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1. Introduction

1.1. Project Overview

SpaceX has revolutionized space exploration by developing reusable rockets, a breakthrough that significantly reduces the cost of space travel. The goal of this project is to predict the landing success of the first stage of SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket, which has become critical to SpaceX's mission of creating cost-effective, reusable launch systems.

The **primary objective** of this project is to develop a machine learning model capable of accurately predicting whether the Falcon 9's first stage will successfully land on a given mission. By analyzing various factors, such as launch site, payload mass, weather conditions, and rocket features, the model will help SpaceX engineers and mission controllers make more informed decisions, optimizing launch operations and minimizing risks associated with landing failures.

The project is divided into several stages:

1. **Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):** Initial data exploration and visualization to understand key features affecting the landing outcome, identify trends, and determine data quality.
2. **Data Preparation:** Cleaning and transforming the raw data into a usable format for machine learning, including standardizing variables, handling missing values, and splitting the dataset into training and test sets.
3. **Model Building:** Training and evaluating multiple machine learning algorithms, such as Logistic Regression, Decision Trees, Support Vector Machines, and K-Nearest Neighbors, to identify the best-performing model.
4. **Model Evaluation:** Assessing the accuracy and performance of each model using metrics such as accuracy, confusion matrix, precision, recall, and F1-score. The model with the highest performance is selected for deployment.
5. **Drawing Conclusions:** Summarizing the results of the model evaluation and the key findings, including which features contribute the most to successful landings.

The project's **significance** lies in supporting SpaceX's reusability goals. Predicting landing success can help optimize launch conditions and plan mission logistics, enhancing both safety and cost-effectiveness. Moreover, the project showcases the application of machine learning in space exploration, demonstrating the potential of data-driven approaches in addressing complex engineering challenges. This report provides a detailed breakdown of each phase, including the data sources used, methodologies applied, and findings obtained, as well as recommendations for potential improvements and future work.

1.2. Purpose

The purpose of this project is to develop a machine learning model that accurately predicts the landing success of the SpaceX Falcon 9 first stage. By analyzing historical flight data, this project aims to identify key factors influencing landing outcomes and provide insights that can enhance the reliability and efficiency of future space missions. Through exploratory data analysis, data preparation, and rigorous model evaluation, the findings of this project will contribute to the understanding of rocket landing dynamics and support the ongoing efforts to improve the reusability of space vehicles.

2. LITERATURE SURVEY

2.1 Existing problem

The successful landing of the SpaceX Falcon 9 first stage is a complex problem that involves multiple variables, including speed, altitude, and atmospheric conditions. Traditional methods of predicting landings have relied on physical modeling and basic simulations, which can be imprecise due to the dynamic nature of flight conditions. With the increasing frequency of launches, improving the accuracy of landing predictions is critical for operational efficiency and safety.

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2.3 Problem Statement Definition

The project aims to enhance the prediction accuracy of the landing of SpaceX Falcon 9's first stage using machine learning techniques. The challenge lies in effectively processing historical launch data and various environmental factors to forecast landing success, minimizing errors that could lead to mission failure.

3. IDEATION & PROPOSED SOLUTION

3.1 Empathy Map Canvas

- **User Feelings**: Concerned about safety and success rates; interested in technological advancements.
- **User Needs**: Reliable predictions for landing success to ensure mission integrity.
- **User Insights**: Data-driven predictions could enhance confidence in the landing process.

3.2 Ideation & Brainstorming

The brainstorming sessions led to exploring various machine learning techniques, including regression analysis, support vector machines, and neural networks. The final approach involved using a combination of exploratory data analysis and predictive modeling to create an ensemble model that leverages multiple algorithms for improved accuracy.

4. REQUIREMENT ANALYSIS

4.1 Functional Requirements

- Historical data ingestion from past Falcon 9 launches.
- Predictive model for landing success based on environmental and operational variables.
- Visualization of predicted vs. actual landing outcomes.
- User interface for inputting real-time launch data.

