATE) AS MONTH, landing_outcome, booster_version, PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_, launch_site
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE landing_outcome = 'Failure (drone ship)' AND YEAR(DATE) = 2015;
```

\* ibm\_db\_sa://ftb12020:\*\*\*@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90l08kqb1od8lcg.databases.app Done.

MONTH	landing_outcome	booster_version	payload_masskg_	launch_site
January	Failure (drone ship)	F9 v1.1 B1012	2395	CCAFS LC-40
April	Failure (drone ship)	F9 v1.1 B1015	1898	CCAFS LC-40

This query returns the Month, Landing Outcome, Booster Version, Payload Mass (kg), and Launch site of 2015 launches where stage 1 failed to land on a drone ship.

There were two such occurrences.

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

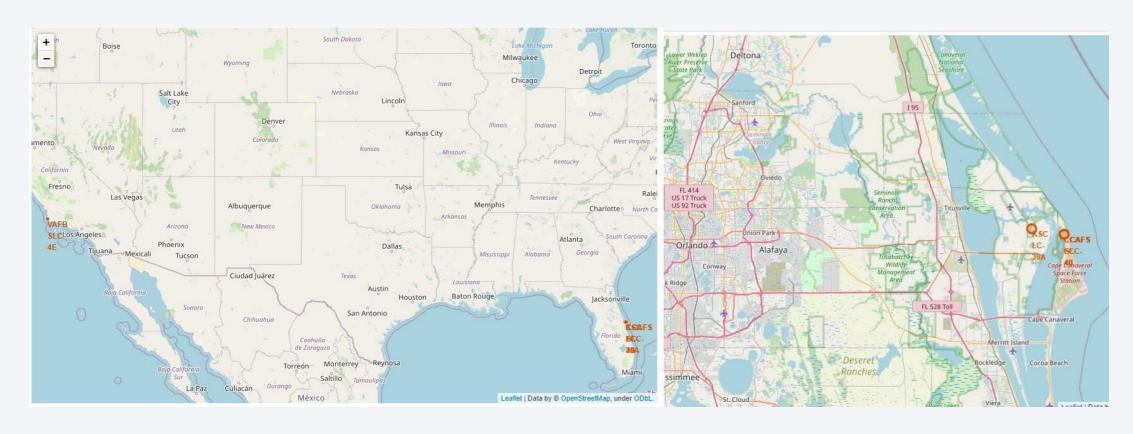
This query returns a list of successful landings and between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20 inclusively.

There are two types of successful landing outcomes: drone ship and ground pad landings.

There were 8 successful landings in total during this time period

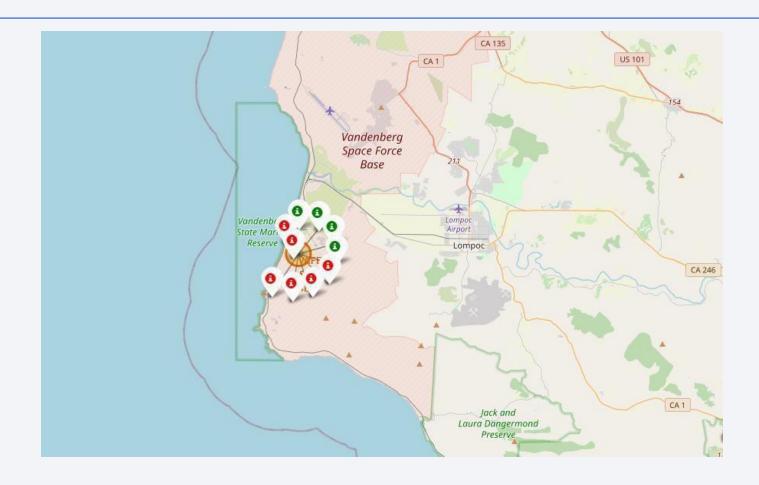


#### **Launch Site Locations**



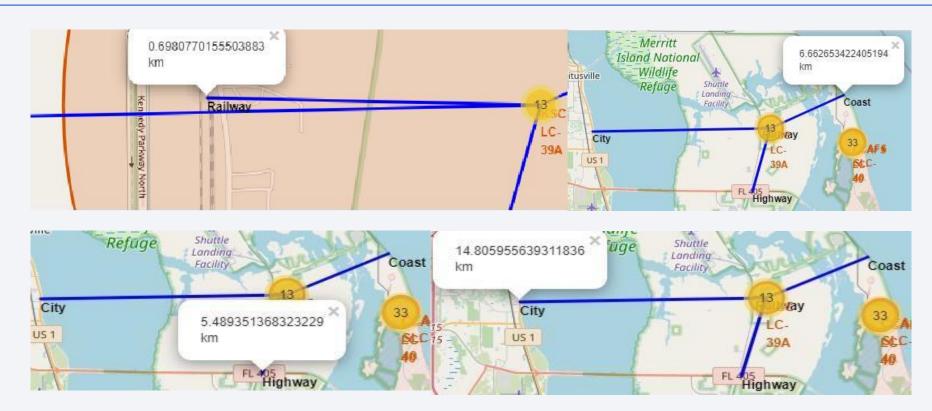
The left map shows all launch sites relative US map. The right map shows the two Florida launch sites since they are very close to each other. All launch sites are near the ocean.

