

Winning Space Race with Data Science

Applied Data Science Capstone project

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Executive Summary

Methodology

- Collected data from public SpaceX API and SpaceX Wikipedia page, as basis for predicting whether the first stage would land
- Filtered, cleaned and formatted the date for further analysis, e.g., class label and data imputation
- Explored data using SQL, matplotlib visualization, folium maps, and dashboards
- Defined features and outcome for classification models. Changed all categorical variables to binary using one hot encoding. Standardized the data. Used GridSearchCV to find best parameters for machine learning models. Visualize accuracy score of all models.

Results

- The four considered machine learning models, i.e., logistic regression, support vector machine, decision tree, and k-nearest-neighbors performed equally well in predicting the landing outcome of the first stage, i.e., test set accuracy of 0.83 and similar confusion matrix.
- We may be able to improve our predictions by accounting for class imbalance in the database.

Introduction

Background and context

- The commercial space age is here!
- Most cost efficient is SpaceX (Falcon 9) with a cost of 62 million dollars per launch compared to a cost upwards of 165 million dollars.
- The competitive advantage is SpaceX's ability to recover the first stage.
- SpaceY would like to compete with SpaceX

Problem

- Determine the price of each launch by;
 - Gather public information about spaceX to gather insights
 - Build a machine learning model to predict reuse of the first stage





Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection and wrangling:
 - Collect data from SpaceX API and Wikipedia page
 - Filter data to only include Falcon 9 launches, impute missing data, created a landing outcome variable
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - Model were build using Scikit-learn, tuned using grid search, and evaluated by predictive accuracy and confusion matrix on a held-out test set.

Data Collection

- The data collection involved a combination of API requests to SpaceX's public API and web scraping from Space X's Wikipedia.
- The next slides will show the flowchart for data collection from API and Wikipedia, respectively.
- Information gathered from;

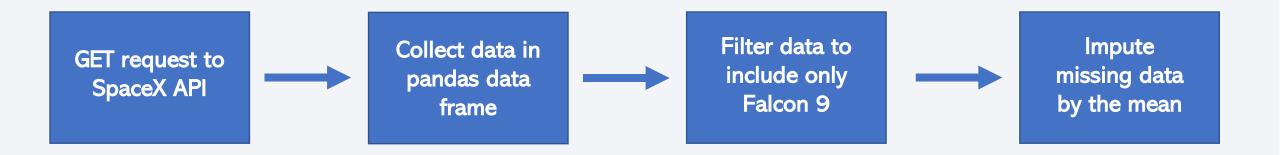
SpaceX API

• FlightNumber, Date, BoosterVersion, PayloadMass, Orbit, LaunchSite, Outcome, Flights, GridFins, Reused, Legs, LandingPad, Block, ReusedCount, Serial, Longitude, Latitude

Wikipedia page

• Flight No., Launch site, Payload, PayloadMass, Orbit, Customer, Launch outcome, Version Booster, Booster landing, Date, Time

Data Collection – SpaceX API

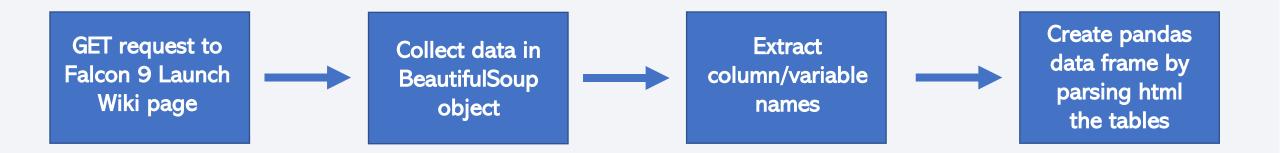


Github URL:

https://github.com/SebastianGlavind/IBM-

<u>DataScienceProfessionalCertificate/blob/main/AppliedDataScienceCapstone/Data%20Collection%20API.ipynb</u>

Data Collection - Scraping



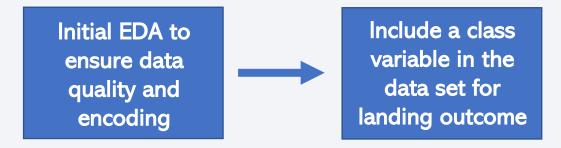
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20Web%20Scraping.ipynb

Data Wrangling

- Initially some exploratory data analysis was performed to ensure data quality and encoding, i.e., check for missing values, and calculate: # launches from each site, # occurrence of each orbit, and # mission outcome per orbit type
- Create a landing outcome label from Outcome column: 0-1 encoding.
 - Failure (=0) for outcomes {'False ASDS', 'False Ocean', 'False RTLS', 'None ASDS', 'None None'}
 - Success (=1) for outcomes {'True Ocean', 'True RTLS', 'True ASDS'}