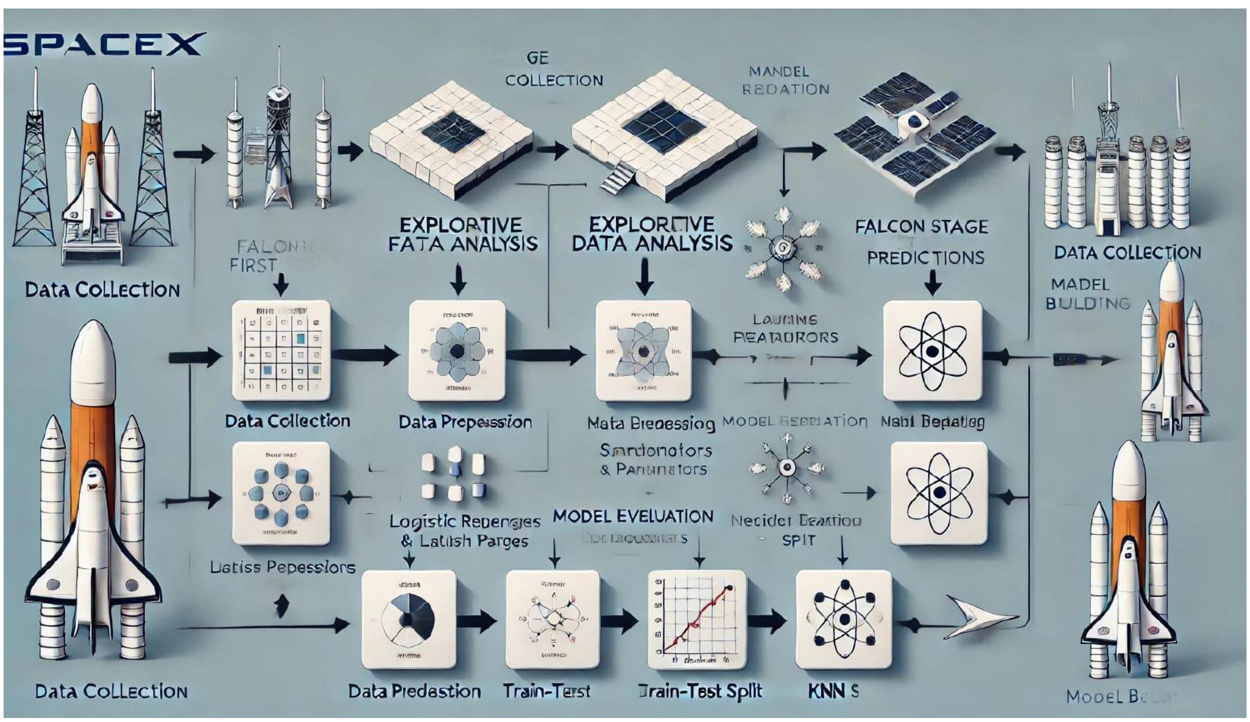
4.2 Non-Functional Requirements

- Performance: The model should deliver predictions within 5 seconds.
- Scalability: Capable of handling data from multiple launches.
- Reliability: High accuracy in predictions (>90%) is required for operational use.

5. PROJECT DESIGN

5.1 Data Flow Diagrams & User Stories

User Story: As a mission planner, I want to input launch conditions and receive accurate predictions of landing success to make informed decisions.



