

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

Summary of methodologies

- Data collection
- Data wrangling
- Exploratory Data Analysis with Data Visualization
- Exploratory Data Analysis with SQL
- Building an interactive map with Folium
- Building a Dashboard with Plotly Dash
- Predictive analysis (Classification)

Summary of all results

- Exploratory Data Analysis results
- Interactive analytics demo in screenshots
- Predictive analysis results

Introduction

Project background and context

SpaceX is the most successful company of the commercial space age, making space travel affordable. The company advertises Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website, with a cost of 62 million dollars; other providers cost upward of 165 million dollars each, much of the savings is because SpaceX can reuse the first stage. Therefore, if we can determine if the first stage will land, we can determine the cost of a launch. Based on public information and machine learning models, we are going to predict if SpaceX will reuse the first stage.

Questions to be answered

- How do variables such as payload mass, launch site, number of flights, and orbits affect the success of the first stage landing?
- Does the rate of successful landings increase over the years?
- What is the best algorithm that can be used for binary classification in this case?



Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - Describe how data was collected
- Perform data wrangling
 - Describe how data was processed
- 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

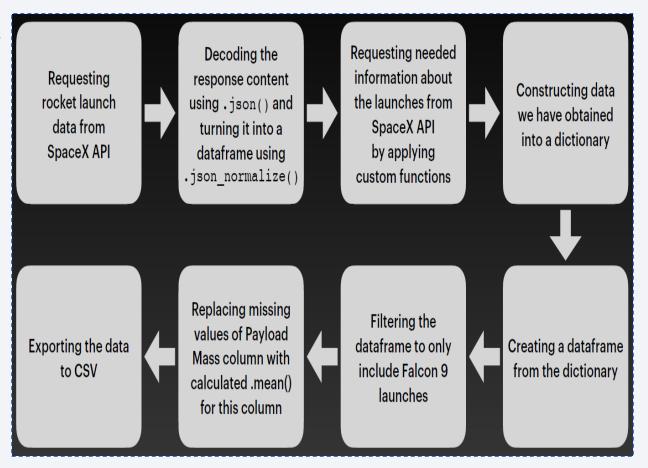
Data Collection

- Data collection process involved a combination of API requests from SpaceX REST API and Web Scraping data from a table in SpaceX's Wikipedia entry. We had to use both of these data collection methods in order to get complete information about the launches for a more detailed analysis.
- Data Columns are obtained by using SpaceX REST API: FlightNumber, Date, BoosterVersion, PayloadMass, Orbit, LaunchSite, Outcome, Flights, GridFins, Reused, Legs, LandingPad, Block, ReusedCount, Serial, Longitude, Latitude

• Data Columns are obtained by using Wikipedia Web Scraping: Flight No., Launch site, Payload, PayloadMass, Orbit, Customer, Launch outcome, Version Booster, Booster landing, Date, Time

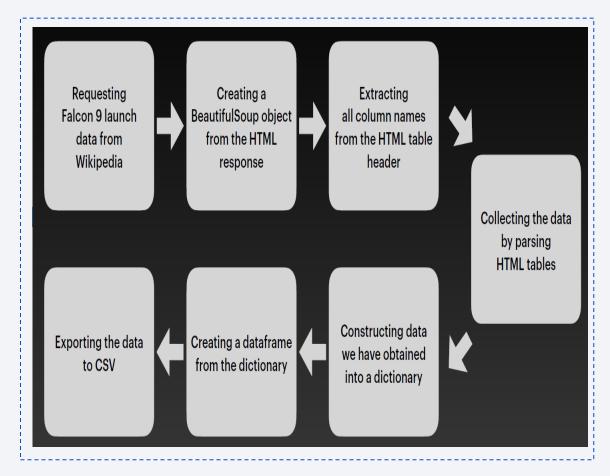
Data Collection - SpaceX API

- Present your data collection with SpaceX REST calls using key phrases and flowcharts
- Add the GitHub URL of the completed SpaceX API calls notebook (must include completed code cell and outcome cell), as an external reference and peer-review purpose
- https://github.com/jsanchezGH/I BM-Data-Science-Cap-Stone/blob/main/Data%20Collect ion%20API.ipynb