EDA with Data Visualization

- Carplots to visualize the trend between two features considering the class label was the launch successful or not for the feature configuration?
 - FlightNumber vs. PayloadMass with class overlay
 - FlightNumber vs. LaunchSite with class overlay
 - LaunchSite vs. PayloadMass with class overlay
 - FlightNumber vs. Orbit with class overlay
 - PayloadMass vs. Orbit with class overlay
- Histogram of success rate per orbit are some orbits are more successful?
- Trend plot of launch successes yearly trend what is success trend?
- Finally, dummy encoding was performed on the discrete features

Github URL:

20Matplotlib.ipynb

EDA with SQL

- Loading the data into a IBM DB2 database, which enabled that a set of queries could be performed on the database with SQL using the Python integration.
- The following queries were made to gain insights about the launches
 - Unique launch sites
 - Information regarding specific launch sites, booster versions and their payload
 - Information regarding average payload mass caried by specific booster types
 - Information on successful/failed missions (amount, dates, booster vision given pay load mass range)
 - Booster versions that carried maximum payload
 - Successful and failed missions within specific time frames

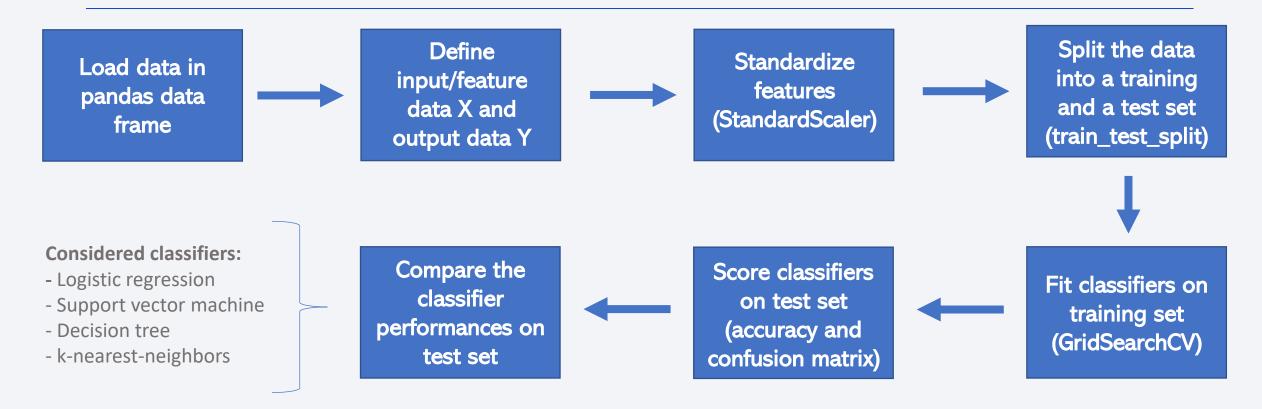
Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- All launch sites were mapped to a folium. Map with folium. map. Marker's, and the launches from each site were marked according to the class variable (success/failure) using marker clusters. Finally, the distances between a launch site to its proximities were calculated.
- These operations enabled that the launch site could be located, the success rate of each launch site could be judged qualitatively, and distances between each sites and its proximities could be evaluated to define distance-metrics for placing launch sites.

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- A dashboard with a pie chart and a scatter plot were created;
 - The pie chart can show: (i) the distribution of success landing across all launch sites (ALL SITES entry); and (ii) individual launch site success rates (specific launch site entry).
 - The scatter plot shows the correlation between pay load and successful landings. Again, considering either ALL SITES or a specific site.
- Thus, the pie chart shows the launch sites success rates, and the scatter plot shows how successes varies across launch sites, payloads and booster versions.

Predictive Analysis (Classification)



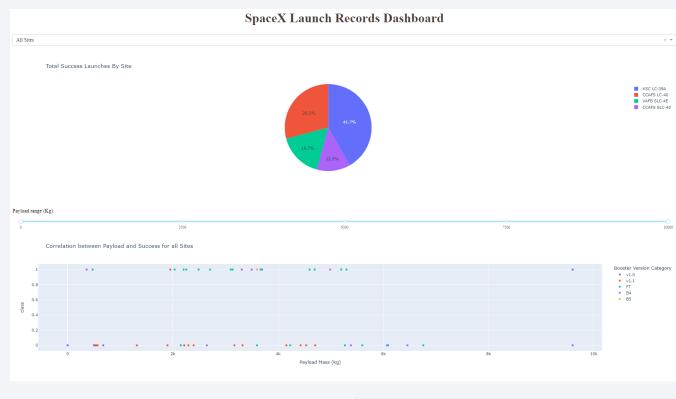
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Results

- The exploratory data analysis shows e.g., that different launch sites have different success rates, and it provides some explanations to why this is the case, e.g., different payload and orbit.
- The dashboard showed e.g., that site KSC LC-39A has the highest success rate and site VAFC SLC-4E has the larges successful launches in terms of payload.
- All classifiers performed equally well on the test set, i.e., all have an accuracy of 0.83 and similar confusion matrices.
- The following slides will show the results of the individual analysis in detail.



