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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Executive Summary

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# Introduction

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SpaceX is a revolutionary company who has disrupted the space industry by offering a rocket launch specifically Falcon 9 as low as 62 million dollars; while other providers cost upward of 165 million dollars each. Most of this saving thanks to SpaceX's astounding idea to reuse the first stage of the launch by re-land the rocket to be used on the next mission. Repeating this process will make the price even further down. As a data scientist of a startup rivaling SpaceX, the goal of this project is to create the machine learning pipeline to predict the landing outcome of the first stage in the future. This project is crucial in identifying the right price to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch.

The problems included:

- Identifying all factors that influence the landing outcome.
- The relationship between each variable and how it is affecting the outcome.
- The best condition needed to increase the probability of successful landing.



Section 1

# Methodology

# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - Data was collected using SpaceX API and web scraping from Wikipedia.
- Perform data wrangling
  - One-hot encoding was applied to categorical features
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - How to build, tune, evaluate classification models

# Data Collection

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Data collection is the process of gathering and measuring information on targeted variables in an established system, which then enables one to answer relevant questions and evaluate outcomes. As mentioned, the dataset was collected by REST API and Web Scrapping from Wikipedia.

For REST API, its started by using the get request. Then, we decoded the response content as Json and turn it into a pandas dataframe using `json_normalize()`.

We then cleaned the data, checked for missing values and fill with whatever needed.

For web scrapping, we will use the BeautifulSoup to extract the launch records as HTML table, parse the table and convert it to a pandas dataframe for further analysis.

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

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- We used the get request to the SpaceX API to collect data:
- Use `json_normalize` method to convert json result to dataframe :
- Performed data cleaning and filling the missing value:

URL:

<https://github.com/adeluabiodun/abbey1/blob/master/jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb>

```
spacex_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
```

```
response = requests.get(spacex_url)
```

```
# Use json_normalize meethod to convert the json result into a dataframe  
data = pd.json_normalize(response.json())
```

```
# Lets take a subset of our dataframe keeping only the features we want and the flight number, and date_utc.  
data = data[['rocket', 'payloads', 'launchpad', 'cores', 'flight_number', 'date_utc']]  
  
# We will remove rows with multiple cores because those are falcon rockets with 2 extra rocket boosters and rows that have multiple payloads in a single rocket.  
data = data[data['cores'].map(len)==1]  
data = data[data['payloads'].map(len)==1]  
  
# Since payloads and cores are lists of size 1 we will also extract the single value in the list and replace the feature.  
data['cores'] = data['cores'].map(lambda x : x[0])  
data['payloads'] = data['payloads'].map(lambda x : x[0])  
  
# We also want to convert the date_utc to a datetime datatype and then extracting the date leaving the time  
data['date'] = pd.to_datetime(data['date_utc']).dt.date  
  
# Using the date we will restrict the dates of the launches  
data = data[data['date'] <= datetime.date(2020, 11, 13)]
```



# Data Collection - Scraping

- Request the Falcon9 launch Wiki page from url
- Create a BeautifulSoup from the HTML response
- Extract all column/variable names from the HTML header

From:

<https://github.com/adeluabiodun/abbey1/blob/master/jupyter-labs-webscraping.ipynb>

First, let's perform an HTTP GET method to request the Falcon9 Launch HTML page, as an HTTP response.

```
# use requests.get() method with the provided static_url
# assign the response to a object
response = requests.get(static_url).text
```

Create a BeautifulSoup object from the HTML response

```
# Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
soup = BeautifulSoup(response, 'html.parser')
```