Data Collection - Scraping

- Present your web scraping process using key phrases and flowcharts
- Add the GitHub URL of the completed web scraping notebook, as an external reference and peer-review purpose
- https://github.com/jsanchezGH/IBM-Data-Science-Cap-Stone/blob/main/Data%20Collection% 20with%20Web%20Scraping.ipynb



Data Wrangling

In the data set, there are several different cases where the booster did not land successfully. Sometimes a landing was attempted but failed due to an accident; for example, True Ocean means the mission outcome was successfully landed to a specific region of the ocean while False Ocean means the mission outcome was unsuccessfully landed to a specific region of the ocean. True RTLS means the mission outcome was successfully landed to a ground pad False RTLS means the mission outcome was unsuccessfully landed to a ground pad.

True ASDS means the mission outcome was successfully landed on a drone ship False ASDS means the mission outcome was unsuccessfully landed on a drone ship.

We mainly convert those outcomes into Training Labels with "1" means the booster successfully landed, "0" means it was unsuccessful.

Perform exploratory Data Analysis and determine Training Labels Calculate the number of launches on each site Calculate the number and occurrence of each orbit Calculate the number and occurrence of mission outcome per orbit type Create a landing outcome label from Outcome column Exporting the data to CSV

EDA with Data Visualization

Charts:

Flight Number vs. Payload Mass, Flight Number vs. Launch Site, Payload Mass vs. Launch Site, Orbit Type vs. Success Rate, Flight Number vs. Orbit Type, Payload Mass vs Orbit Type and Success Rate Yearly Trend

Scatter plots show the relationship between variables. If a relationship exists, they could be used in machine learning model.

Bar charts show comparisons among discrete categories. The goal is to show the relationship between the specific categories being compared and a measured value.

Line charts show trends in data over time (time series).

https://github.com/jsanchezGH/IBM-Data-Science-Cap-Stone/blob/main/EDA%20with%20Data%20Visualization.ipynb

EDA with SQL

Performed SQL queries:

- Displaying the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
- Displaying 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
- Displaying the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- Displaying 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 site names for the months in year 2015
- Ranking 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
- https://github.com/jsanchezGH/IBM-Data-Science-Cap-Stone/blob/main/EDA%20with%20SQL.ipynb

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

Markers of all Launch Sites:

- Added Marker with Circle, Popup Label and Text Label of NASA Johnson Space Center using its latitude and longitude coordinates as a start location.
- Added Markers with Circle, Popup Label and Text Label of all Launch Sites using their latitude and longitude coordinates to show their geographical locations and proximity to Equator and coasts.

Coloured Markers of the launch outcomes for each Launch Site:

- Added coloured Markers of success (Green) and failed (Red) launches using Marker Cluster to identify which launch sites have relatively high success rates.

Distances between a Launch Site to its proximities:

- Added coloured Lines to show distances between the Launch Site KSC LC-39A (as an example) and its proximities like Railway, Highway, Coastline and Closest City.

https://github.com/jsanchezGH/IBM-Data-Science-Cap-Stone/blob/main/Interactive%20Visual%20Analytics%20with%20Folium.ipynb

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Launch Sites Dropdown List:

- Added a dropdown list to enable Launch Site selection.

Pie Chart showing Success Launches (All Sites/Certain Site):

- Added a pie chart to show the total successful launches count for all sites and the Success vs. Failed counts for the site, if a specific Launch Site was selected.