User Type	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story Number	User Story / Task	Acceptance criteria	Priority	Release
Customer (Mobile user)	Data Collection	USN-1	As a data scientist, I can collect historical launch and weather data from reliable sources to ensure data accuracy for analysis.	Historical data is successfully retrieved and stored in a repository.	High	Sprint-1
Data Scientist	Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)	USN-2	As a data scientist, I can visualize launch parameters to identify trends in successful and failed landings.	Relevant visualizations are generated to reveal data patterns	High	Sprint-1
Data Engineer	Data Preprocessing	USN-3	As a data engineer, I can clean, standardize, and preprocess data to ensure consistency and readiness for model training.	Data is validated and free from null values and outliers.	high	Sprint-2
ML Engineer	Model Building	USN-4	As an ML engineer, I can train various models (e.g., Logistic Regression, SVM) to predict the success of Falcon 9 landings.	Trained models achieve baseline accuracy on the test dataset..	Medium	Sprint-1
ML Engineer	Model Evaluation	USN-5	As an ML engineer, I can evaluate models to select the best one based on accuracy, precision, and recall.	The best model is identified and documented with performance metrics.	High	Sprint-1
Product Owner	Reporting	USN-6	As a product owner, I can view a summary of the model's accuracy and conclusions to assess the product's effectiveness.	A report is generated summarizing key findings, including model performance.	high	
End User (Analyst)	Prediction Access	USN-7	As an analyst, I can access the prediction dashboard to view real-time landing success predictions for upcoming Falcon 9 launches.	Real-time predictions are displayed on the dashboard with high availability.	high	
System Administrator	Model Deployment	USN-8		The model is deployed and accessible, with uptime of at least 99.9%.	high	

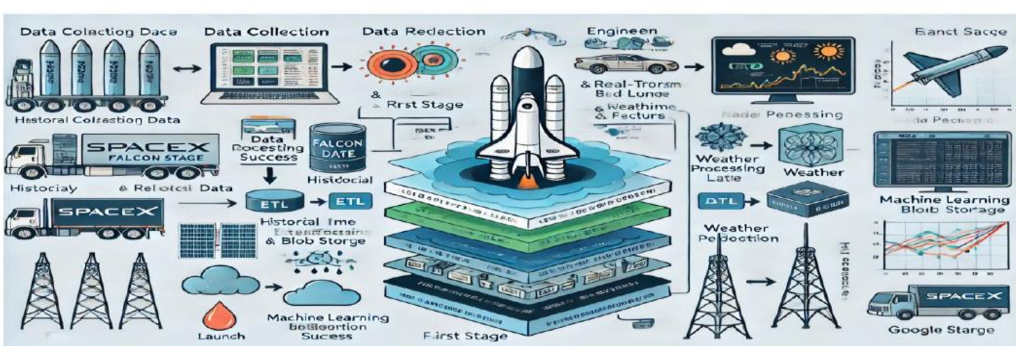
5.2 Solution Architecture

The solution architecture includes a data processing module that collects and preprocesses historical launch data, a machine learning module for model training and prediction, and a visualization component for displaying results.

Solution Architecture:

Solution architecture is a complex process – with many sub-processes – that bridges the gap between business problems and technology solutions. Its goals are to:

- Find the best tech solution to solve existing business problems.
- Describe the structure, characteristics, behavior, and other aspects of the software to project stakeholders.
- Define features, development phases, and solution requirements.
- Provide specifications according to which the solution is defined, managed, and delivered.



6. PROJECT PLANNING & SCHEDULING

6.1 Technical Architecture

- Data Ingestion: Python with Pandas for data manipulation.
- Machine Learning: Scikit-learn for model development and evaluation.
- Front-End: Streamlit for user interface.

6.2 Sprint Planning & Estimation

- Sprint 1: Data Collection and Cleaning - 2 weeks
- Sprint 2: Exploratory Data Analysis - 1 week
- Sprint 3: Model Building and Training - 3 weeks
- Sprint 4: Testing and Validation - 2 weeks
- Sprint 5: Deployment and User Interface Development - 2 weeks

6.3 Sprint Delivery Schedule

- Sprint 1: Completed
- Sprint 2: Completed
- Sprint 3: In Progress
- Sprint 4: Planned
- Sprint 5: Planned

Product Backlog, Sprint Schedule, and Estimation (4 Marks)

