

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

Summary of methodologies

- Data Collection and Wrangling
- Exploratory Analysis using SQL, Pandas and Matplotlib
- Interactive Visual Analysis and Dashboards with Folium and Plotly Dash
- Predictive Analysis using Classification Models

Summary of all results

- Exploratory Analysis Results
- Results of the Interactive Visual Analysis and Dashboards
- Predictive Analysis Results

Introduction

Project background and context

 SpaceX currently advertises Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website with a cost of 62 million dollars, while other providers cost upward of 165 million dollars each. Much of the savings is because SpaceX can reuse the first stage. Therefore if it can determined whether the first stage will land, the cost of a launch can also be determined. This information can be used if an alternate company wants to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch. The project aims to develop a classification machine learning model that can predict whether the first stage of a Falcon 9 will land successfully.

Problems we want to find answers

- Are there any factors that influence a successful landing?
- What are the relationships between particular rocket features, and do they have any impact on the success of a landing?
- What are the variables needed to ensure the best successful landing rates?



Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - The SpaceX data was collected by making requests to the SpaceX API, as well as by Web Scrapping the *List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches* Wikipage updated on 9th June 2021.
- Perform data wrangling
 - The data was processed by one-hot encoding data fields and identifying and removing any irrelevant columns.
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - Here, we build, tune, evaluate different classification models on our dataset.

Data Collection

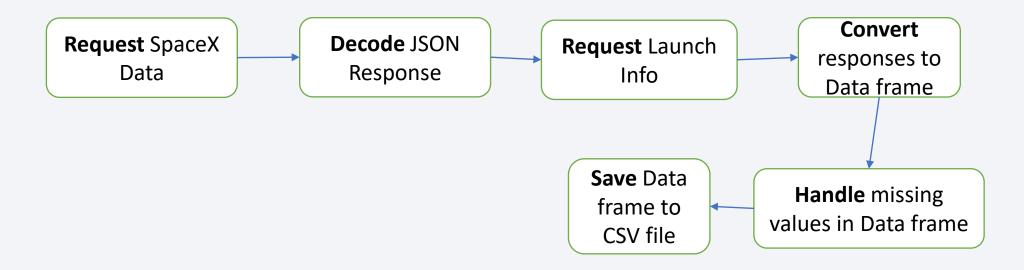
The datasets were collected using two methods:

- SpaceX REST API
 - We request and parse the SpaceX launch data using a GET request to a static Json URL, convert the data to a pandas data frame, process the data and then save the finished product as a CSV file.
- Web Scrapping the data from a known Wikipedia Webpage
 - We request the launch page from it s URL, then use the HTML elements to extract out data frame headers and content, process the data frame and then save the finished product as a CSV file.

Data Collection

SpaceX REST API

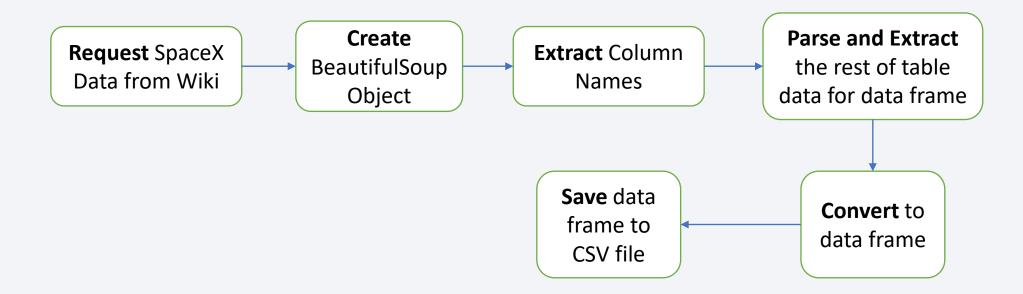
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Data Collection – SpaceX API

- Present your data collection with SpaceX REST calls using key phrases and flowcharts
- Steps
 - Request and parse the SpaceX launch data using the GET request
 - Decode the response using .json() and convert the response to a data frame using .json_normalize()
 - Request launch information from the SpaceX API using custom functions
 - Create a dictionary from the data
 - Create a data frame from the dictionary
 - Filter the data frame to only contain Falcon 9 launches
 - Deal with missing values of the Payload Mass by replacing them with the mean of the column
 - Export the resulting data frame to a CSV file