Slider of Payload Mass Range:

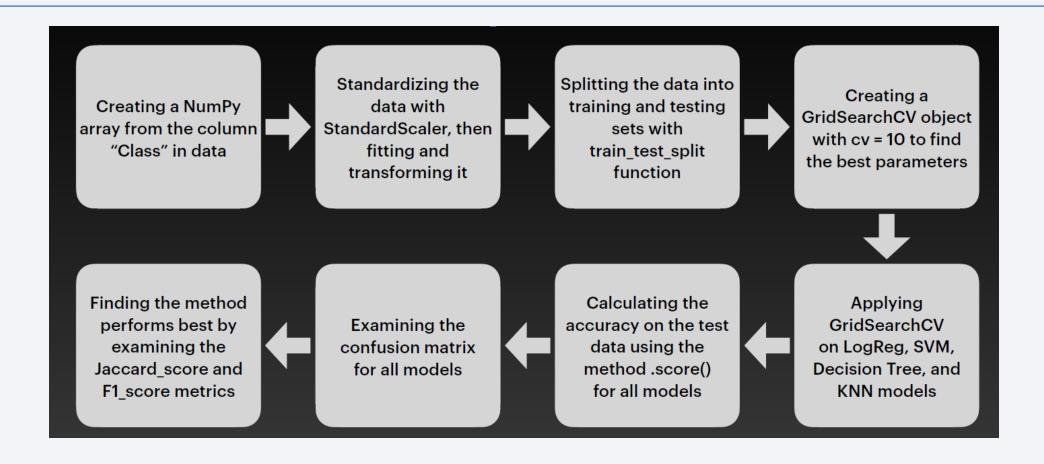
- Added a slider to select Payload range.

Scatter Chart of Payload Mass vs. Success Rate for the different Booster Versions:

- Added a scatter chart to show the correlation between Payload and Launch Success.

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Predictive Analysis (Classification)

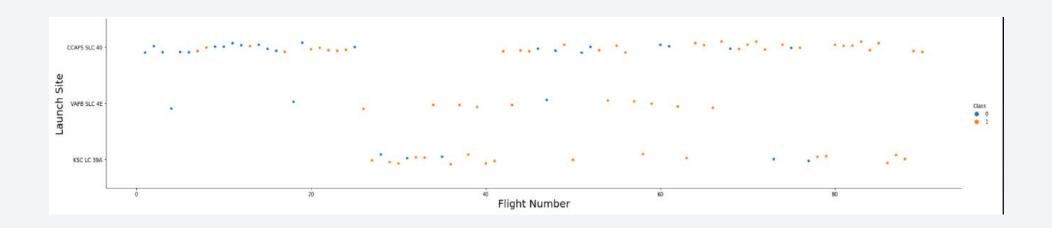


Results

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

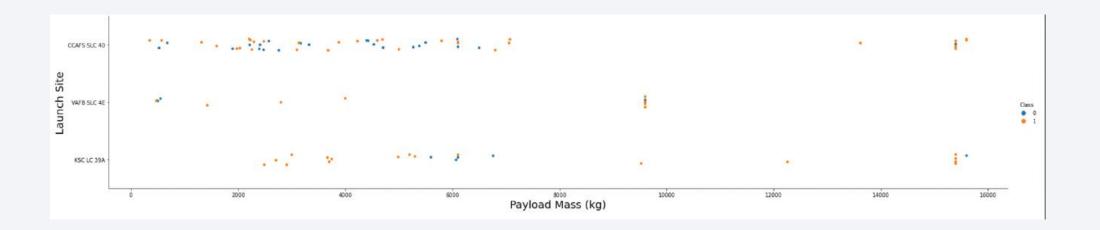


Flight Number vs. Launch Site



- The earliest flights all failed while the latest flights all succeeded.
- The CCAFS SLC 40 launch site has about a half of all launches.
- VAFB SLC 4E and KSC LC 39A have higher success rates.
- It can be assumed that each new launch has a higher rate of success.

