

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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### **Executive Summary**

- Summary of methodologies:
  - Data Collection using SpaceX Rest API and Web Scrapping
  - Exploratory Data Analysis using data wrangling, data visualization, and an interactive dashboard
  - Predictive Analysis using Machine Learning
- Summary of all results:
  - Successfully collected data from public sources
  - Determined key factors in identifying a successful landing
  - Identified the best predictive model

#### Introduction

- SpaceX 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. So, if we can determine if the first stage will land, we can determine the cost of a launch
- We aim to identify the key factors affecting the success of the first stage landing, and use this information to predict the outcomes of future landings



### Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

- Data collection methodology:
  - Utilized SpaceX REST API to extract data from SpaceX website (<a href="https://api.spacxdata.com/v4/rockets/">https://api.spacxdata.com/v4/rockets/</a>)
  - Srapped data from spacex wikipedia
     (https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_Falcon\_9\_and\_Falcon\_Heavy\_launches)
- · Perform data wrangling
  - Filled missing values using attribute mean, and utilized One Hot Encoding for categorical variables
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - Built and compared Logistical Regression, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree Classification, and k-Nearest Neighbors models

#### **Data Collection**

- Describe how data sets were collected.
- You need to present your data collection process use key phrases and flowcharts

### Data Collection - SpaceX API

Using the public API offered by SpaceX, data was obtained as follows:

- Perform a request to the API
- Decode the response as a Json, and convert into a Pandas dataframe
- Filter the data frame to the relevant column, and eliminate rows with multiple payloads
- Extract dates from the data, and limit our dataset to launches occurring prior to Nov. 13, 2020
- Extract the relevant information from each column, and construct a new dataframe with the extracted data
- Filtered data frame to only include Falcon 9 launches
- Filled missing value with the mean of each column

### **Data Collection - Scraping**

Additional information pertaining to the SpaceX Launches was obtained from Wikipedia as follows:

- Perform a request to the Wikipedia page
- Create a BeautifulSoup object with the response
- Collect data by parsing the HTML tables
- Convert table data into a Pandas dataframe

### **Exploratory Data Analysis - Data Wrangling**

Exploratory Data Analysis was performed to obtain the following information:

- Number of launches from each site
- Number of occurrences of each orbit type
- Number and occurrence of each mission outcome per orbit type
- Landing Class labels, which were appended to the dataframe

#### **EDA** with Data Visualization

Exploratory Data Analysis is performed with the use of scatter plots, line charts, and bar charts to visualize the relationship between the following variables:

- Payload mass and flight number
- Launch site and flight number
- Launch site and payload mass
- Orbit type and flight number
- Payload mass and orbit type
- Year and Success rate

### **EDA** with SQL

## Exploratory Data Analysis is performed using SQL queries to obtain the following:

- Names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
- Total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA
- Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- Date when the first successful ground pad landing was achieved
- Names of boosters which have success in drone ship landings with a payload mass between 4000, and 6000 kg
- Total number of successful and unsuccessful mission outcomes

### EDA with SQL (Cont'd)

- Names of the booster versions which have carried the maximum payload mass
- A list of records displaying the month, failure landing outcomes in drone ship, booster version, and launch site for the year 2015
- A ranked list for the count of successful landing outcomes between the dates 04-06-2010 and 20-03-2017, in descending order

### Build an Interactive Map with Folium

Exploratory Data Analysis is performed by adding the following features to a folium map:

- Circle markers of the launch sites with popup labels and text labels
- Colored markers of the launch outcomes for each launch site grouped in marker clusters
- Lines showing the distance between each launch site and various points of interest

### Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Exploratory Data Analysis is performed by creating a Plotly Dashboard with the following features:

- Dropdown list to select each launch site
- Pie charts showing the success rate of each site (or all sites)
- Slider to select a range for the payload mass
- Scatter plot showing the relation between payload mass and success rate for each site

### Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Four classification models were built and tested: Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree Classifier, and k-Nearest Neighbors

Predictve analysis is performed with these models using the following steps:

- Data preparation and standardization
- Split the data into training and test sets
- Apply the classification model
- Obtain the accuracy of each model
- Plot a confusion matrix for each model
- Compare results across all models

#### Results

- Exploratory data analysis results
  - Visualization
  - SQL
  - Folium Map
  - Dashboard
- Predictive analysis results
  - Predict landing outcomes