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    GitHub URL
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```
response = requests.get(spacex url)
 # Use json normalize meethod to convert the json result into a dataframe
 response = requests.get(static_json_url).json()
 data = pd.json normalize(response)
 # Hint data['BoosterVersion']!='Falcon 1'
 data falcon9 = df.loc[df['BoosterVersion']=='Falcon 9']
 data falcon9.head()
# Calculate the mean value of PayloadMass column
df9_mean = data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].mean()
print(df9 mean)
# Replace the np.nan values with its mean value
data_falcon9['PayloadMass'] = data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].fillna(df9 mean)
                   data_falcon9.to_csv('dataset_part_1.csv', index=False)
```

Data Collection - Scraping

- Present your web scraping process using key phrases and flowcharts
 - Request the Falcon9 Launch data from Wikipedia
 - Create BeautifulSoup object from HTML response
 - Extract the column names from the HTML table header
 - Collect the data frame data by parsing the HTML tables
 - Create dictionary from the data
 - Create data frame from the dictionary
 - Export the resulting data frame to a CSV file
- GitHub URL

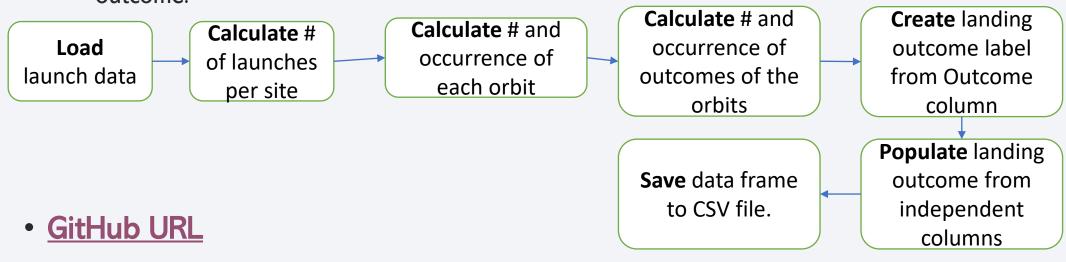
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# use requests.get() method with the provided static url
  # assign the response to a object
  response = requests.get(static url)
  response.status_code
# Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
soup = BeautifulSoup(response.text, 'html.parser')
        column_names = []
        temp = soup.find all('th')
        for x in range(len(temp)):
             try:
             name = extract column from header(temp[x])
             if (name is not None and len(name) > 0):
                column names.append(name)
             except:
             pass
        print(column names)
df= pd.DataFrame({ key:pd.Series(value) for key, value in launch_dict.items() })
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df.to csv('spacex web scraped.csv', index=False)

Data Wrangling

Process Description

• The data was processed by performing Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) to find some patterns in the data and determine the best data features for training supervised models. In the data set, there are several different cases where the booster did not land successfully. We wrangle the data by identifying and labelling all cases that lead to a successful outcome, and those that lead to a failed outcome.



Data Wrangling

Steps

- Perform an exploratory data analysis to determine the data labels
- Examples of the EDA include calculations and visualizations such as:
 - # of launches for each site
 - # an occurrence of orbit
 - # and occurrence of mission outcome per orbit type
- Create binary landing outcomes column as the target variable, and populate with values determined from the independent variables using one hot encoding.
- Export the resulting data frame to a CSV file.