Print the page title to verify if the BeautifulSoup object was created properly

```
# Use soup.title attribute
print(soup.title)
```

```
<title>List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches - Wikipedia</title>
```

```
extracted_row = 0
#Extract each table
for table_number,table in enumerate(soup.find_all('table',"wikitable plainrowheaders collapsible")):
    # get table row
    for rows in table.find_all("tr"):
        #check to see if first table heading is as number corresponding to launch a number
        if rows.th:
            if rows.th.string:
                flight_number=rows.th.string.strip()
                flag=flight_number.isdigit()
            else:
                flag=False
        #get table element
        row=rows.find_all('td')
        #if it is number save cells in a dictionary
        if flag:
            extracted_row += 1
            # Flight Number value
            # TODO: Append the flight_number into Launch_dict with key `Flight No.`
            #print(flight_number)
            datatimelist=date_time(row[0])
```

# Data Wrangling



- Data Wrangling is the process of cleaning and unifying messy and complex data sets for easy access and Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA).
- We will first calculate the number of launches on each site, then calculate the number and occurrence of mission outcome per orbit type.
- We then create a landing outcome label from the outcome column. This will make it easier for further analysis, visualization, and ML. Lastly, we will export the result to a CSV.

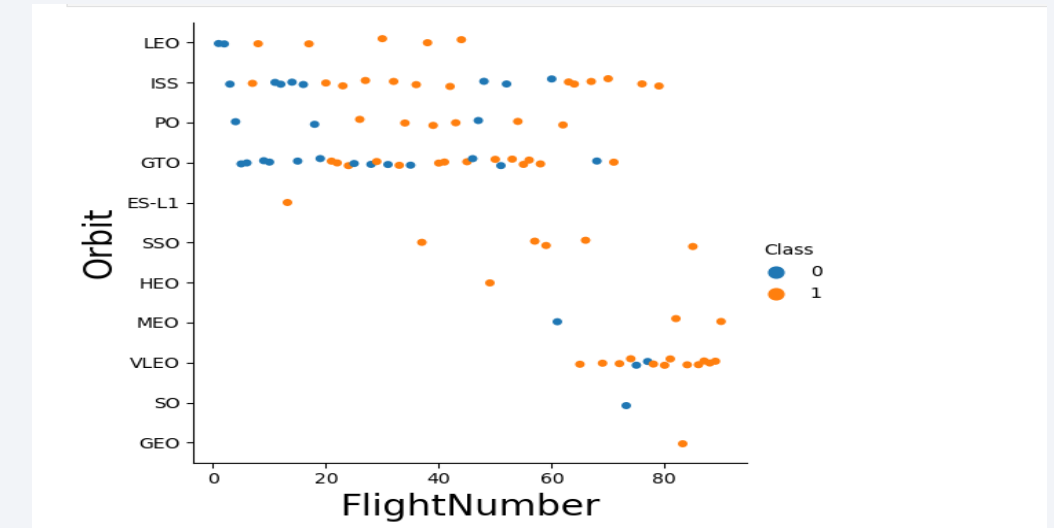
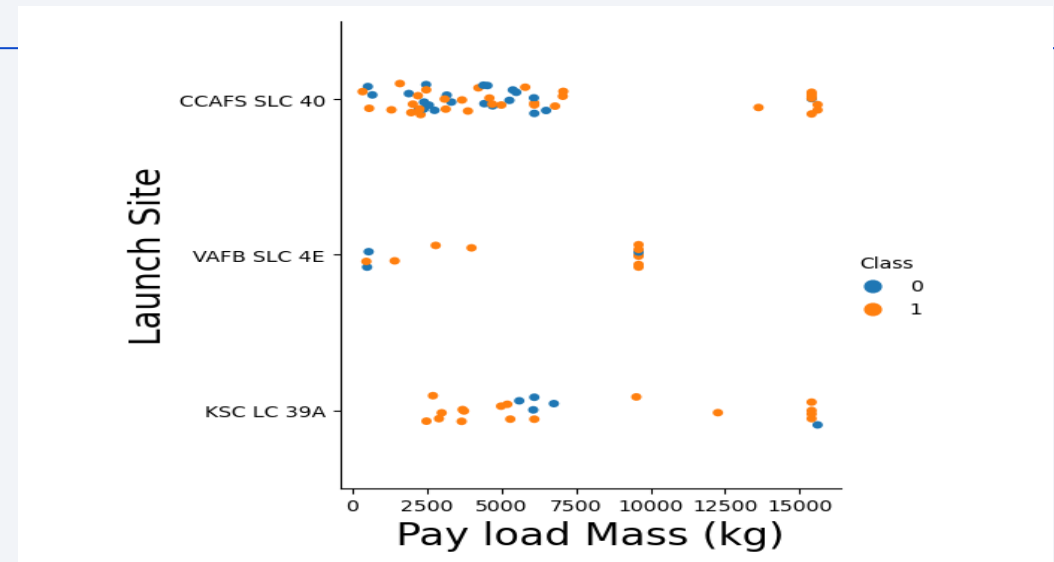
Link: <https://github.com/adeluabiodun/abbey1/blob/master/labs-jupyter-spacex-Data%20wrangling.ipynb>