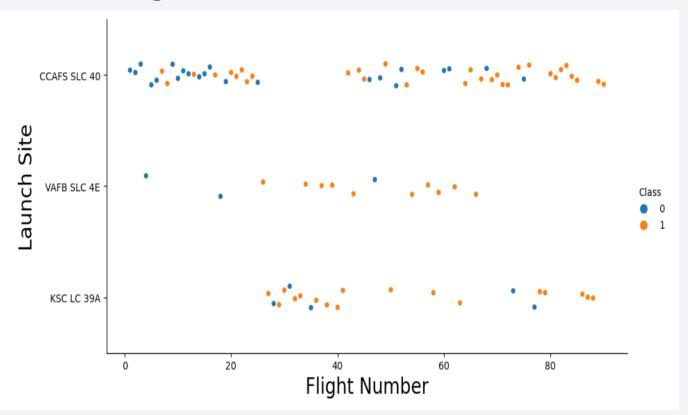


### Flight Number vs. Launch Site

#### Key observations:

- The site with the most launches is CCAFS SLC 40
- VAFB SLC 4E has been used for the fewest number of launches
- Success rate improves over time across all launch sites
- KSC LC 39 appears to have the highest success rate

#### Flight Number vs. Launch Site

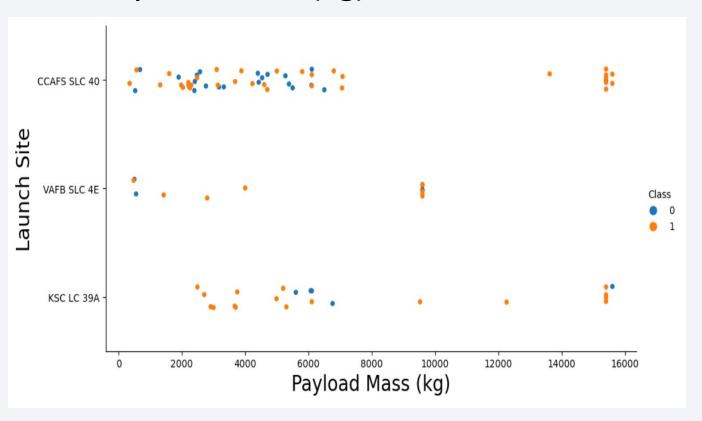


### Payload vs. Launch Site

#### Key observations:

- Payloads over 10 000 kg then to have a higher success rate
- Launches with the maximum payload have primarily been launched from KSC LC 39A and CCAFS SLC 40
- KSC LC 39A has the highest success rate for launches with a payload under 6 000 kg

#### Payload Mass (kg) vs. Launch Site

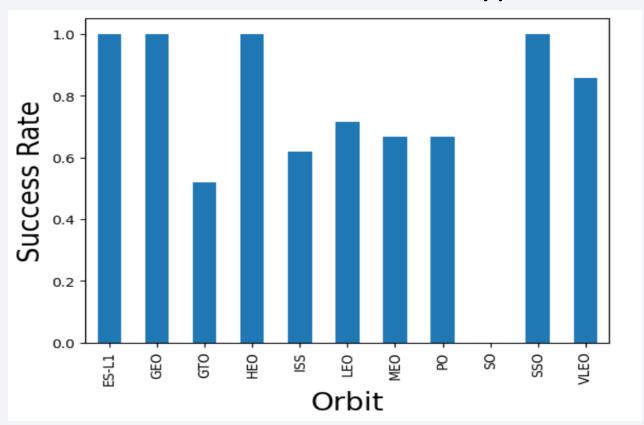


### Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

#### Key observations:

- Rockets launched into ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO have a 100% success rate
- There have been no successful launches with a SO destination
- GTO, ISS, LEO, MEO, PO have success rates between 50% and 70%