EDA with Data Visualization

A summary of the charts that were plotted are as follows:

- Scatter Charts used to visualize the relationships between two numerical variables. The relationships identified could be used to aid the machine learning process.
- Bar Graphs used to show comparisons of counts of discrete values of a categorical variable.
- Line Graphs used to create visualization of how values of a variable change over time. This is useful for identifying additional trends and patterns in time series.

EDA with SQL

• A summary of SQL queries performed are as follows:

- Displaying the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
- Displaying 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
- Displaying the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- Displaying average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- Listing the date when the first succesful landing outcome in ground pad was acheived.
- Listing the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- · Listing the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- Listing the names of the booster_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery
- Listing the records which will display the month names, failure landing_outcomes in drone ship ,booster versions, launch_site for the months in year 2015.
- Ranking 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.

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Below, we summarize the map objects that were created and added to the folium map:
 - We added circles on the map to indicate and visualize the position of each launch site.
 - Markers were added to the map to visualize the launch outcomes for each site on the map. That way we can see which site had very high landing success rates and which do not.
 - After calculating the distance, lines were added to the map to visualize the closest distance of importance features (e.g., highways, rails, cities) from each launch site.

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Below, we summarize the plots/graphs and interactions that were added to the dashboard:
 - Pie Chart showing the total launches by all launch sites, as well the total successful/unsuccessful launches for a specific site. These charts helps to organize and show the different values of a feature as percentages of a whole.
 - Scatter Graph showing the relationship between the success outcome and Payload Mass (/Kg) for the different rocket booster versions. Scatter graphs help us to observe and visualize the relationships between the two numeric features. We were able to observe the graph readings and determine in there were any correlations between the success outcome and the selected booster version.

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- Summary of how the best performing built, evaluated, improved, and found the best performing classification model
 - We built our classification models by doing the following:
 - Loading and transforming our data using Pandas and NumPy
 - Splitting the data into training and testing data sets