# EDA with Data Visualization

- We used scatter graph to find the relationship between the attributes such as between Payload and Flight Number, Flight Number and Launch Site, Payload and Launch Site, Flight Number and Orbit Type, Payload and Orbit Type.
- Scatter plots show dependency of attributes on each other. Once a pattern is determined from the graphs. It is very easy to see which factors affecting the most to the success of the landing outcomes.

Link:

<https://github.com/adeluabiodun/abbey1/blob/master/jupyter-labs-eda-dataviz.ipynb>



# EDA with SQL

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- Using SQL, we had performed many queries to get better understanding of the dataset, Ex:
  - Displaying the names of the launch sites.
  - Displaying 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'.
  - Displaying the total payload mass carried by booster launched by NASA (CRS).
  - Displaying the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1.
  - Listing the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved.
  - 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.
  - Listing the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch sites names for in year 2015.
  - Rank the count of landing outcomes or success between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20, in descending order.

Link: [https://github.com/adeluabiodun/abbey1/blob/master/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera\\_sqlite.ipynb](https://github.com/adeluabiodun/abbey1/blob/master/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera_sqlite.ipynb)

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- We marked all launch sites, and added map objects such as markers, circles, lines to mark the success or failure of launches for each site on the folium map.
- We assigned the feature launch outcomes (failure or success) to class 0 and 1.i.e., 0 for failure, and 1 for success.
- Using the color-labeled marker clusters, we identified which launch sites have relatively high success rate.
- We calculated the distances between a launch site to its proximities.

Link: [https://github.com/adeluabiodun/abbey1/blob/master/lab\\_jupyter\\_launch\\_site\\_location.ipynb](https://github.com/adeluabiodun/abbey1/blob/master/lab_jupyter_launch_site_location.ipynb)



# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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- We built an interactive dashboard with Plotly dash
- We plotted pie charts showing the total launches by a certain sites
- We plotted scatter graph showing the relationship with Outcome and Payload Mass (Kg) for the different booster version.

Link: [https://github.com/adeluabiodun/abbey1/blob/master/spacex\\_dash\\_app.py](https://github.com/adeluabiodun/abbey1/blob/master/spacex_dash_app.py).1

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- We loaded the data using numpy and pandas, transformed the data, split our data into training and testing.
- We built different machine learning models and tune different hyperparameters using GridSearchCV.
- We used accuracy as the metric for our model, improved the model using feature engineering and algorithm tuning.
- We found the best performing classification model.

