

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

Summary of methodologies

- Collecting data through a Request method
- Extracting data through web scrapping
- Data wrangling through removing irrelevant data, handling null and binary values
- Conducting exploratory data analysis by data visualization and SQL queries
- Building classification models for prediction

Summary of all results

- Evaluating factors that affect the success rate
- Retrieving valuable information from the database
- Visualizing data with an interactive map and dashboard
- Analyzing the best classifier

Introduction

- SpaceX is one of the most promising rocket companies
- SpaceX has two advantages:
 - Reusable rockets
 - Relatively inexpensive launch costs
- This project will analyze SpaceX data to determine if SpaceX will reuse the first stage
- This project will focus on the following questions:
 - What factors influence the success rate of rocket launches and landings?
 - To what degree are these factors related to the success rate?
 - What boosters are more likely to make a landing successful?
 - Which model performs the best in making predictions?
- Visualizing SpaceX data in different forms
- Analyzing other features in regard to launches and landings



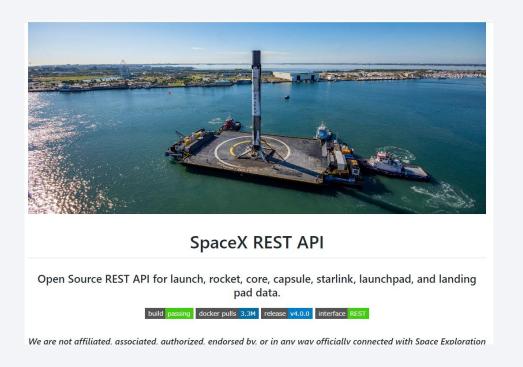
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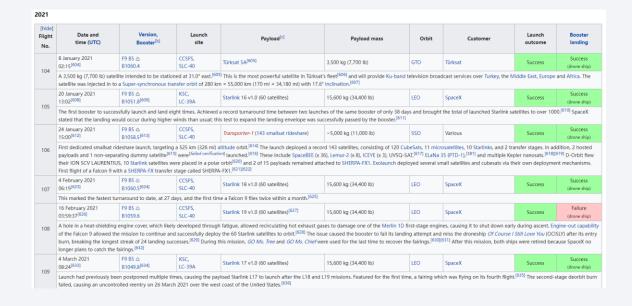
Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - HTTP GET method, web scrapping and parsing & converting data
- Perform data wrangling
 - Removing irrelevant data, dealing with missing values & creating a binary column
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - Data preprocessing, train-test split, GridSearch, 4 classification algorithms & model evaluation

Data Collection

- Collect data from HTML pages (SpaceX REST API and Wikipedia)
- Then perform web scrapping to organize the data





Data Collection - SpaceX API

Request the data from SpaceX REST
 API by performing a HTTP GET method

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spacex ur1="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
          response = requests.get(spacex url)
         Check the content of the response
In [8]:
          print(response.content)
         b'[{"fairings":{"reused":false, "recovery attempt":false, "recovered":false, "ships":[]},
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- GitHub URL:
- Lab 1: Collecting the data
- Lab 2: Web Scraping

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

In [5]:  # 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

In [6]:  # Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
  soup = BeautifulSoup(response, "html.parser")

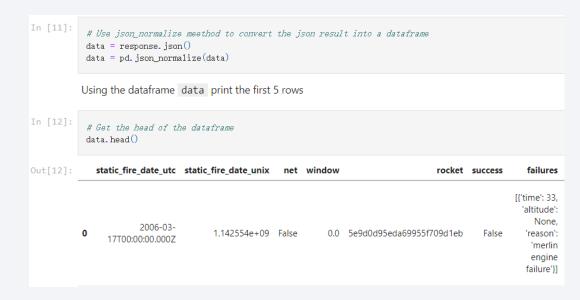
Print the page title to verify if the BeautifulSoup object was created properly

In [7]:  # Use soup. title attribute
  soup. title

Out[7]:  <title>List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches - Wikipedia</title>
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Data Collection - Scraping