 - Set out parameters and algorithms to GridSearchCV, and then fitting out classification models to GridSearchCV using the training dataset.
 - We evaluated our classification models by measuring the accuracy score of each model.
 - We improved our classification models though Feature Engineering and tuning the hyperparameter for each model.
 - We found the best classification model by identifying the model with the highest accuracy score.
- GitHub URL

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

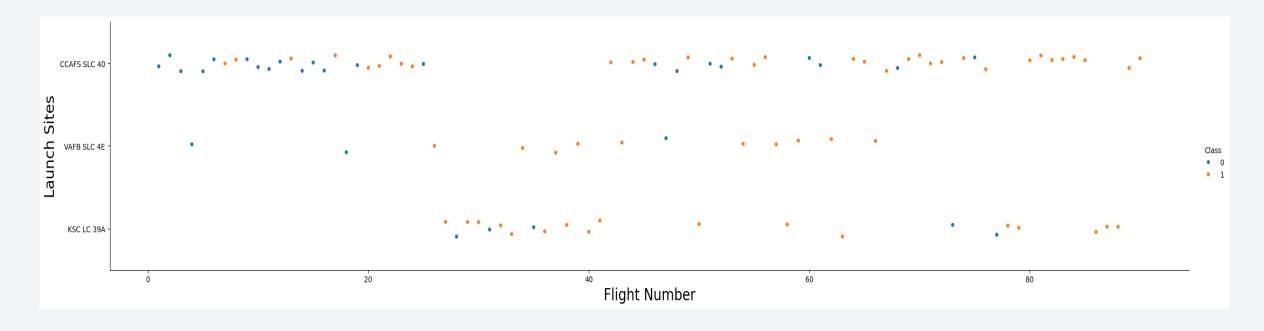
Predictive Analysis Flowchart URL1 = "https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage resp1 = await fetch(URL1) text1 = io.BytesIO((await resp1.arrayBuffer()).to_py()) data = pd.read csv(text1) Standardize the Convert Y = data["Class"].to_numpy() Load dependent column data in the data launch data # students get this to NumPy Array frame transform = preprocessing.StandardScaler() X = transform.fit_transform(X) **Tune** the **Split** data into Initiate model for training and model and fit X_train, X_test, Y_train, Y_test = train_test_split(X, Y, test_size=0.2, random_state=2) best test datasets it to the data parameters tree = DecisionTreeClassifier() # Instantiate the GridSearchCV object: svm cv tree_cv = GridSearchCV(tree, parameters, cv=10) **Generate** and # Fit it to the data evaluate model tree cv.fit(X train, Y train) GitHub URL accuracy print("tuned hpyerparameters :(best parameters) ",tree_cv.best_params_) print("accuracy :",tree cv.best score)

Results

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

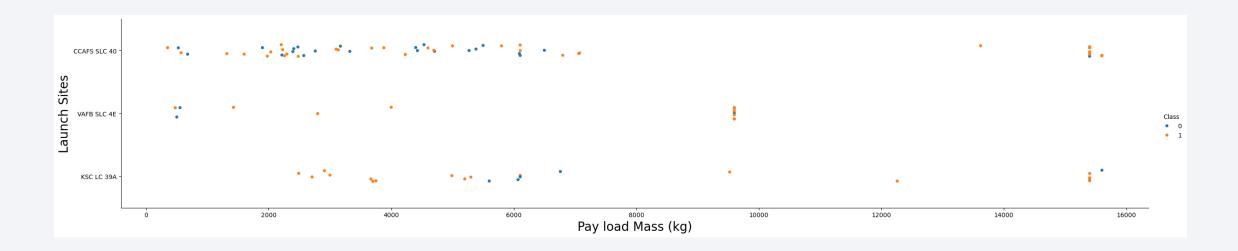


Flight Number vs. Launch Site



• We see that different launch sites have different success rates. Generally, as the flight number increases, the chances of a successful landing of the first stage also increases.

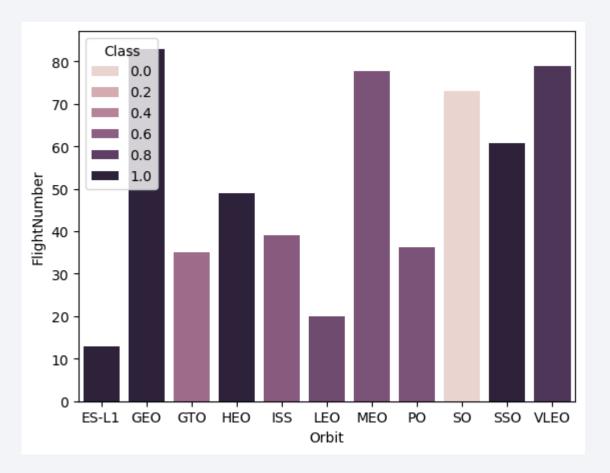
Payload vs. Launch Site



From the graph, it is hard to tell whether Pay load Mass has any impact on the success of a first stage landing.

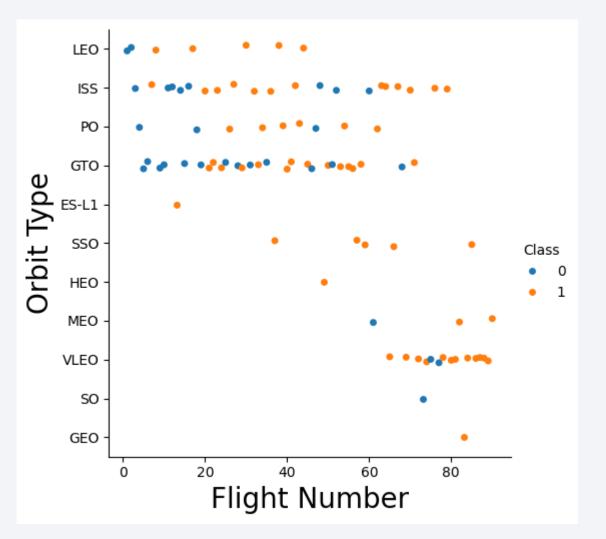
Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

From the graph of orbits, we see that ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO orbits have the highest success rates. However, ES-L1 has less than a third of the flight numbers needed to achieve the same success rate as the other three orbits.



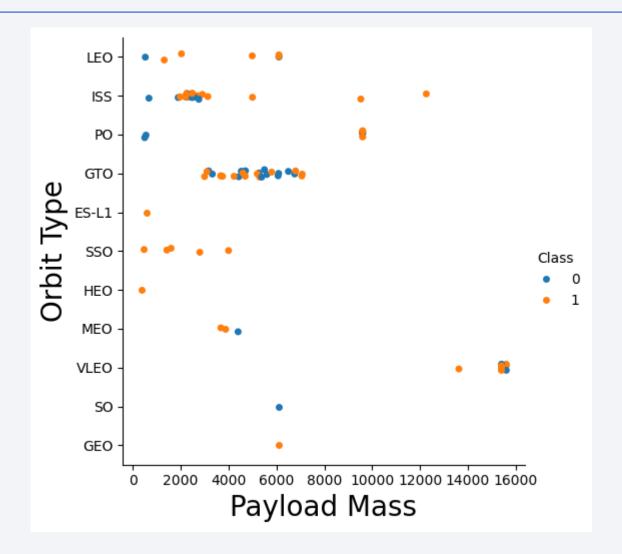
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

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



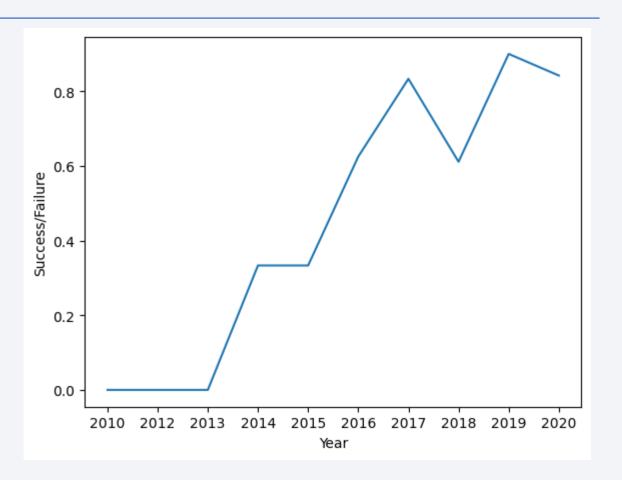
Payload vs. Orbit Type

- With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Polar, LEO and ISS.
- However for GTO we cannot distinguish this well as both positive landing rate and negative landing(unsuccessful mission) are both there here.



Launch Success Yearly Trend

Here we observe that the success rate since 2013 kept increasing until 2020.



All Launch Site Names

In this SQL query, we find the names of the unique launch sites with the help of the "DISTINCT" keyword.