Link:

[https://github.com/adeluabiodun/abbey1/blob/master/SpaceX\\_Machine%20Learning%20Prediction\\_Part\\_5.ipynb](https://github.com/adeluabiodun/abbey1/blob/master/SpaceX_Machine%20Learning%20Prediction_Part_5.ipynb)

# Results

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- The results will be categorized to 3 main results which are:
- Exploratory data analysis results
- Interactive analytics demo in screenshots
- Predictive analysis results



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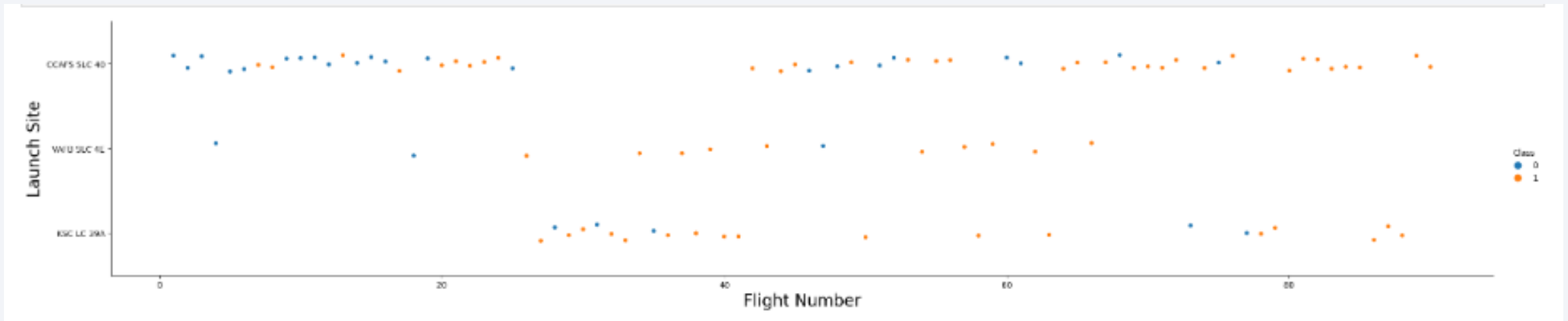
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# Insights drawn from EDA



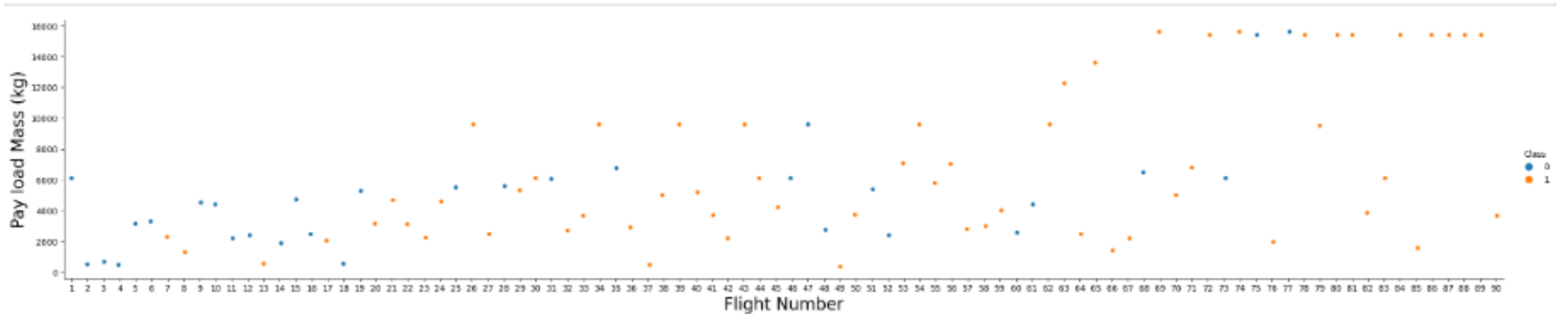
# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- From the plot, we found that the larger the flight amount at a launch site, the greater the success rate at a launch site.





# Payload vs. Launch Site



We see that different launch sites have different success rates. CCAFS LC-40 , has a success rate of 60 %, while KSC LC-39A and VAFB SLC 4E has a success rate of 77%.

# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

- From the plot, we can see that ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate.



# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

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- The plot below shows the Flight Number vs. Orbit type. We observe that in the LEO orbit, success is related to the number of flights whereas in the GTO orbit, there is no relationship between flight number and the orbit.