#### Success Rate Per Orbit Type

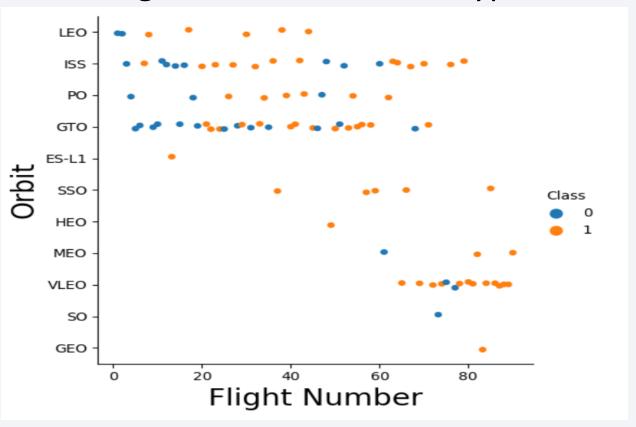


### Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

#### Key observations

- Most launches have had either an ISS, GTO, or VLEO destination
- There have only been one launch for each of the ES-L1, HEO, SO, or GEO destinations
- LEO has had a 100% success rate after the first two launches

#### Flight Number vs Orbit Type

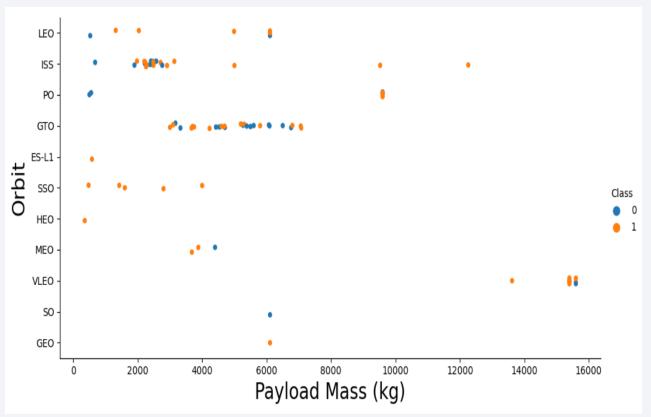


### Payload vs. Orbit Type

#### Key observations:

- All payloads in excess of 13 000 kg have been destined for a VLEO orbit
- There have been a large number of launches destined for a GTO orbit, with payloads entirely between 3 000 kg and 8 000 kg
- ISS has the widest range of payload mass

#### Payload Mass (kg) vs Orbit Type

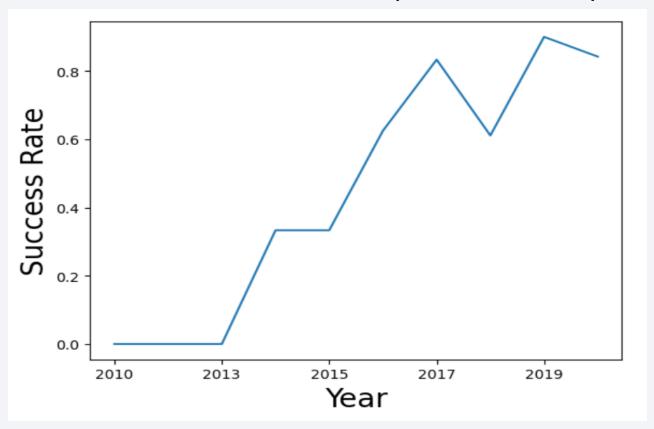


### Launch Success Yearly Trend

#### Key observations:

- Success rate continually increased from 2013 to 2017
- The highest success rate was achieved in 2019
- 2018 and 2020 showed a small reduction in success rate compared to the previous year

#### Success Rate Per Year (2010 – 2020)



#### All Launch Site Names

#### **Distinct Launch Site Names**

```
In [12]:
          %%sql
           select distinct("Launch_Site")
           from SPACEXTBL
           * sqlite:///my_data1.db
          Done.
           Launch_Site
Out[12]:
           CCAFS LC-40
           VAFB SLC-4E
            KSC LC-39A
          CCAFS SLC-40
```

### Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

#### 5 Records for Launch Sites Beginning with 'CCA'

In [15]:	<pre>%%sql select * from SPACEXTBL where Launch_Site like 'CCA%' limit 5</pre>									
	* sqlite:///my_data1.db Done.									
Out[15]:	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

### **Total Payload Mass**

#### Total Payload Mass Launched For NASA

```
%%sql
select sum(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) as "Total_Payload_Mass"
from SPACEXTBL
where Customer = 'NASA (CRS)'
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
Total_Payload_Mass
           45596
```

### Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

#### Average Payload Carried by F9 v1.1

```
Task 4
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 like "F9 v1.1%"
 * sqlite:///my data1.db
Done.
Average Payload Mass
  2534.6666666666665
```