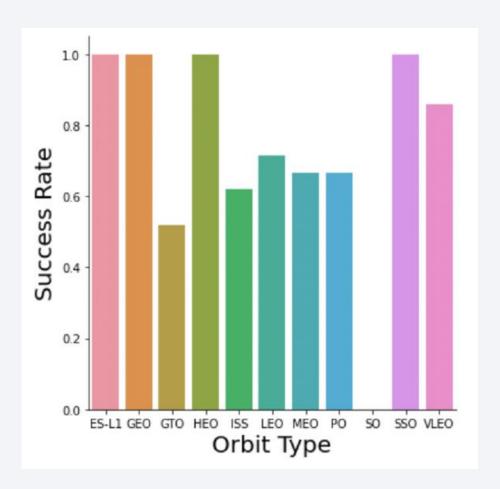
Payload vs. Launch Site



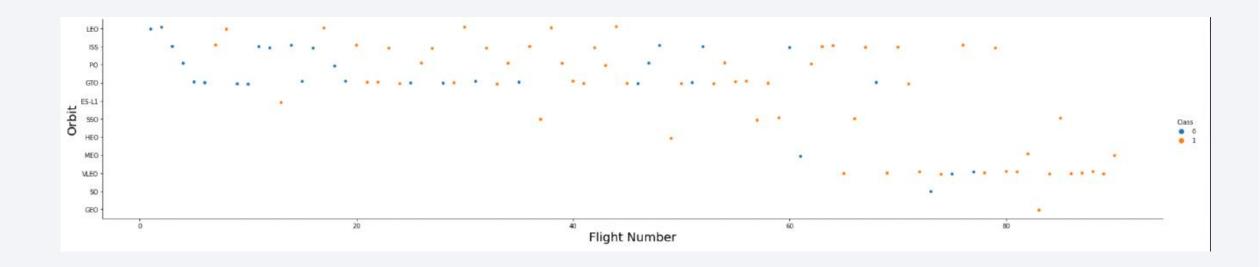
- For every launch site the higher the payload mass, the higher the success rate.
- Most of the launches with payload mass over 7000 kg were successful.
- KSC LC 39A has a 100% success rate for payload mass under 5500 kg too.

Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

- Orbits with 100% success rate: ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO
- Orbits with 0% success rate: SO
- Orbits with success rate between 50% and 85%: GTO, ISS, LEO, MEO, PO



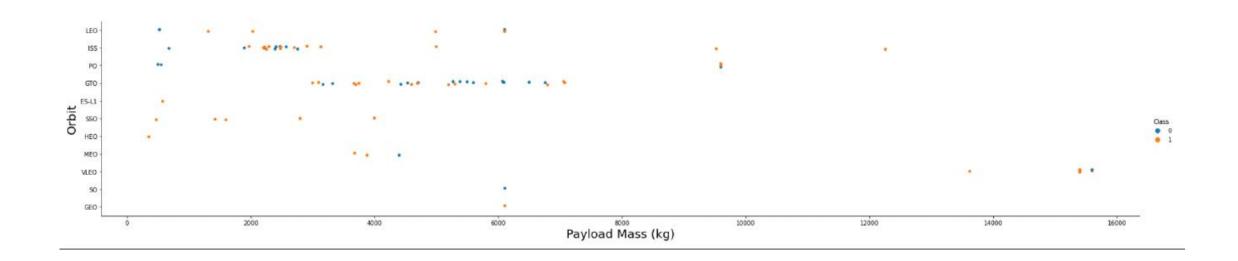
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



Explanation:

• In the LEO orbit the Success appears related to the number of flights; on the other hand, there seems to be no relationship between flight number when in GTO orbit.