#### **Colored Launch Markers**



Clusters on Folium map can be clicked on to display each successful landing (green icon) and failed landing (red icon). In this example VAFB SLC-4E shows 4 successful landings and 6 failed landings

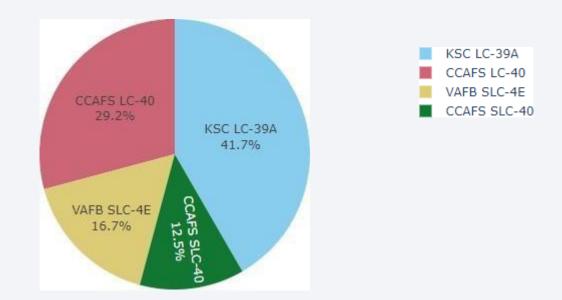
## **Key Location Proximities**



Using KSC LC-39A as an example, launch sites are very close to railways for large part and supply transportation. Launch sites are close to highways for human and supply transport. Launch sites are also close to coasts and relatively far from cities so that launch failures can land in the sea to avoid rockets falling on densely populated areas.

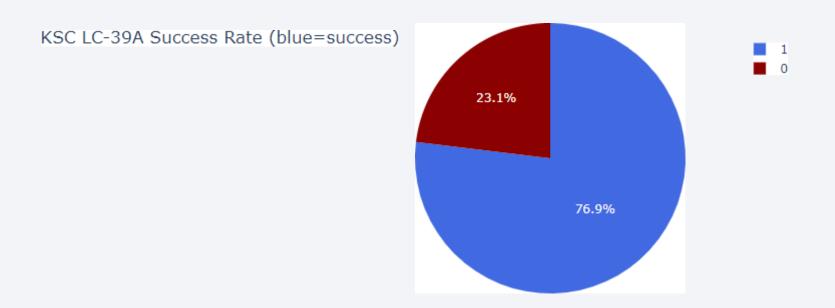


#### Successful Launches Across Launch Sites



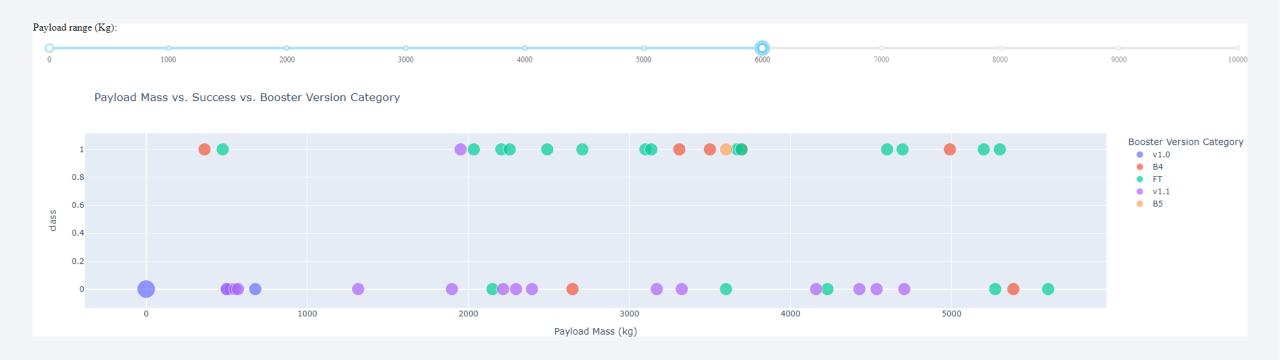
This is the distribution of successful landings across all launch sites. CCAFS LC-40 is the old name of CCAFS SLC-40 so CCAFS and KSC have the same amount of successful landings, but a majority of the successful landings where performed before the name change. VAFB has the smallest share of successful landings. This may be due to smaller sample and increase in difficulty of launching in the west coast.