### First Successful Ground Landing Date

#### First Successful Ground Landing

```
%%sql
SELECT min(Date)
from SPACEXTBL
where "Landing _Outcome" = 'Success (ground pad)'
 * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
min(Date)
01-05-2017
```

#### Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

# Booster with Successful Drone Ship Landings for Payloads Between 4 000 and 6 000 kg

```
%%sql
select distinct(Booster Version)
from SPACEXTBL
where PAYLOAD MASS KG between 4000 and 6000 and "Landing Outcome" = 'Success (drone ship)'
* sqlite:///my data1.db
Done.
Booster_Version
   F9 FT B1022
   F9 FT B1026
  F9 FT B1021.2
  F9 FT B1031.2
```

#### Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

#### Count of Each Mission Outcome Type

```
%%sql
 select Mission Outcome, count(*) as "Count"
 from SPACEXTBL
 group by Mission Outcome
 * sqlite:///my data1.db
Done.
           Mission_Outcome Count
             Failure (in flight)
                    Success
                               98
                    Success
Success (payload status unclear)
```

### **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

#### Boosters Used For Max Payload

```
%%sql
select distinct(Booster Version), PAYLOAD MASS KG
from SPACEXTBL
where PAYLOAD MASS KG in
     (select max(PAYLOAD MASS KG )
     from SPACEXTBL)
 * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Booster Version PAYLOAD MASS KG
  F9 B5 B1048.4
                             15600
  F9 B5 B1049.4
                              15600
  F9 B5 B1051.3
                              15600
  F9 B5 B1056.4
                              15600
  F9 B5 B1048.5
                             15600
  F9 B5 B1051.4
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  F9 B5 B1049.5
                             15600
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                              15600
  F9 B5 B1058.3
                             15600
  F9 B5 B1051.6
                             15600
  F9 B5 B1060.3
                              15600
  F9 B5 B1049.7
                              15600
```

#### 2015 Launch Records

#### Month of Failed Missions (2015)

```
%%sql
 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 data1.db
Done.
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
```

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

#### Count of Successful Landings (2010-06-04 to 2017-03-20)

```
%%sql
select "Landing _Outcome", count("Landing _Outcome") as "Count"
from SPACEXTBL
where Date between '04-06-2010' and '20-03-2017' and "Landing Outcome" like 'Success%'
group by "Landing Outcome"
order by "Count" desc
 * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
 Landing Outcome Count
          Success
Success (drone ship)
Success (ground pad)
                      6
```



### All Launch Sites – Folium Map

```
# Initial the map
site_map = folium.Map(location=nasa_coordinate, zoom_start=5)

# For each launch site, add a Circle object based on its coordinate (Lat, Long) values. In addition, add Launch site name as a popup label

for index, site in launch_sites_df.iterrows():
    circle = folium.Circle((site['Lat'], site['Long']), radius=1000, color='#d35400', fill=True).add_child(folium.Popup(site['Launch Site']))
    marker = folium.map.Marker(
        (site['Lat'], site['Long']),
        icon=DivIcon(
        icon_size=(20,20),
        icon_anchor=(0,0),
        html='<div style="font-size: 12; color:#d35400;"><b>%s</b></div>' % site['Launch Site'],

))

site_map.add_child(circle)
site_map.add_child(marker)

site_map
```