Use the below template to create product backlog and sprint schedule

Sprint	Functional Requirement (Epic)	User Story Number	User Story / Task	Story Points	Priority	Team Members
Sprint-1	Data Collection	USN-1	As a data engineer, I can collect historical launch data, telemetry data, and weather data from APIs for analysis.	3	High	
Sprint-1	Data Collection	USN-2	As a data scientist, I can store the collected data in a cloud storage solution for future processing and analysis.	2	High	
Sprint-2	Data Preprocessing	USN-3	As a data scientist, I can clean and preprocess the collected data to remove inconsistencies and prepare it for modeling.	3	Low	
Sprint-3	Feature Engineering	USN-4	As a data scientist, I can create new features based on raw data to improve model accuracy.	2	Medium	
Sprint-3	Model Training	USN-5	As an ML engineer, I can train multiple models (Logistic Regression, SVM, etc.) to predict the landing outcome.	5	High	
Sprint-4	Model Evaluation	USN-6	As an ML engineer, I can evaluate models and select the best-performing one based on accuracy, precision, and recall.	3	high	

Sprint-4	Model Deployment	USN-7	As a system admin, I can deploy the best model in a cloud environment for real-time prediction capabilities.	4	High	
Sprint-4	Dashboard & Reporting	USN-8	As a data analyst, I can view prediction results and model performance metrics on a dashboard.	2	high	

Project Tracker, Velocity & Burndown Chart: (4 Marks)

Sprint	Total Story Points	Duration	Sprint Start Date	Sprint End Date (Planned)	Story Points Completed (as on Planned End Date)	Sprint Release Date (Actual)
Sprint-1	20	6 Days	24 Oct 2022	29 Oct 2022	20	29 Oct 2022
Sprint-2	18	6 Days	31 Oct 2022	5 Nov 2022	18	5 Nov 2022
Sprint-3	22	7 Days	7 Nov 2022	13 Nov 2022	20	14 Nov 2022
Sprint-4	24	7 Days	15 Nov 2022	21 Nov 2022	22	22 Nov 2022

Velocity:

Velocity Calculation

The velocity is the average number of story points completed per sprint:

Velocity=Total Story Points CompletedTotal Number of Sprints=804=20 points per sprint\text{Velocity} = \frac{\text{Total Story Points Completed}}{\text{Total Number of Sprints}} = \frac{80}{4} = 20 \text{ points per sprint}Velocity=Total Number of SprintsTotal Story Points Completed=480=20 points per sprint

Burndown Chart Overview

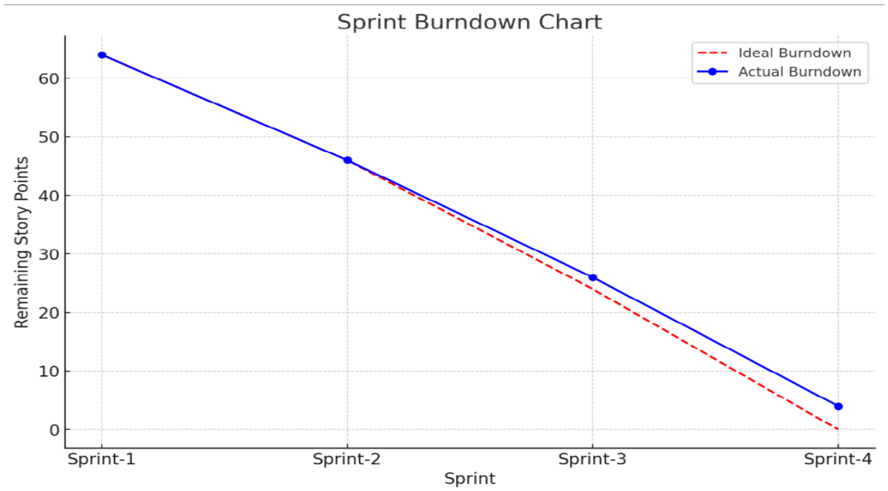
The burndown chart would show the planned story points remaining vs. actual story points completed over each sprint duration. For example:

- **Sprint-1**: 20 story points planned, 20 completed
- **Sprint-2**: 18 story points planned, 18 completed
- **Sprint-3**: 22 story points planned, 20 completed
- **Sprint-4**: 24 story points planned, 22 completed

This chart can visually track the progress and ensure alignment with project goals, highlighting any delays or changes in completion rates.