```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT Launch_Site FROM SPACEXTBL;

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

Launch_Site

CCAFS LC-40

VAFB SLC-4E

KSC LC-39A

CCAFS SLC-40
```

Launch Site Names 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_ Customer Mission_Outcome Landing_Outcome Orbit Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit 2010-06-04 18:45:00 F9 v1.0 B0003 CCAFS LC-40 0 LEO Failure (parachute) SpaceX Success F9 v1.0 B0004 CCAFS LC-40 Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of Brouere cheese 0 LEO (ISS) NASA (COTS) NRO Failure (parachute) 2010-12-08 15:43:00 Success 2012-05-22 Dragon demo flight C2 7:44:00 F9 v1.0 B0005 CCAFS LC-40 525 LEO (ISS) NASA (COTS) Success No attempt 2012-10-08 0:35:00 F9 v1.0 B0006 CCAFS LC-40 SpaceX CRS-1 500 LEO (ISS) NASA (CRS) Success No attempt 2013-03-01 15:10:00 F9 v1.0 B0007 CCAFS LC-40 SpaceX CRS-2 677 LEO (ISS) NASA (CRS) No attempt Success

In this SQL query, we find 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA` with the help of the "LIKE" keyword, and then limiting the output to the first 5 rows.

Total Payload Mass

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

%sql SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS 'Total_Payload_Mass' FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Customer = 'NASA (CRS)';

* sqlite://my_datal.db
Done.

Total_Payload_Mass

45596
```

In this SQL query, we calculate the total payload carried by boosters from NASA by using the SUM operator on the rows of the output table which is filtered by the 'Customer' column.