### Launch Outcomes – Folium Map

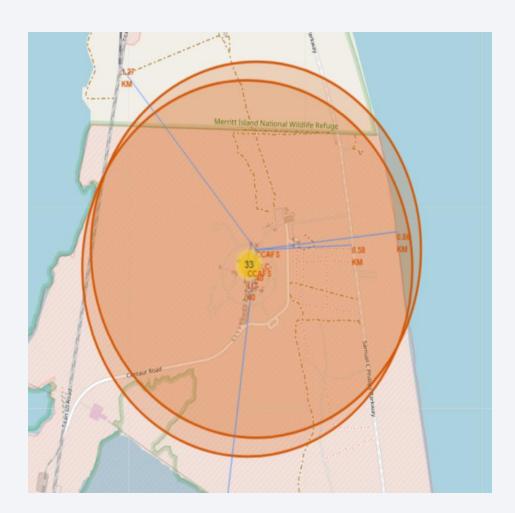


### Proximity to Points of Interest – Folium Map

#### Distances

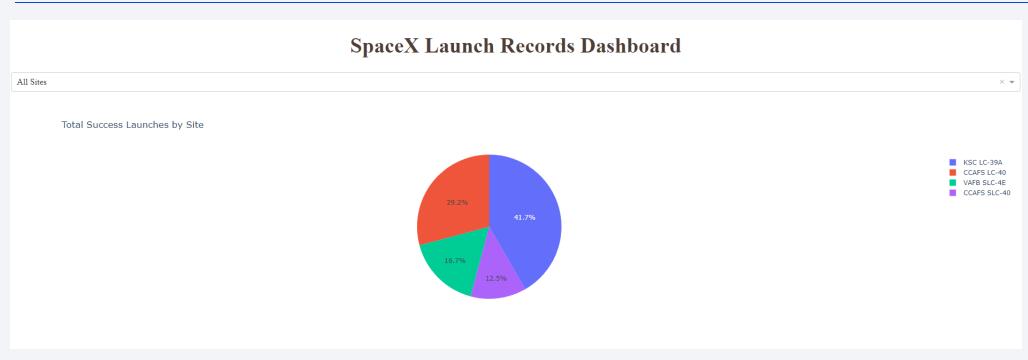
Coast: 0.86 kmHighway: 0.58 kmRailway: 1.27 km

■ City (Melbourne): 52.64 km





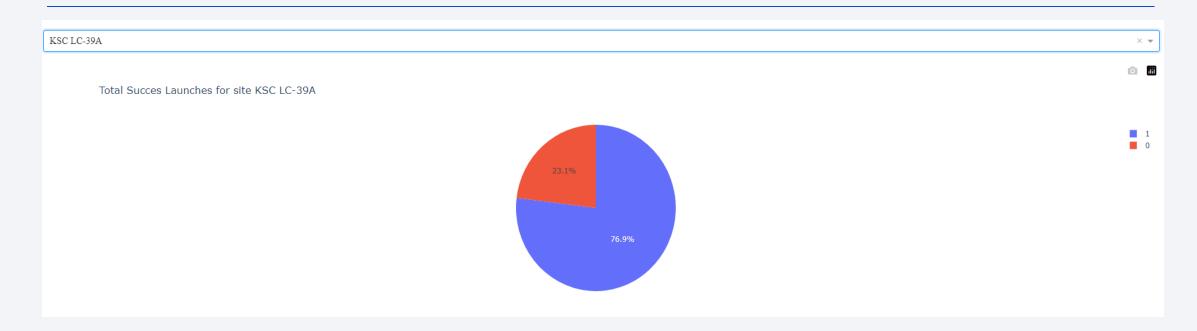
### Plotly Dash – Successful Launches (All Sites)



#### Observations:

- KSC LC-39A has the most successful launches
- CCAFS SLC-40 has the fewest successful launches

### Plotly Dash – Success Ratio (KSC LC-39A)



#### Observations:

• Launch site KSC LC-39A has a 76.9% success rate

### Plotly Dash – Payload vs Outcome (All Sites)



#### Observations:

• There have been no successful launches with payloads between 5,500 kg and 8,000 kg

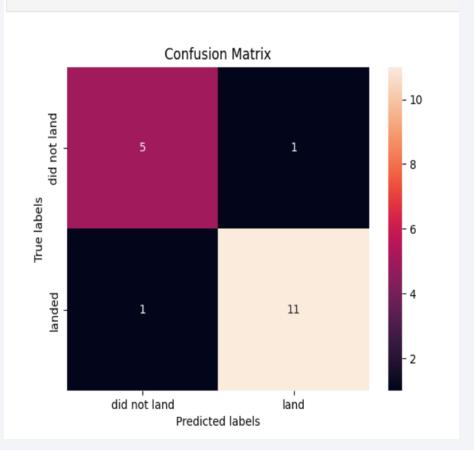


#### **Confusion Matrix**

#### Observations:

- Decision tree model yielded a single false positive and 11 true positives from the test set
- Decision tree model yielded a single false negative, and 5 true negatives from the test set

yhat = tree\_cv.predict(X\_test)
plot\_confusion\_matrix(Y\_test,yhat)



#### Conclusions

- The site with the most successful landing is KSC LC-39A
- No good estimations can be made with the provided information for payloads greater than 6 000 kg
- Success rate for all types of orbits improved over time
- Decision tree model provide the optimal classification model