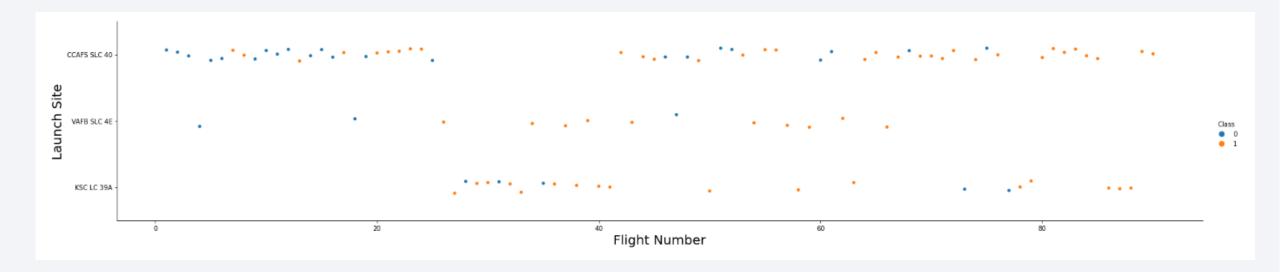






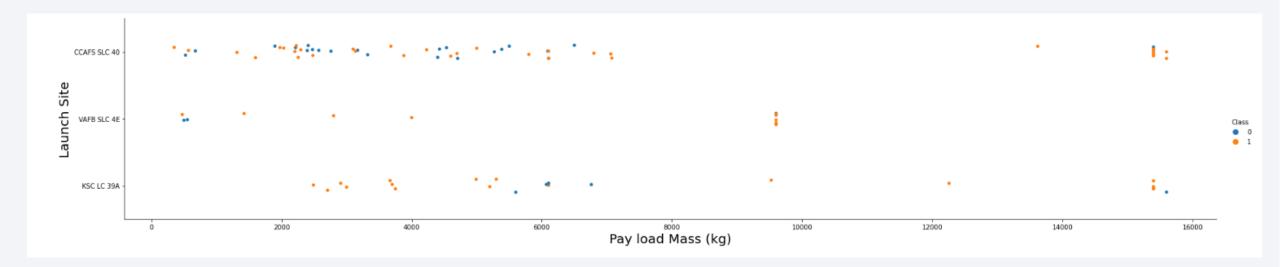
Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- Carplots to visualize the trend between two features considering the class label
 - FlightNumber vs. LaunchSite with class overlay
 - E.g., some site are more used and successful for given flights



Payload vs. Launch Site

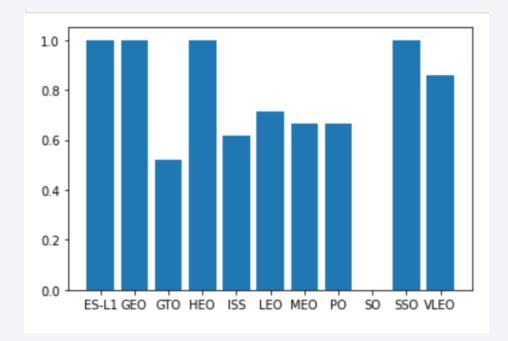
- Carplots to visualize the trend between two features considering the class label
 - LaunchSite vs. PayloadMass with class overlay
 - E.g., VAFB-SLC has no heavy masses (greater than 10000)



Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

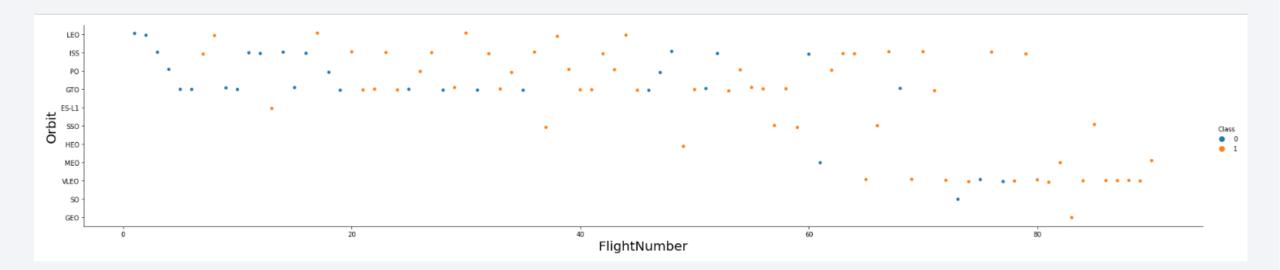
- Bar chart of success rate per orbit
 - E.g., some orbits are more successful, e.g., SSO (=1)

Orbit		
ES-L1	1.000000	
GEO	1.000000	
GTO	0.518519	
HEO	1.000000	
ISS	0.619048	
LEO	0.714286	
MEO	0.666667	
PO	0.666667	
SO	0.00000	
SSO	1.000000	
VLEO	0.857143	
Name:	Class, dtype: float64	