- Store the data in the form of a JSON after the data is extracted from Wiki pages
- Use BeautifulSoup to parse the data
- Convert the data into a Pandas data frame
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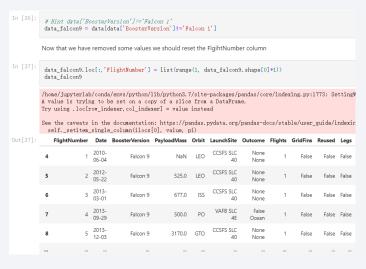


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Out[15]:		Flight No.	Launch site	Payload	Payload mass	Orbit	Customer	Launch outcome	Version Booster	Booster landing	Date	Time
	0	1	CCAFS	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success\n	F9 v1.0B0003.1	Failure	4 June 2010	18:45
	1	2	CCAFS	Dragon	0	LEO	NASA (COTS)\nNRO	Success	F9 v1.0B0004.1	Failure	8 December 2010	15:43
	2	3	CCAFS	Dragon	525 kg	LEO	NASA (COTS)	Success	F9 v1.0B0005.1	No attempt\n	22 May 2012	07:44
	3	4	CCAFS	SpaceX CRS-1	4,700 kg	LEO	NASA (CRS)	Success\n	F9 v1.0B0006.1	No attempt	8 October 2012	00:35
	4	5	CCAFS	SpaceX CRS-2	4,877 kg	LEO	NASA (CRS)	Success\n	F9 v1.0B0007.1	No attempt\n	1 March 2013	15:10

Data Wrangling

- Remove irrelevant data (Falcon 1) from the data frame
- Replace the missing values with the mean
- Create a new column 'Class' to show the outcome of each launch
- GitHub URL:
- Lab 1: Collecting the data
- Lab 3: Data Wrangling







EDA with Data Visualization

- In this part, scatter plot, bar chart and line chart are used for EDA.
- By visualizing data, we can have a clear picture that shows how independent variables influence the target variable
- Scatter plot: determines if any correlation between the two variables exists
- Bar chart: compares the values of a variable at a given point in time
- Line chart: shows a variable that changes over a period of time

GitHub URL: <u>Lab 5: EDA with Visualization</u>

EDA with SQL

Use SQL Magic function to access the database and perform the following queries:

- GROUP BY: finds the names of the unique launch sites
- <u>LIKE</u>: finds launch sites beginning with 'CCA'
- SUM(): calculates total payload mass
- AVG(): calculates average payload mass
- MIN(): lists the date of the earliest successful landing outcome

- <u>BETWEEN</u>: limits the results within a certain range of values (between 4000 and 6000)
- <u>COUNT()</u>: lists the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- MAX(): lists the booster versions having the maximum payload mass
- <u>SUBSTR()</u>: finds the records in the months of 2015
- DESC: ranks successful landing outcomes by date in descending order

GitHub URL: Lab 4: EDA with SQL notebook

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Map objects including markers, circles, MarkerCluster, MousePosition and lines are used to build the interactive map
- Markers: labels the names of launch sites and show the distance
- <u>Circles</u>: highlights the launch sites on the map
- MarkerCluster: shows the number of markers having the same coordinate on the map
- MousePosition: finds coordinates on the map to calculate the distance
- <u>Lines</u>: highlights the proximity between launch sites and coastlines/highways/railways

GitHub URL: <u>Lab 6: Interactive Visual Analytics with Folium</u>

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- An interactive dashboard encompasses a dropdown list, a pie chart, a range slider and a scatter plot
- Dropdown list: selects certain data to be visualized
- <u>Pie chart</u>: compares the proportion of different data on a circular statistical graphic (e.g. success count vs failure count)
- Range slider: selects different payload ranges to see launches with different payload mass on scatter plot
- <u>Scatter plot</u>: presents the relationship between the payload mass and class in a dataset

GitHub URL: <u>Lab 7: Build an Interactive Dashboard with Ploty Dash</u>

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- The process of predictive analysis demonstrates as follows:
- 1. <u>Preprocessing data</u>: standardizes the data of predictor variables (X)
- 2. Train-test split: uses 80% of data as the training set and 20% of data as the test set
- 3. <u>GridSearch</u>: finds the hyperparameters that allow algorithms to perform best
- 4. <u>Algorithms</u>: fit the data in Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machines, Decision Tree Classifier, and K-Nearest Neighbors respectively
- 5. <u>Model evaluation</u>: compares the best accuracy score of these algorithms and find the algorithm with the highest accuracy score