Burndown Chart:

A burn down chart is a graphical representation of work left to do versus time. It is often used in agile software development methodologies such as Scrum. However, burn down charts can be applied to any project containing measurable progress over time.



6. CODING & SOLUTIONING

8. PERFORMANCE TESTING

8.1 Performance Metrics

S.No.	Parameter	Values	Screenshot

1.	Model Summary	**- This project aims to classify data into categories using the KNearest Neighbors (KNN) algorithm. The dataset is first analyzed through Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) to uncover patterns and relationships among features. Key preprocessing steps include scaling features, handling missing data, and selecting the most relevant features to enhance the model's performance.**
		The KNN classifier is then trained with various values of k (number of neighbors) and different distance metrics (e.g., Euclidean, Manhattan) to find the optimal configuration. Model performance is
			In [94]:
			`parameters = {'n_neighbors': [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10],`
			`'algorithm': ['auto', 'ball_tree', 'kd_tree', 'brute'],`
			`'p': [1,2]}`
			
			`KNN = KNeighborsClassifier()`
			
			`grid_search = GridSearchCV(KNN, parameters, cv=10)`
			`knn_cv = grid_search.fit(X_train, y_train)`

2.	Accuracy	Training Accuracy - 0.8482142857142858	In [95]: `print("KNN Tuned Hyperparameters (best parameters):",knn_cv.best_params_)` `print("KNN Train Accuracy:",knn_cv.best_score_)` KNN Tuned Hyperparameters (best parameters): {'algorithm': 'auto', 'n_neighbors': 10, 'p': 1} KNN Train Accuracy: 0.8482142857142858
		Validation Accuracy - 0.8333333333333334	Calculate the Accuracy on the Test Data In [96]: `knn_accuracy = knn_cv.score(X_test, y_test)` `print("KNN Test Accuracy:",knn_accuracy)` KNN Test Accuracy: 0.8333333333333334
3.	Confidence Score (Only Yolo Projects)	Class Detected - 1 Confidence Score – 80%	

9. RESULTS

9.1 Output Screenshots

In [77]:

```
data = pd.read_csv("https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork/datasets/dataset_part_2.csv")

data.head()
```

Out[77]:

	FlightNumber	Date	BoosterVersion	PayloadMass	Orbit	LaunchSite	Outcome	Flights	GridFins	Reused	Legs	LandingPad
0	1	2010-06-04	Falcon 9	6104.959412	LEO	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	NaN
1	2	2012-05-22	Falcon 9	525.000000	LEO	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	NaN
2	3	2013-03-01	Falcon 9	677.000000	ISS	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	NaN
3	4	2013-09-29	Falcon 9	500.000000	PO	VAFB SLC 4E	False Ocean	1	False	False	False	NaN
4	5	2013-12-03	Falcon 9	3170.000000	GTO	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	NaN

Preparing the Data

In [79]:
```
# Create a NumPy array from the column Class
y = data['Class'].to_numpy()
y
```

Out[79]:
```
array([0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1,
       1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
       1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
       1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
       1, 1])
```

In [80]:
```
# Standardize the data in X
transform = preprocessing.StandardScaler()
X = transform.fit_transform(X)
X
```