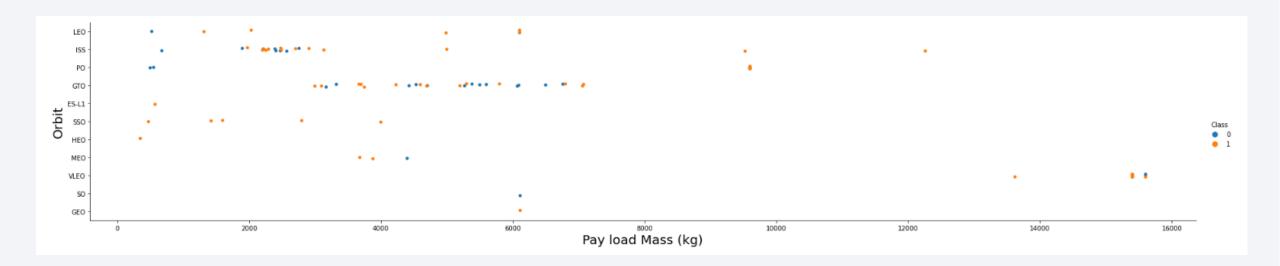
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- Carplots to visualize the trend between two features considering the class label
 - FlightNumber vs. Orbit with class overlay
 - E.g., success for some orbits depend on flight number



Payload vs. Orbit Type

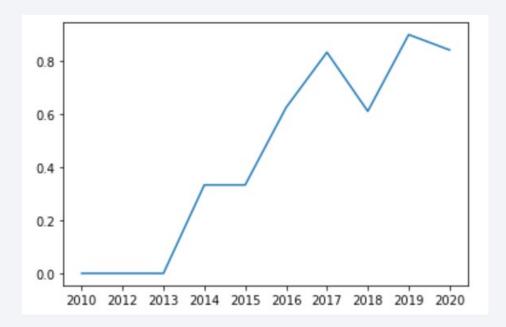
- Carplots to visualize the trend between two features considering the class label
 - PayloadMass vs. Orbit with class overlay
 - E.g., success for some orbits become higher with increasing mass (more valuable assets)



Launch Success Yearly Trend

- Line chart of yearly average success rate trend
 - E.g., more successful over the years

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2010
        0.000000
2012
       0.000000
2013
       0.000000
2014
       0.333333
2015
       0.333333
2016
       0.625000
2017
       0.833333
2018
       0.611111
2019
     0.900000
2020
        0.842105
Name: Class, dtype: float64
```



All Launch Site Names

- Unique launch site names
 - SQL statements: SELECT, DISTINCT
 - E.g., there are four unique launch site names

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In [7]: %sql SELECT DISTINCT launch_site FROM SPACEXDATASET;

* ibm_db_sa://zvc27717:***@2f3279a5-73d1-4859-88f0-a6c3e6b4b907.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:30756/BLUDB Done.

Out[7]: launch_site

CCAFS LC-40

CCAFS SLC-40

KSC LC-39A

VAFB SLC-4E
```

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- First 5 records where the launch site begin with `CCA`
 - SQL statements: SELECT, SUBSTRING, LIMIT (or SELECT, LIKE, LIMIT)
 - E.g., all these launches went to the LEO orbit with booster version F9 v1.0

n [13]: 🦠	%sql SELECT * FROM SPACEXDATASET WHERE SUBSTRING(launch_site, 1, 3)='CCA' LIMIT 5;									
	* ibm_db_sa://zvc27717:***@2f3279a5-73d1-4859-88f0-a6c3e6b4b907.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:30756/BLUDB Done.									
t[13]:	DATE	timeutc_	booster_version	launch_site	payload	payload_masskg_	orbit	customer	mission_outcome	landing_outcome
	2010- 06-04	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
	2010- 12-08	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of Brouere cheese	0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	Failure (parachute)
	2012- 05-22	07:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
	2012- 10-08	00:35:00	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)	Success	No attempt

Total Payload Mass

- Total payload carried by boosters from NASA
 - SQL statements: SELECT, (SUM,) WHERE, "="

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In [16]: %sql SELECT payload_mass__kg_ FROM SPACEXDATASET WHERE customer='NASA (CRS)';

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In [55]: %sql SELECT SUM(payload_mass__kg_) FROM SPACEXDATASET WHERE customer='NASA (CRS)';

* ibm_db_sa://zvc27717:***@2f3279a5-73d1-4859-88f0-a6c3e6b4b907.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:30756/BLUDB Done.

Out[55]: 1

45596
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Out[16]:	payload_masskg_
	500
	677
	2296
	2216
	2395
	1898
	1952
	3136
	2257
	2490
	2708
	3310
	2205
	2647
	2697
	2500
	2495
	2268
	1977
	2972

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

- Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
 - SQL statements: SELECT, AVG, WHERE, "="

First Successful Ground Landing Date

- Date of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad
 - SQL statements: SELECT, MIN, WHERE, "=" (or SELECT, WHERE, "=", OREDER BY, LIMIT)

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In [27]: %sql SELECT MIN(DATE) AS "First success" FROM SPACEXDATASET WHERE landing_outcome='Success (ground pad)';

* ibm_db_sa://zvc27717:***@2f3279a5-73d1-4859-88f0-a6c3e6b4b907.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:30756/BLUDB Done.