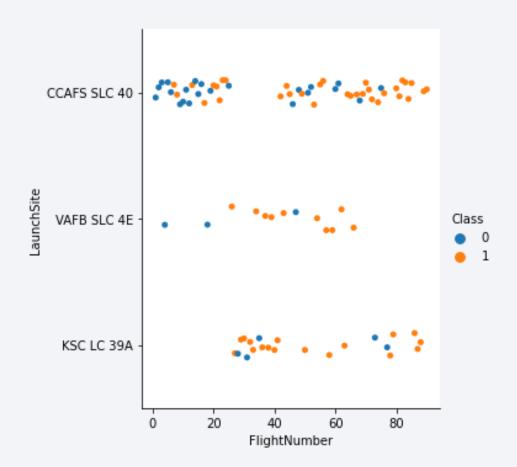
GitHub URL: <u>Lab 8: SpaceX Machine Learning Prediction</u>

Results

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



Flight Number vs. Launch Site



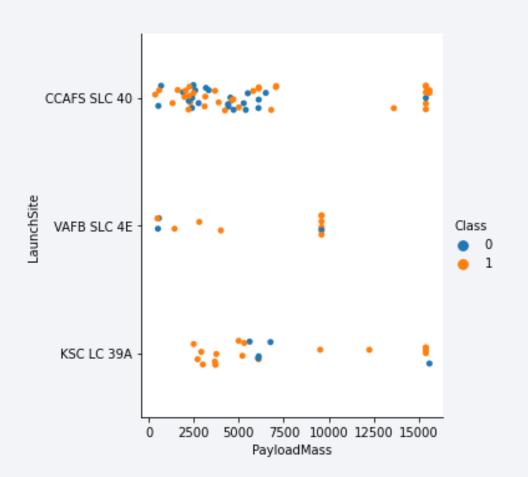
Explanations:

For CCAFS SLC launchsite, when the flight number increases, the success rate increases accordingly.

For VAFB-SLC launchsite, the trend is similar to CCAFS SLC launchsite but no flight number is greater than 70.

For KSC LC launchsite, no flight number is less than 20 and there is a weak relationship between flight number and success rate.

Payload vs. Launch Site



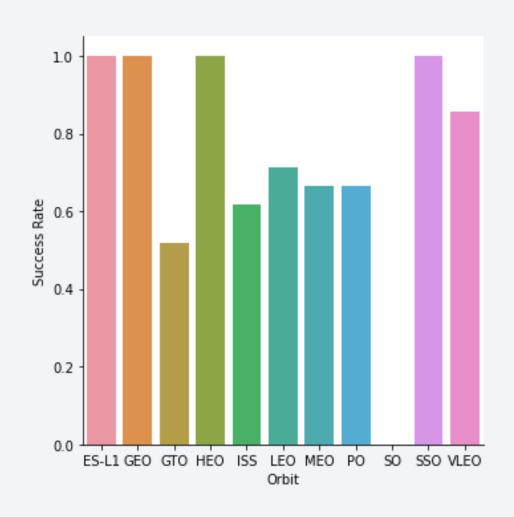
Explanations:

For CCAFS SLC launchsite, when the payload mass is larger than 10,000, the success rate is higher.

For VAFB-SLC launchsite, no rocket is launched for heavy payload mass (greater than 10,000).

For KSC LC launchsite, no rocket is launched for light payload mass (less than 2,500) and there is a weak relationship between the payload mass and success rate.

Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



Explanations:

ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO have the highest success rate at 1 meaning landings are very likely to be successful.