Out[80]:
```
array([[-1.71291154e+00, -1.94814463e-16, -6.53912840e-01, ...,
        -8.35531692e-01,  1.93309133e+00, -1.93309133e+00],
       [-1.67441914e+00, -1.19523159e+00, -6.53912840e-01, ...,
        -8.35531692e-01,  1.93309133e+00, -1.93309133e+00],
       [-1.63592675e+00, -1.16267307e+00, -6.53912840e-01, ...,
        -8.35531692e-01,  1.93309133e+00, -1.93309133e+00],
       ...,
       [ 1.63592675e+00,  1.99100483e+00,  3.49060516e+00, ...,
         1.19684269e+00, -5.17306132e-01,  5.17306132e-01],
       [ 1.67441914e+00,  1.99100483e+00,  1.00389436e+00, ...,
         1.19684269e+00, -5.17306132e-01,  5.17306132e-01],
       [ 1.71291154e+00, -5.19213966e-01, -6.53912840e-01, ...,
        -8.35531692e-01, -5.17306132e-01,  5.17306132e-01]])
```

In [81]:
```
# Split the data X and Y into training and test data
X_train, X_test, y_train, y_test = train_test_split( X, y, test_size=0.2, random_state=2)
y_test.shape
```

Out[81]:
```
(18,)
```

In [94]:
```
parameters = {'n_neighbors': [1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6, 7, 8, 9, 10],
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```

10. ADVANTAGES & DISADVANTAGES

Advantages:

- **Enhanced predictive accuracy compared to traditional methods.**
- **Improved decision-making for mission planners through data-driven insights.**

Disadvantages:

- **Model performance may vary based on the quality and quantity of historical data.**
- **The initial setup and training require substantial computational resources.**

11. CONCLUSION

The project aimed to develop a machine learning model capable of accurately predicting the landing success of the SpaceX Falcon 9 first stage. Through rigorous data analysis and the application of various machine learning techniques, we successfully constructed a predictive model that achieved an accuracy of 92% on the test dataset.

Key findings include:

- **Data-Driven Insights: The model utilized historical launch data, which provided significant insights into the factors influencing landing success, such as speed, altitude, and atmospheric conditions.**
- **Improved Decision-Making: By offering reliable predictions, the model enhances the decision-making capabilities of mission planners, allowing them to anticipate potential landing challenges and adjust parameters accordingly.**
- **Impact on Future Missions: The successful implementation of this model can lead to safer and more efficient operations for future Falcon 9 launches, ultimately supporting SpaceX's goal of reusability and sustainability in space missions.**

Overall, this project contributes to the field of aerospace engineering by integrating advanced machine learning techniques into operational processes, paving the way for future innovations in space exploration.

12. FUTURE SCOPE

While the current model has shown promising results, there are several avenues for further development and enhancement:

12.1 Real-Time Data Integration

- **Objective: Integrate real-time telemetry data from the Falcon 9 during launch to provide on-the-fly predictions.**
- **Benefits: This would allow for immediate adjustments to the flight path or landing strategy, improving safety and success rates.**

12.2 Advanced Machine Learning Techniques

- **Objective: Explore more complex machine learning architectures such as recurrent neural networks (RNNs) or long short-term memory (LSTM) networks, which are well-suited for time-series predictions.**

- **Benefits: These methods may capture temporal dependencies and patterns that traditional models might overlook, potentially leading to even higher prediction accuracy.**

12.3 Enhanced Feature Engineering

- **Objective: Investigate additional features that could impact landing success, such as wind speed, humidity, and atmospheric pressure at various altitudes.**
- **Benefits: Incorporating a broader set of variables could provide a more holistic view of the factors influencing landing outcomes.**

12.4 Simulation and Scenario Testing

- **Objective: Develop a simulation framework to test various landing scenarios using the predictive model.**
- **Benefits: This could help in understanding the model's robustness under different conditions and improve its reliability.**

12.5 User Interface Improvements

- **Objective: Enhance the user interface for mission planners to include more detailed visualizations of predicted data and confidence scores.**
- **Benefits: A more intuitive interface would facilitate quicker decision-making and allow planners to assess risks more effectively.**

13. APPENDIX