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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

%sql SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS 'Average_Payload_Mass' FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Booster_Version = 'F9 v1.1';

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

Total_Payload_Mass

2928.4
```

In this SQL query, we calculate the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 by using the AVG operator on the rows of the output table which is filtered by the 'Booster_Version' column.

First Successful Ground Landing Date

```
[23]: %sql SELECT MIN(DATE) AS 'Minimum_Date' FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Landing_Outcome = 'Success (ground pad)';
    * sqlite://my_data1.db

Done.
[23]: ......
Minimum_Date
    2015-12-22
```

In this SQL query, we find the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad by using the MIN operator on the date columns for the rows of the output table which is filtered by the 'Landing_Outcome' column.

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

*sql SELECT DISTINCT Booster_Version FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Landing_Outcome = 'Success (drone ship)' AND PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_>4000 AND PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_<6000;

* sqlite:///my_datal.db
Done.

Booster_Version

F9 FT B1022

F9 FT B1021.2

F9 FT B1031.2

In this SQL query, we list the names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000 by using the DISTINCT feature on the output table which is filtered by the 'Landing_Outcome' column as well as the Payload Mass column.

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

%sql SELECT(SELECT COUNT(Mission_Outcome) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Mission_Outcome LIKE '%Success%') AS Successful_Mission_Outcomes,
(SELECT COUNT(Mission_Outcome) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Mission_Outcome LIKE '%Failure%') as Failed Mission_Outcomes;

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

Successful_Mission_Outcomes Failed_Mission_Outcomes

100 1
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In this SQL query, we calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcome by using the COUNT operator on the output table which is a subquery of another COUNT operation, filtered by the 'Mission_Outcome' column.