# Payload vs. Orbit Type

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- We can observe that with heavy payloads, the successful landing are more for PO, LEO and ISS orbits.



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

- From the plot, we can observe that success rate since 2013 kept on increasing till 2020.





# All Launch Site Names

- We used the key word **DISTINCT** to show only unique launch sites from the SpaceX data.

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

```
[7]: %sql select distinct(LAUNCH_SITE) from SPACEXTBL
      * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
```

```
[7]: 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'

```
[8]: %sql select * from SPACEXTBL where LAUNCH_SITE like 'CCA%' limit 5
```

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

Done.

```
[8]:
```

Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing_Outcome
04-06-2010	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
08-12-2010	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)
22-05-2012	07:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
08-10-2012	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
01-03-2013	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

- We used the query above to display 5 records where launch sites begin with 'CCA'

# Total Payload Mass

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- We calculated the total payload carried by boosters from NASA as 45596 using the query below

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

```
[9]: %sql select sum(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from SPACEXTBL where CUSTOMER = 'NASA (CRS)'
```

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

Done.

```
[9]: sum(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)
```

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# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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- We calculated the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 as 2928.4

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

```
[10]: %sql select avg(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) from SPACEXTBL where BOOSTER_VERSION = 'F9 v1.1'
```

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

Done.

```
[10]: avg(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_)
```

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2928.4

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

- We observed that the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad was 1<sup>st</sup> May, 2017

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

*Hint: Use min function*

```
[46]: %sql select min(DATE) from SPACEXTBL where "Landing _Outcome" = 'Success (ground pad)'
```

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

Done.

```
[46]: min(DATE)
```

```
01-05-2017
```



# Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

- We used the **WHERE** clause to filter for boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and applied the **AND** condition to determine successful landing with payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

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

```
[43]: %%sql
      select BOOSTER_VERSION from SPACEXTBL
      where "Landing_Outcome" = 'Success (drone ship)'
      and PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ > 4000 and PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ < 6000

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

```
[43]: Booster_Version
```

```
F9 FT B1022
```

```
F9 FT B1026
```

```
F9 FT B1021.2
```

```
F9 FT B1031.2
```

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

In [16]:

```
task_7a = '''
    SELECT COUNT(MissionOutcome) AS SuccessOutcome
    FROM SpaceX
    WHERE MissionOutcome LIKE 'Success%'
    '''

task_7b = '''
    SELECT COUNT(MissionOutcome) AS FailureOutcome
    FROM SpaceX
    WHERE MissionOutcome LIKE 'Failure%'
    '''

print('The total number of successful mission outcome is:')
display(create_pandas_df(task_7a, database=conn))
print()
print('The total number of failed mission outcome is:')
create_pandas_df(task_7b, database=conn)
```

The total number of successful mission outcome is:

	successoutcome
0	100

The total number of failed mission outcome is:

	failureoutcome
0	1

Out[16]:

- We used wildcard like '%' to filter for **WHERE** Mission Outcome was a success or a failure.
- 100 Missions were successful and 1 mission failed.

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

- We determined the booster that have carried the maximum payload using a subquery in the **WHERE** clause and the **MAX()** function.

List the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery

```
In [17]: task_8 = '''
          SELECT BoosterVersion, PayloadMassKG
          FROM SpaceX
          WHERE PayloadMassKG = (
                                SELECT MAX(PayloadMassKG)
                                FROM SpaceX
                                )
          ORDER BY BoosterVersion
          ...
          create_pandas_df(task_8, database=conn)
```

```
Out[17]:
```

	boosterversion	payloadmasskg
0	F9 B5 B1048.4	15600
1	F9 B5 B1048.5	15600
2	F9 B5 B1049.4	15600
3	F9 B5 B1049.5	15600
4	F9 B5 B1049.7	15600
5	F9 B5 B1051.3	15600
6	F9 B5 B1051.4	15600
7	F9 B5 B1051.6	15600
8	F9 B5 B1056.4	15600
9	F9 B5 B1058.3	15600
10	F9 B5 B1060.2	15600
11	F9 B5 B1060.3	15600