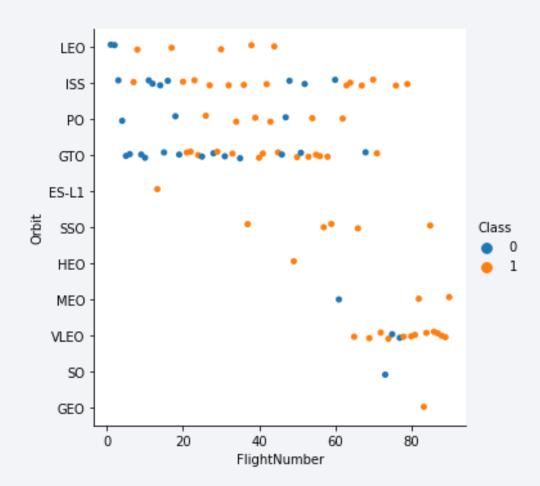
VLEO has the second highest success rate and LEO has the third highest success rate.

MEO, PO and ISS have a moderate success rate between 0.6 and 0.7.

In GTO orbit, only a half of launches are successful.

SO has the least success rate at 0.

Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



Explanations:

In LEO, ISS and PO orbits, the success rate is associated with the number of flights. When the flight number becomes bigger, the landing is more likely to succeed.

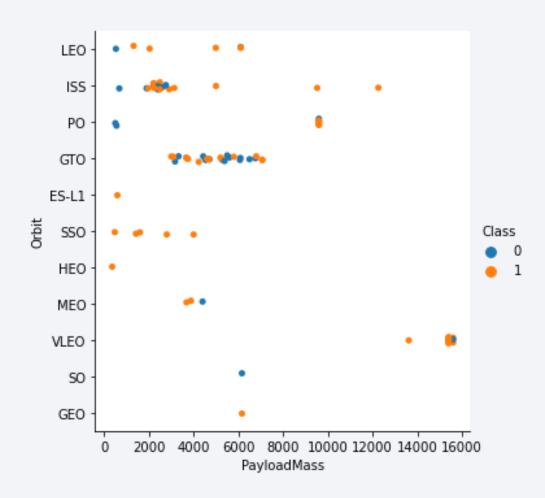
When in GTO orbit, there seems to be no relationship between the flight number and success rate.

When in VLEO orbit, no flight number is smaller than 60, there also seems to be no relationship between the flight number and success rate.

In ES-L1, SSO, HEO and GEO orbits, all launches are successful but there is only a small number of flights for prediction.

Similarly, in MEO and SO orbits, although the larger flight number has a higher success rate, the number of flights is too small.

Payload vs. Orbit Type



Explanations:

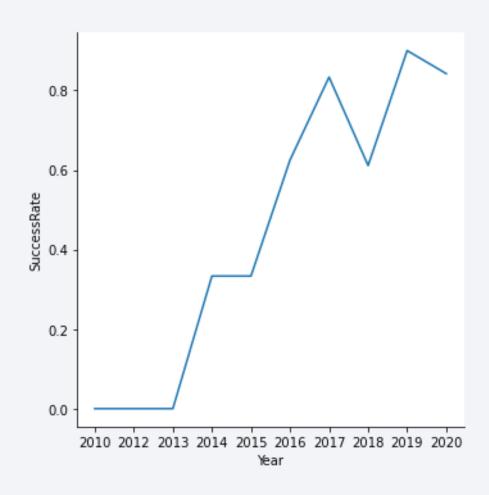
With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Polar, LEO and ISS.

By contrast, with light payloads (no more than 4,000) the successful landing or positive landing rate can be higher for ES-L1, SSO, HEO and MEO.

There seems to be no relationship between the payload mass and success rate for GTO.

For other orbits, because there is a very small number of launches, it lacks robust evidence to conclude whether a relationship exists.

Launch Success Yearly Trend



Explanations:

Generally speaking, the success rate has increased significantly from 2014 onward. Especially, the success rate increases two-fold in 2017 compared to it in 2014. After experiencing a decrease in 2018, the success rate rebounds and reaches the peak in 2019.