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

List the names of the booster versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery %sql SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL; * sqlite:///my data1.db MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) 15600 %sql SELECT DISTINCT Booster_Version FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL); * sqlite:///my data1.db Done. **Booster Version** F9 B5 B1048.4 F9 B5 B1049.4 F9 B5 B1051.3 F9 B5 B1056.4 F9 B5 B1048.5 F9 B5 B1051.4 F9 B5 B1049.5 F9 B5 B1060.2 F9 B5 B1058.3 F9 B5 B1051.6 F9 B5 B1060.3 F9 B5 B1049.7

In this SQL query, we list the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass by using the MAX operator on the output table which is a subquery of another MAX operation, filtered by the Payload Mass column.

2015 Launch Records

List the records which will display the month names, failure landing_outcomes in drone ship ,booster versions, launch_site for the months in year 2015.

Note: SQLLite does not support monthnames. So you need to use substr(Date, 6,2) as month to get the months and substr(Date, 0,5)='2015' for year.

%sql SELECT substr(Date, 6,2),Mission_Outcome,Booster_Version,Launch_Site FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE substr(Date, 0,5)='2015' AND Landing_Outcome = 'Failure (drone ship)';

* sqlite:///my_datal.db
Done.

* substr(Date, 6,2) Mission_Outcome Booster_Version Launch_Site

01 Success F9 v1.1 B1012 CCAFS LC-40

04 Success F9 v1.1 B1015 CCAFS LC-40

In this SQL query, we list the failed landing_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015 by using the substroperator on the output table which is filtered by the Date column as well as the Landing Outcome column.

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.

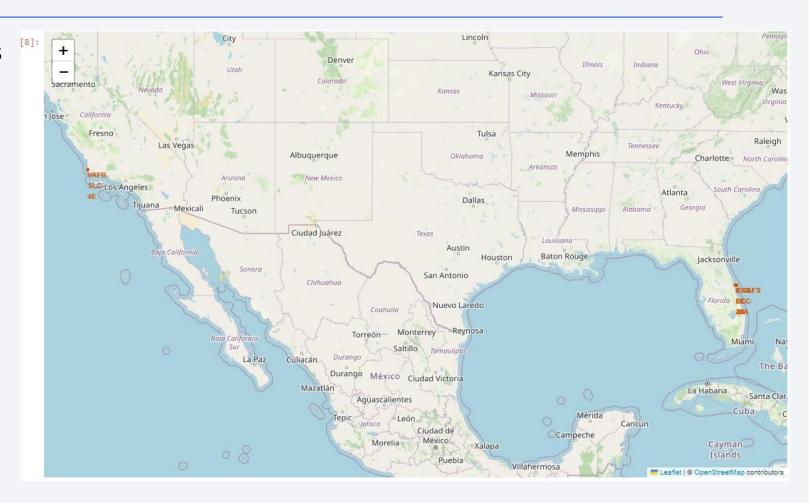
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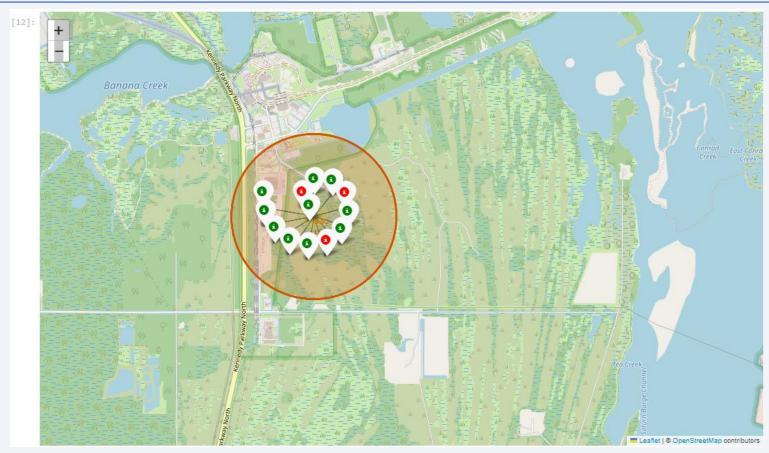
Global Map of All Launch Sites

The markers clearly identify the locations of the launch sites on the map. From the map, we can also see that:

- All launch sites in proximity to the Equator line.
- All launch sites in very close proximity to the coast.



Map Showing the Launch Outcomes for Site

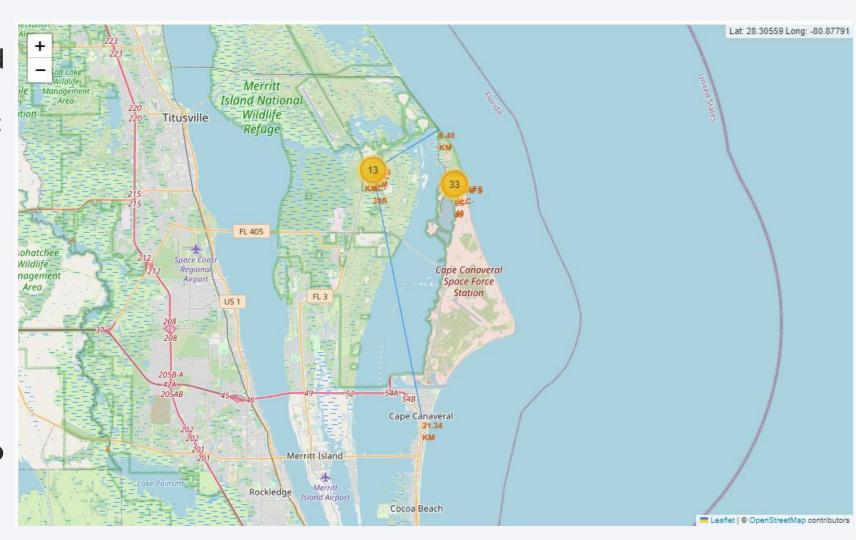