Out[27]: First success

2015-12-22

In [29]: %sql SELECT DATE FROM SPACEXDATASET WHERE landing_outcome='Success (ground pad)' ORDER BY DATE LIMIT 1;

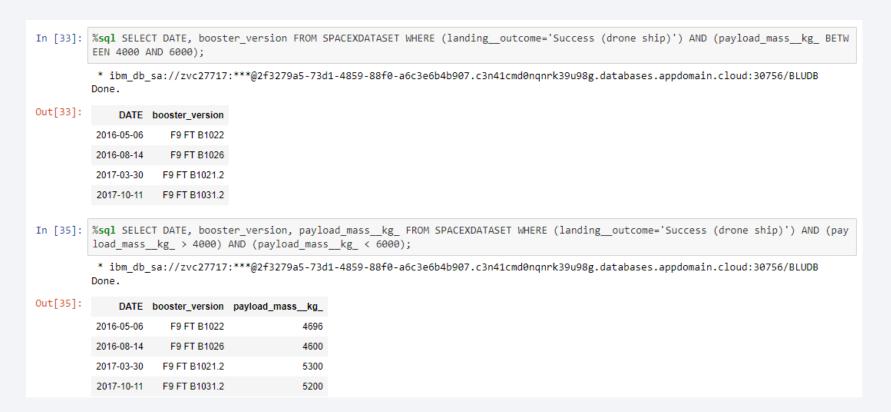
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Out[29]: DATE