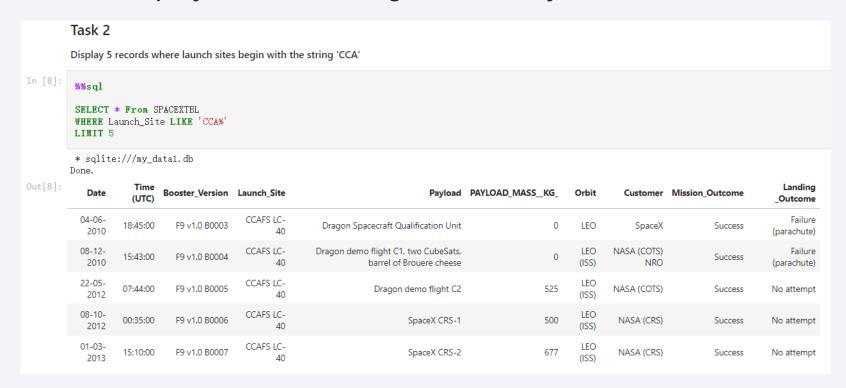
All Launch Site Names

- Find the names of the unique launch sites
- There are 4 unique launch sites including
 - CCAFS LC-40
 - CCAFS SLC-40
 - KSC LC-39A
 - VAFB SLC-4E



Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- Find 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`
- The result is displayed in chronological order by default



Total Payload Mass

- Calculate the total payload carried by boosters from NASA
- The total payload mass is calculated as 45596



Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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

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Task 4

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

In [10]: 

**Select Avg(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) As "Average Payload Mass" FROM SPACEXTBL

**WHERE Booster_Version = 'F9 v1.1'

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

Out[10]: 