From the color-labeled markers in marker cluster for this site (**KSC-LC-39A**), we can easily identify that this launch site has a relatively high success rate, as there are only 3 red markers (unsuccessful landings) for 10 green markers (successful landings).

Distances of Important Elements from Launch Site

Based on the distance lines and proximities, we are able to answer the following questions:

- Are launch sites in close proximity to railways? Yes
- Are launch sites in close proximity to highways? Yes
- Are launch sites in close proximity to coastline? No
- Do launch sites keep certain distance away from cities? No



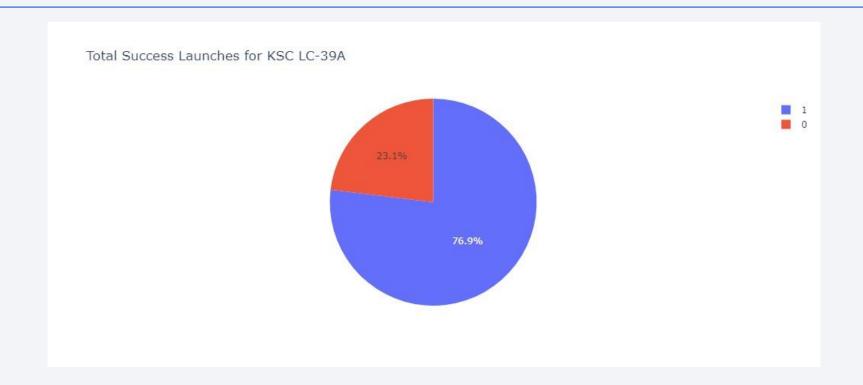


Launch Success Count for All Sites



The graph shows a breakdown of the total successful landing outcomes among the launch sites. Based on the information shown, KSC-LC-39A has the most successful outcomes, while CCAFS-SLC-40 has the least.

Launch Rates for the Site with the Highest Success Ratio



The graph shows a breakdown of all landing outcomes for the most successful launch site. Based on the information shown, KSC-LC-39A has a total of 13 landings, 10 of which were successful, leaving the site with a 76.9% success rate. This can be translated to the amount of money saved by using this launch site.

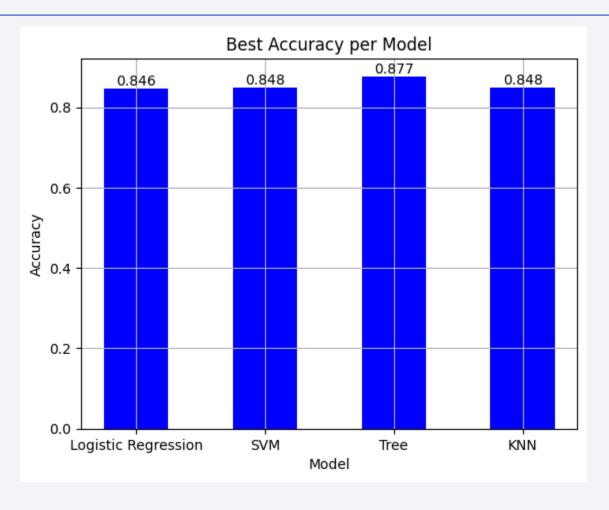
Payload vs. Launch Success Outcome for All Sites



Using a demarcation of "0" for success and "1" for failure, the graph shows that companies should be focusing their efforts on using the v1.1 booster, as it shows clearly shows the largest success rates at payloads between 0 - 5,000 kg.



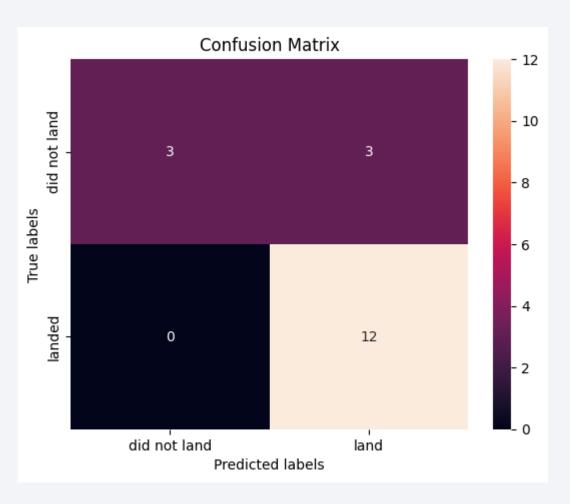
Classification Accuracy



The model with the highest accuracy is the Decision Tree.

Confusion Matrix

 The plot shows the confusion matrix of the Decision Tree. A total of 18 values were tested and of the 18, 15 were correctly predicted with an accuracy of 87%.



Conclusions

- EDA shows that the KSC-LC-39A launch site should be prioritized for a high probability for successful landing outcomes.
- Companies should prioritize v1.1 boosters at 0 5,000 kg payloads to increase successful landing outcomes.
- A Decision Tree is the best classifier for predicting successful landing outcomes.

Appendix

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