# 2015 Launch Records

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- We used a combinations of the **WHERE** clause, **LIKE**, **AND**, and **BETWEEN** conditions to filter for failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for year 2015

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

In [18]: task_9 = '''
          SELECT BoosterVersion, LaunchSite, LandingOutcome
          FROM SpaceX
          WHERE LandingOutcome LIKE 'Failure (drone ship)'
             AND Date BETWEEN '2015-01-01' AND '2015-12-31'
          ...
          create_pandas_df(task_9, database=conn)

Out[18]:
```

	boosterversion	launchsite	landingoutcome
0	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)
1	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)

# 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))

```
In [19]: task_10 = '''
          SELECT LandingOutcome, COUNT(LandingOutcome)
          FROM SpaceX
          WHERE DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20'
          GROUP BY LandingOutcome
          ORDER BY COUNT(LandingOutcome) DESC
          '''
          create_pandas_df(task_10, database=conn)
```

```
Out[19]:
```

	landingoutcome	count
0	No attempt	10
1	Success (drone ship)	6
2	Failure (drone ship)	5
3	Success (ground pad)	5
4	Controlled (ocean)	3
5	Uncontrolled (ocean)	2
6	Precluded (drone ship)	1
7	Failure (parachute)	1

- We selected Landing outcomes and the **COUNT** of landing outcomes from the data and used the **WHERE** clause to filter for landing outcomes **BETWEEN** 2010-06-04 to 2010-03-20.
- We applied the **GROUP BY** clause to group the landing outcomes and the **ORDER BY** clause to order the grouped landing outcome in descending order.

Section 4

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis





# All launch sites global map markers





# Markers showing launch sites with color labels



# Launch Site distance to landmarks



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





Section 5

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

## Pie chart showing the success percentage achieved by each launch site

Total Success Launches By all sites



***We can see that KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches from all the sites***

Pie chart showing the Launch site with the highest launch success ratio



***KSC LC-39A achieved a 76.9% success rate while getting a 23.1% failure rate***

## Scatter plot of Payload vs Launch Outcome for all sites, with different payload selected in the range slider



*We can see the success rates for low weighted payloads is higher than the heavy weighted payloads*



Section 6

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

- The decision tree classifier is the model with the highest classification accuracy

```
models = {'KNeighbors': knn_cv.best_score_,
          'DecisionTree': tree_cv.best_score_,
          'LogisticRegression': logreg_cv.best_score_,
          'SupportVector': svm_cv.best_score_}

bestalgorithm = max(models, key=models.get)
print('Best model is', bestalgorithm, 'with a score of', models[bestalgorithm])
if bestalgorithm == 'DecisionTree':
    print('Best params is :', tree_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'KNeighbors':
    print('Best params is :', knn_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'LogisticRegression':
    print('Best params is :', logreg_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'SupportVector':
    print('Best params is :', svm_cv.best_params_)
```

Best model is DecisionTree with a score of 0.8732142857142856

Best params is : {'criterion': 'gini', 'max\_depth': 6, 'max\_features': 'auto', 'min\_samples\_leaf': 2, 'min\_samples\_split': 5, 'splitter': 'random'}

# Confusion Matrix

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- The confusion matrix for the decision tree classifier shows that the classifier can distinguish between the different classes. The major problem is the false positives .i.e., unsuccessful landing marked as successful landing by the classifier.



# Conclusions

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We can conclude that:

- The larger the flight amount at a launch site, the greater the success rate at a launch site.
- Starting from the year 2013, the success rate for SpaceX launches is increased, directly proportional time in years to 2020, which it will eventually perfect the launches in the future
- Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate.
- KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches of any sites.
- The Decision tree classifier is the best machine learning algorithm for this task.



Thank you!