2015-12-22
```

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

- Names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
 - SQL statements: SELECT, WHERE, AND, BETWEEN (or SELECT, WHERE, 2xAND)



Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

- Total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
 - SQL statements: SELECT, WHERE, LIKE

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In [37]: %sql SELECT COUNT(*) AS "Successful missions" FROM SPACEXDATASET WHERE mission_outcome LIKE 'Success%';
          * ibm db sa://zvc27717:***@2f3279a5-73d1-4859-88f0-a6c3e6b4b907.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:30756/BLUDB
         Done.
Out[37]: Successful missions
                       100
In [38]: %sql SELECT COUNT(*) AS "Failed missions" FROM SPACEXDATASET WHERE mission outcome LIKE 'Failure%';
          * ibm db sa://zvc27717:***@2f3279a5-73d1-4859-88f0-a6c3e6b4b907.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:30756/BLUDB
         Done.
Out[38]:
         Failed missions
In [39]: %sql SELECT COUNT(*) AS "All missions" FROM SPACEXDATASET;
          * ibm db sa://zvc27717:***@2f3279a5-73d1-4859-88f0-a6c3e6b4b907.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:30756/BLUDB
Out[39]: All missions
                 101
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Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

- Names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass
 - SQL statements: SELECT, WHERE, SELECT, MAX (subquery)

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In [41]: %sql SELECT booster_version FROM SPACEXDATASET WHERE payload_mass_kg_ = (SELECT MAX(payload_mass_kg_) FROM SPACEXDATASET);

* ibm_db_sa://zvc27717:***@2f3279a5-73d1-4859-88f0-a6c3e6b4b907.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:30756/BLUDB
Done.

In [43]: %sql SELECT MAX(payload_mass_kg_) AS "max_payload" FROM SPACEXDATASET;

* ibm_db_sa://zvc27717:***@2f3279a5-73d1-4859-88f0-a6c3e6b4b907.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:30756/BLUDB
Done.

Out[43]: max_payload

15600

In [44]: %sql SELECT COUNT(*) FROM SPACEXDATASET WHERE payload_mass_kg_ = 15600;

* ibm_db_sa://zvc27717:***@2f3279a5-73d1-4859-88f0-a6c3e6b4b907.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:30756/BLUDB
Done.

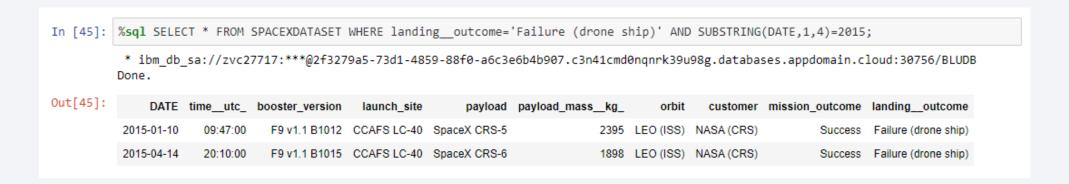
Out[44]: 1

12
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Out[41]:	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

2015 Launch Records

- Failed landing_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015
 - SQL statements: SELECT, WHERE, "=", AND, SUBSTRING



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

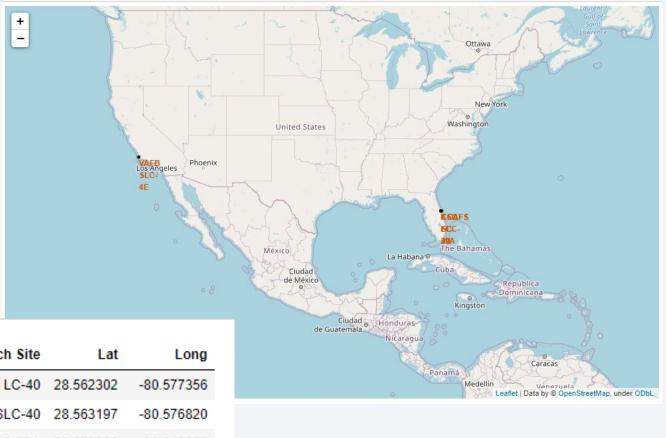