## Highest Launch Success Ratio



KSC LC-39A has the highest success rate with 10 successful landings and 3 failed landings.

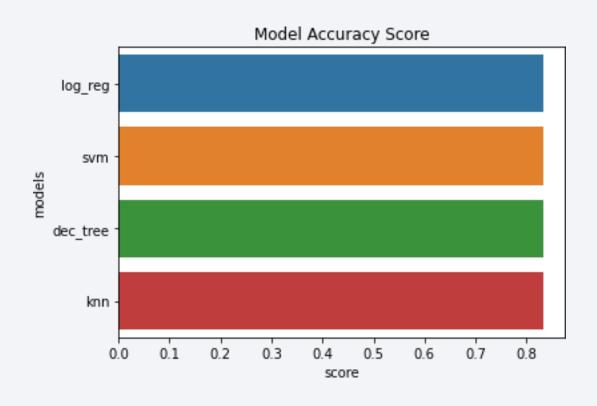
## Payload vs. Launch Outcome



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 and number of launches in point size. In this particular range of 0-6000, interestingly there are two failed landings with payloads of 0 kg



## Classification Accuracy

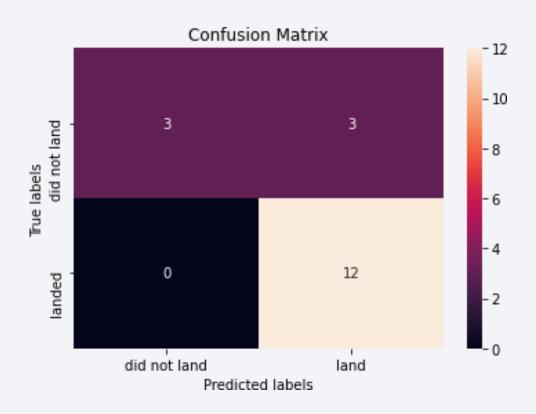


We likely need more data to determine the best model.

All models had virtually the same accuracy on test set at approximate 83%. It can be noted that test size is small at only sample size 18.

This can cause large variance in accuracy results, such as those in Decision Tree Classifier model in repeated runs.

#### **Confusion Matrix**



Since all models performed the same for the test set, the confusion matrix is the same across all models. The models predicted 12 successful landings when the true label was successful landing.

The models predicted 3 unsuccessful landings when the true label was unsuccessful landing.

The models predicted 3 successful landings when the true label was unsuccessful landings (false positives). Our models over predict successful landings.

#### **Conclusions**

- Our objective is to develop a machine learning model for Space Y, aiming to compete with SpaceX. The primary goal of the model is to predict the successful landing of Stage 1 during a launch, potentially saving around \$100 million USD.
- To accomplish this, we utilized data from a public SpaceX API and conducted web scraping on SpaceX's
  Wikipedia page. The collected data was processed, and labels were assigned before storing it in a DB2 SQL
  database.
- For effective visualization, we created a dashboard, providing a comprehensive view of the relevant information.
- The machine learning model we developed boasts an accuracy of 83%, enabling Elon Musk and Space Y to predict, with relatively high accuracy, whether a launch will witness a successful Stage 1 landing. This prediction capability is crucial in making informed decisions about proceeding with or aborting a launch.
- To further enhance the model's accuracy and determine the most effective machine learning approach, we recommend collecting additional data. This ongoing data collection effort will contribute to refining the model and improving its predictive capabilities.

# **Appendix**

 GitHub repository url: <a href="https://github.com/NgocNguyen2912/Coursera\_Learning/tree/main/Applied%20Data%20Scie">https://github.com/NgocNguyen2912/Coursera\_Learning/tree/main/Applied%20Data%20Scie</a>
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