Average Payload Mass

2928.4
```

First Successful Ground Landing Date

- Find the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad
- The result is 22 December 2015

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In [11]: %%sql

SELECT MIN(substr(Date, 7, 4)), Date FROM SPACEXTBL
WHERE "Landing _Outcome" = 'Success (ground pad)'

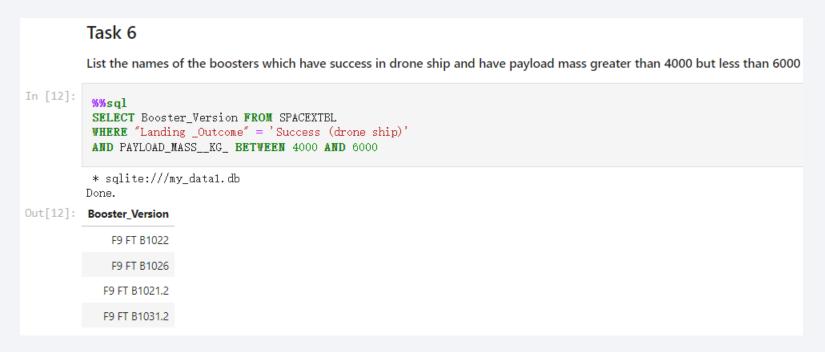
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Done.

Out[11]: MIN(substr(Date,7, 4)) Date

2015 22-12-2015
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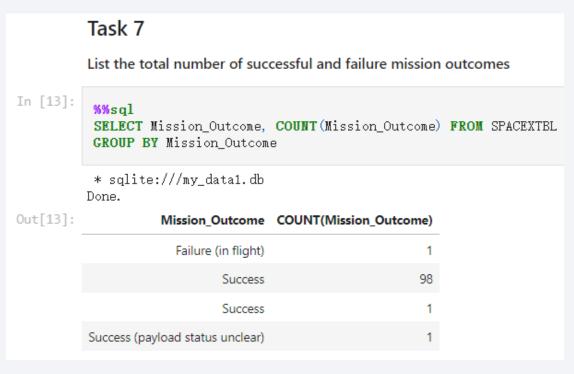
Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

- List the names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- There are 4 types of boosters which meet the condition showing as follows



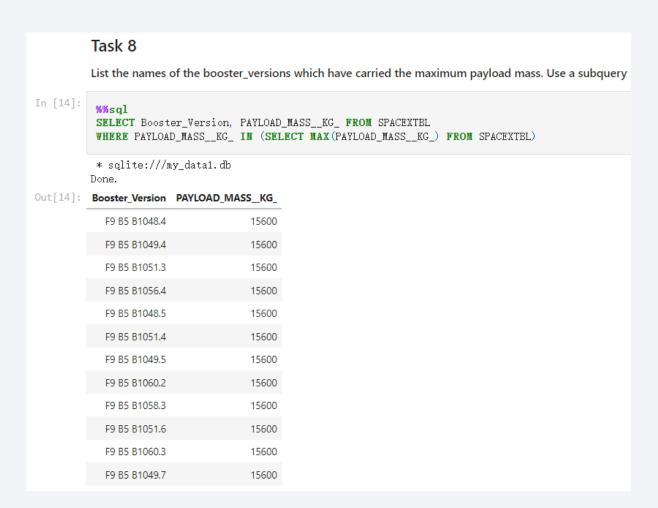
Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

- Calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- The total successful mission outcome is actually 100, the total failure mission outcome is just 1.



Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

- List the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass
- The maximum payload mass is 15600
- There are 12 boosters which have carried the maximum payload mass



2015 Launch Records

- List the failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015
- There are two failed landings which happened in January and April respectively, the specific information shows as follows

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In [15]: 

**Ssql

SELECT substr(Date, 4, 2) AS Month, "Landing _Outcome", Booster_Version, Launch_Site

FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE substr(Date, 7, 4) = '2015' AND "Landing _Outcome" = 'Failure (drone ship)'

* sqlite://my_datal.db

Done.

Out[15]: 

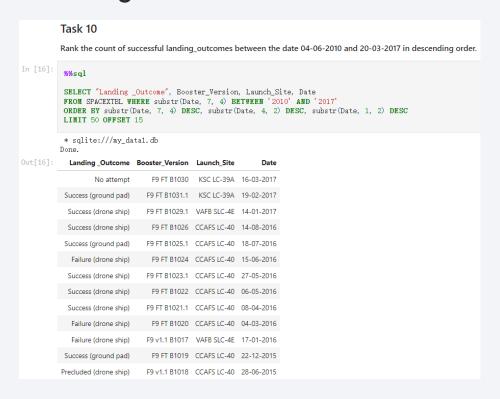
Month Landing_Outcome Booster_Version Launch_Site

01 Failure (drone ship) F9 v1.1 B1012 CCAFS LC-40

04 Failure (drone ship) F9 v1.1 B1015 CCAFS LC-40
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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

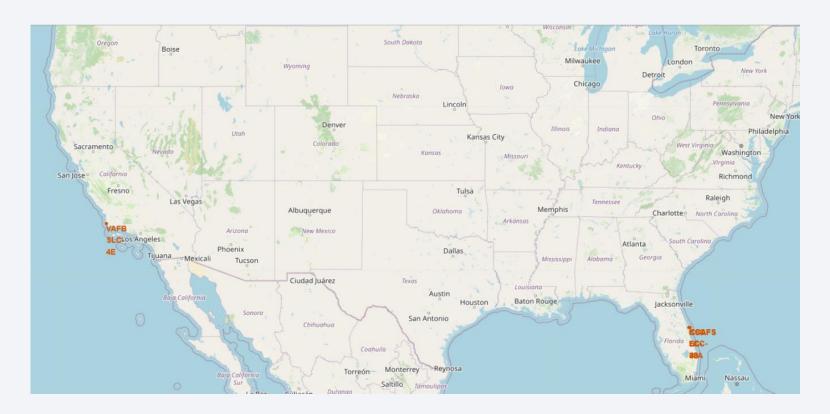


	No attempt	F9 v1.1 B1016	CCAFS LC-40	27-04-2015
	Failure (drone ship)	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40	14-04-2015