- Ranking of the counts of landing outcomes (such as Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad)) between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20, in descending order
 - SQL statements: SELECT, COUNT, WHERE, BETWEEN, GROUP BY, ORDER BY DESC

	%sql SELECT landing_outcome, COUNT(*) AS "num_landing_out" FROM SPACEXDATASET WHERE (DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-00') GROUP BY landing_outcome ORDER BY "num_landing_out" DESC;					
	* ibm_db_sa://zvo Done.	:27717:***@2f327	9a5-73d1-4859-88f0-a6c3e6b4b907.c3n41cmd0nqnrk39u98g.databases.appdomain.cloud:30756/BLUD			
[71]:	landing_outcome	num_landing_out				
	No attempt	10				
	Failure (drone ship)	5				
	Success (drone ship)	5				
	Controlled (ocean)	3				
	Success (ground pad)	3				
	Failure (parachute)	2				
	Uncontrolled (ocean)	2				
	Precluded (drone ship)	1				



Launch sites on Folium Map

- The map shows the location of the launch sites, which are located on the west coast, and east coast, respectively.
- The coordinates are shown below the map.

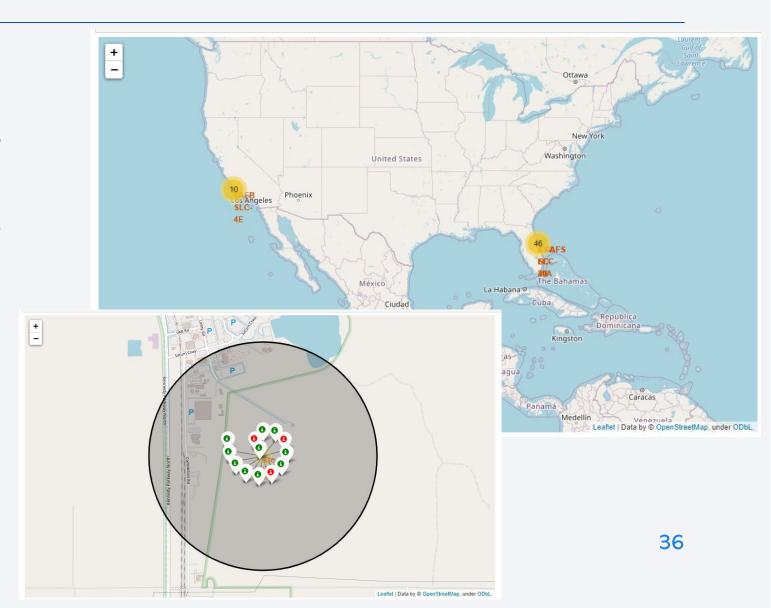


Out[125]:

Launch Site	Lat	Long
CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356
CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820
KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895
VAFB SLC-4E	34.632834	-120.610745
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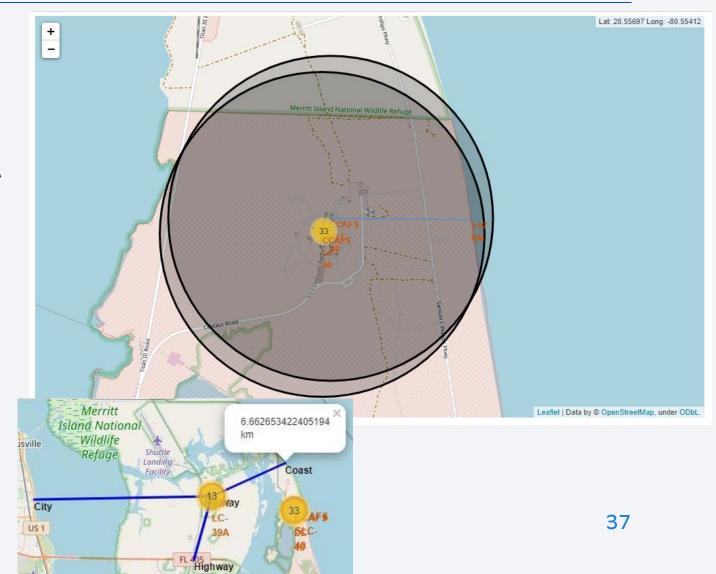
Grouped launches on Folium Map

- The map shows the individual launches clustered according to launch site (coordinate).
- Expanding a cluster, we see the individual launches color-coded by class variable (success/failure).
- This is shown for the KSC launch site.



Launch site proximities on Folium Map

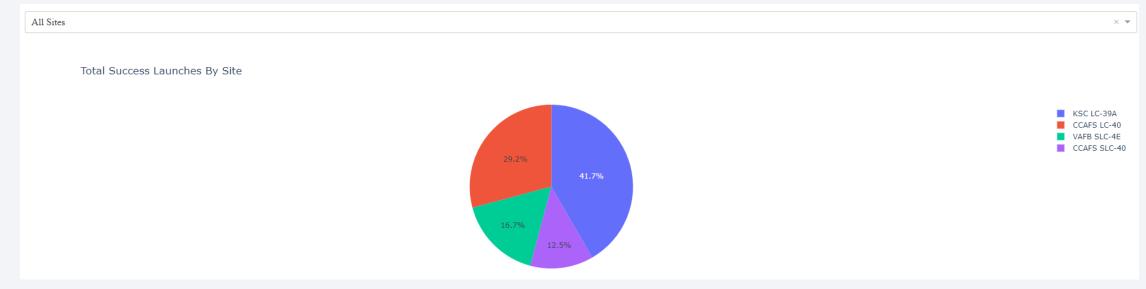
- The map show an example where the distance from CCAFS SLC-40 to the coast is considered.
- Close-up of proximities for KSC LC-39A is also shown.
- What make up an optimal launch site in terms of proximities?
 - Close to transport and supply lines, i.e., highway and railways.
 - Close to the coast (also partly related to transport).
 - Keep distance to cities.





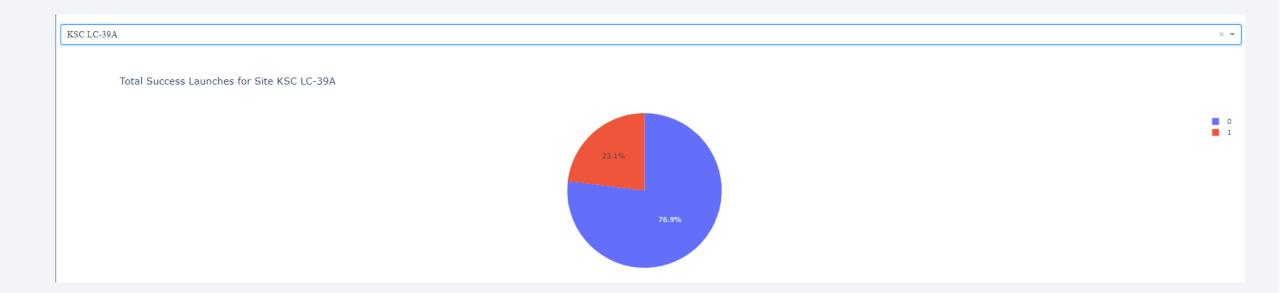
Dashboard for launch site successes – all sites

- Pie chart of launch success count for all sites
- The plot shows the distribution of successful launches over the launch sites
- We see e.g., that KSC LC-39A contribute with most of the successful launches (41.7%)



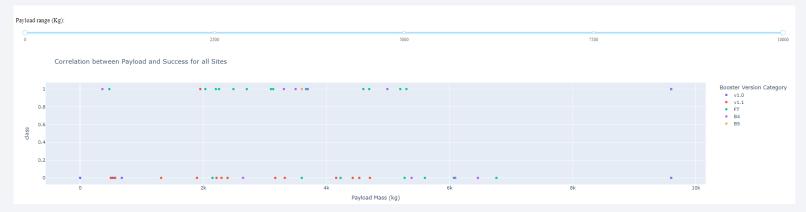
Dashboard for successful launches – KSC LC-39A

- Pie chart of launch success count for KSC LC-39A (most successful launches)
- The plot shows the distribution between successful (=1) and failed launches (=0)



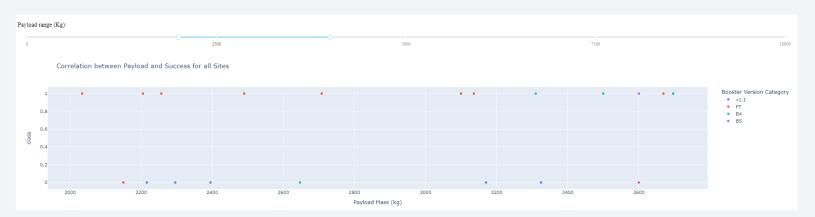
Dashboard for Payload vs. Launch Outcome (1)