	No attempt	F9 v1.1 B1014	CCAFS LC-40	02-03-2015
	Controlled (ocean)	F9 v1.1 B1013	CCAFS LC-40	11-02-2015
	Failure (drone ship)	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40	10-01-2015
	Uncontrolled (ocean)	F9 v1.1 B1010	CCAFS LC-40	21-09-2014
	No attempt	F9 v1.1 B1011	CCAFS LC-40	07-09-2014
	No attempt	F9 v1.1	CCAFS LC-40	05-08-2014
	Controlled (ocean)	F9 v1.1	CCAFS LC-40	14-07-2014
	Controlled (ocean)	F9 v1.1	CCAFS LC-40	18-04-2014
	No attempt	F9 v1.1	CCAFS LC-40	06-01-2014
	No attempt	F9 v1.1	CCAFS LC-40	03-12-2013
	Uncontrolled (ocean)	F9 v1.1 B1003	VAFB SLC-4E	29-09-2013
	No attempt	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC-40	01-03-2013
	No attempt	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	08-10-2012
	No attempt	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	22-05-2012
	Failure (parachute)	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC-40	08-12-2010
	Failure (parachute)	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	04-06-2010



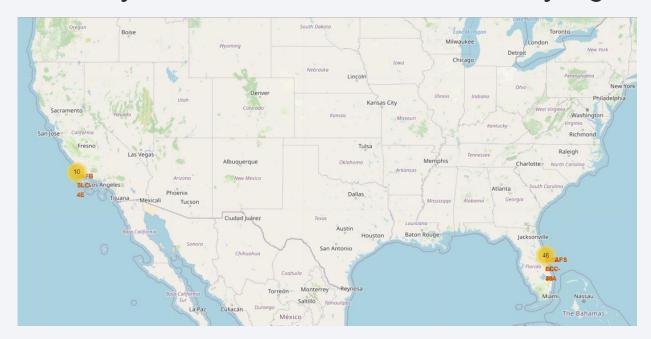
Launch sites' location on a Folium map

- All launch sites are very close to the coast
- No launch site is close to the Equator line



The success/failed launches for each site on the map

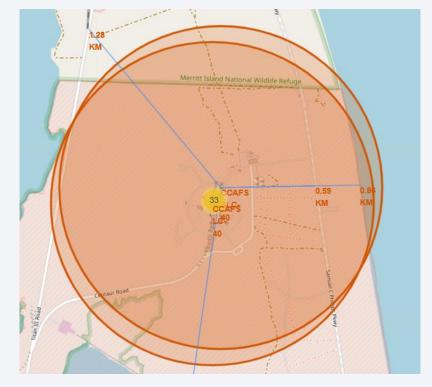
- Create a MarkCluster that counts the number of sites having the same coordinate
- Visualize launches with different colors on the map
- Label the success launches as 'green' and the failed launches as 'red' that helps identify which launch sites have relatively high success rates





The launch site's proximities to the coastline, highway, railway and city

- The distance to the nearest coastline is about 0.86 km
- The distance to the nearest highway is about 0.59 km
- The distance to the nearest railway is about 1.28 km
- The launch site is in close proximity with these infrastructure





- The distance to the nearest city is about 18.35 km
- The launch site keeps away from the city



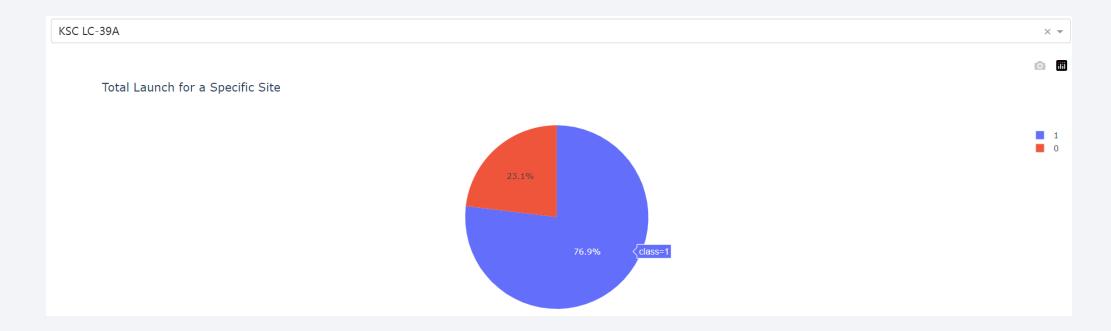
Total launches for all sites

- Total launches for all sites show in a pie chart
- Most success launches take place in KSC LC-39A and CCAFS LC-40 with the approximate proportion of 70%



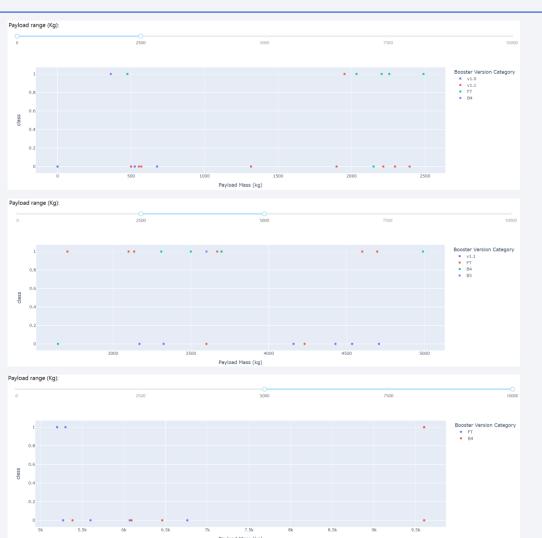
The launch site with highest launch success ratio

• KSC LC-39A has the highest launch success ratio at 76.9%



Payload vs. Launch Outcome with different payloads

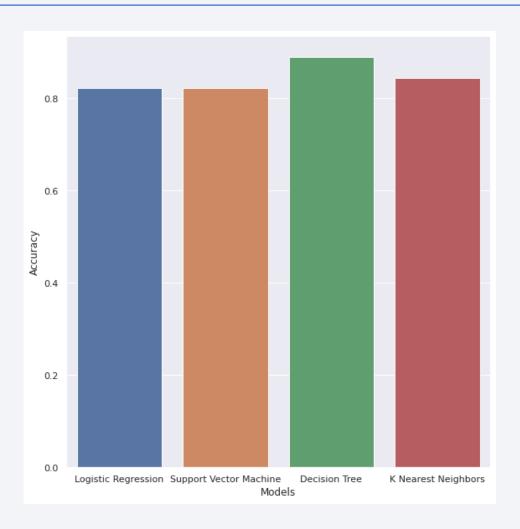
- When the payload is less than 2500, FT booster version has the largest success rate.
- When the payload lies between 2500 and 5000, B4 booster version has the largest success rate. (Given that B5 booster version just has one successful sample, that may not be representative).
- Meanwhile, FT booster version still has a high success rate in this range.
- When the payload is greater than 5000, most of the launches fails. Only FT and B4 booster versions carries this heavy payload.
- Launches with v1.0 and v1.1 booster versions have a low success rate. All Launches with v1.0 fails.





Classification Accuracy

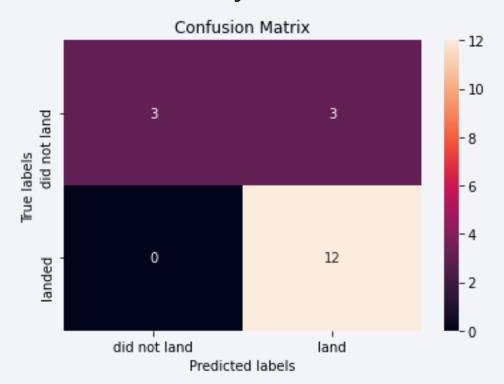
- Bar chart compares the classification accuracy amongst Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree and K-Nearest Neighbors models
- Decision Tree has the highest classification accuracy (~0.8777)



^{*}See appendix for accuracy score of Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, and K-Nearest Neighbors models

Confusion Matrix

- Confusion Matrix of the decision tree (the best performing model)
- 3 cases are misclassified in fitting the test set. They should have been labeled as 'land', but they have been labeled as 'did not land'



*See appendix for confusion matrix of Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, and K-Nearest Neighbors models

Conclusions

- Flight number and payload have a positive correlation with the success rate (except for KSC LC launch site).
- There seem to be a weak relationship between orbit types and the success rate.
- The launch success rate has increased gradually since 2014.
- The maximum payload mass is 15600 and the overwhelming majority (~98%) of mission outcomes are successful.
- All launch sites are close to the coastline and some infrastructure. Launch sites keep away from the city.
- KSC LC-39A and CCAFS LC-40 are main launch sites. KSC LC-39A has the highest success ratio.
- FT and B4 boosters have a higher success rate.
- Decision tree performs the best in make predictions if hyperparameters are correctly chosen.

Appendix

• Confusion matrix and accuracy score of Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine and K-Nearest Neighbors.