- Scatterplot of Payload vs. Launch Outcome for all sites, considering;
 - The full payload range booster version FT is the most successful over the full payload range



Close-up on the following slides

The payload range [2k-4k] – this payload range is the most successful (only boosters v1.1, FT, B4, B5)



Close-up on the following slides

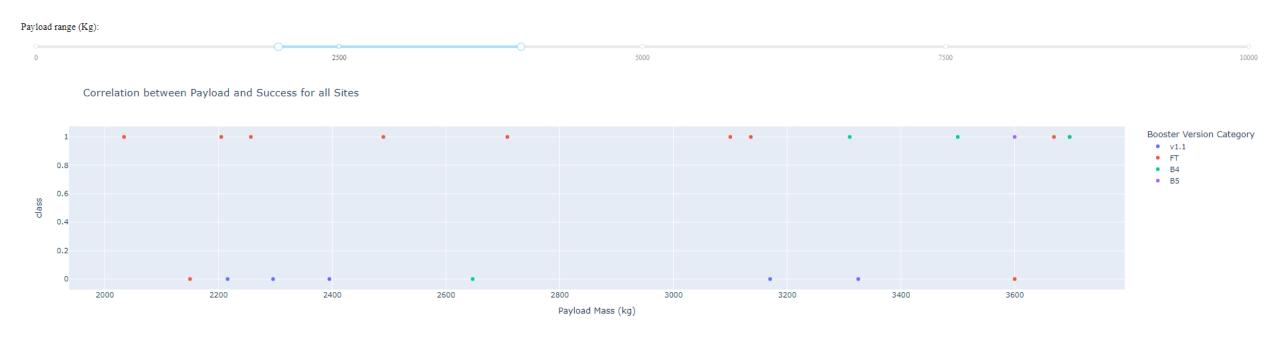
Dashboard for Payload vs. Launch Outcome (2)

- Scatterplot of Payload vs. Launch Outcome for all sites, considering;
 - The full payload range booster version FT is the most successful over the full payload range



Dashboard for Payload vs. Launch Outcome (3)

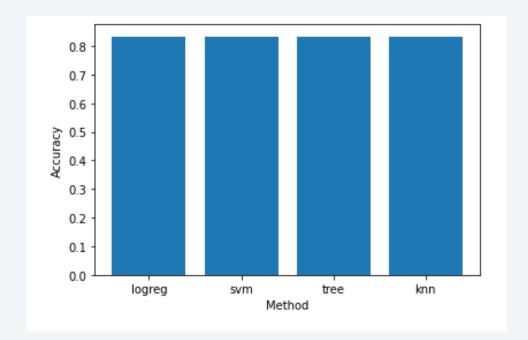
- Scatterplot of Payload vs. Launch Outcome for all sites, considering;
 - The payload range [2k-4k] this payload range is the most successful (only boosters v1.1, FT, B4, B5)





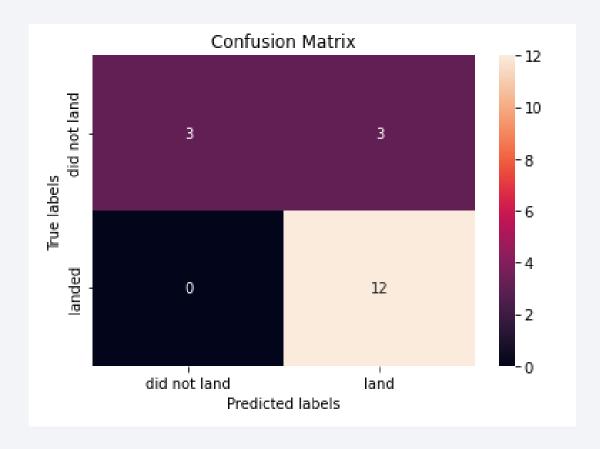
Classification Accuracy

- Bar chart of test set accuracy for the considered classifiers, i.e.,
 - Logistic regression (logreg)
 - Support vector machine (svm)
 - Decision tree (tree)
 - k-nearest-neighbors (knn)
- All classifiers performed equally well on the test set, i.e., accuracy 0.83



Confusion Matrix

- Confusion matrix for one of the models – all models resulted in the same confusion matrix
 - The main diagonal shows the <u>correctly</u> classified test data points
 - The off-diagonal elements shows the incorrectly classified test data points
 - We see that the classifier makes three errors prediction a landing when in fact it did not land.
 - We also see that the data is imbalanced in the classes, i.e., more landed examples (double), which could explain the bias towards a landing prediction.



Conclusions

- The goal of the analysis was to build a machine learning model to predict whether the first stage would land, such that it could be reused to reduce the cost of a launch
 - We have compiled and analyzed a data set composed of information on SpaceX Falcon 9 launches from SpaceX API and Wikipedia page
 - Filtered, cleaned, and formatted the data
 - The data show some clear patterns in e.g., the placement of launch site and success rate dependence on payload
 - Based on the data set, we were able to fit classifiers with a test set accuracy of 0.83
 - The data set is imbalanced in the classes, which result in a bias towards a landing prediction
- A test set accuracy of 0.83 is reasonable, but we could further improve our predictions by accounting for the class imbalance in the database.

Appendix

All available/additional course material can be could on my GitHub repo for this course, see

https://github.com/SebastianGlavind/IBM-DataScienceProfessionalCertificate/tree/main/AppliedDataScienceCapstone