Payload vs. Orbit Type

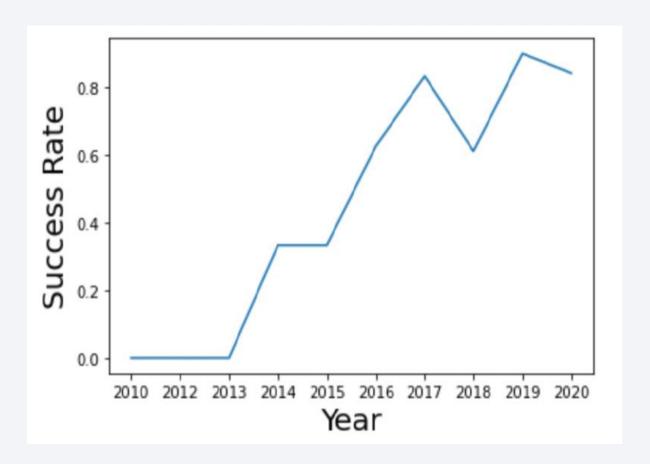


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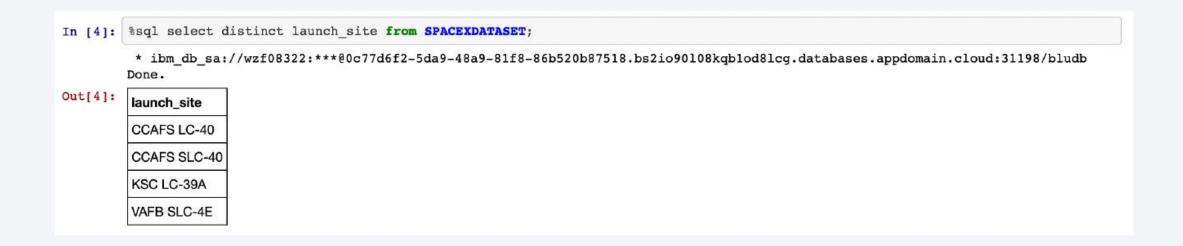
• Heavy payloads have a negative influence on GTO orbits and positive

Launch Success Yearly Trend

The success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020.



All Launch Site Names



Using the unique launch sites in the space launch.

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

```
In [5]: %sql select * from SPACEXDATASET where launch site like 'CCA%' limit 5;
          * ibm db sa://wzf08322:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90108kgb1od8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:31198/bludb
         Done.
Out[5]:
          DATE
                 time__utc_
                            booster_version launch_site payload
                                                                                   payload_mass__kg_
                                                                                                       orbit customer
                                                                                                                       mission_outcome | landing_outcome
          2010-
                                            CCAFS LC-
                                                       Dragon Spacecraft
                  18:45:00
                                                                                                       LEO
                                                                                                            SpaceX
                                                                                                                                        Failure (parachute)
                            F9 v1.0 B0003
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         06-04
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                                                        Qualification Unit
                                                                                                            NASA
                                                        Dragon demo flight C1, two
          2010-
                                            CCAFS LC-
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                  15:43:00
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                                                                                                       (ISS)
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          12-08
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                                            CCAFS LC-
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          2012-
                                                       Dragon demo flight C2
                 07:44:00
                            F9 v1.0 B0005
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                                                                                                                                        No attempt
          05-22
                                                                                                       (ISS)
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                                            CCAFS LC-
                                                                                                       LEO
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          2012-
                                                       SpaceX CRS-1
                 00:35:00
                            F9 v1.0 B0006
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          10-08
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          2013-
                                            CCAFS LC-
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                                                                                                            NASA
                 15:10:00
                                                       SpaceX CRS-2
                            F9 v1.0 B0007
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          03-01
                                                                                                       (ISS)
                                                                                                            (CRS)
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Displaying 5 records where launch sites begin with CCA

Total Payload Mass

Displaying the total payload mass carried by boosters launched.

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

First Successful Ground Landing Date

Listing the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved.

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

```
In [9]: %sql select booster_version from SPACEXDATASET where landing_outcome = 'Success (drone ship)' and payload_mass_kg_ between 4 000 and 6000;

* ibm_db_sa://wzf08322:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90108kqblod8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:31198/bludb Done.

Out[9]: booster_version
F9 FT B1022
F9 FT B1021.2
F9 FT B1021.2
F9 FT B1031.2
```

 Listing the names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

In [10]:	%sql select mission_outcome, count(*) as total_number from SPACEXDATASET group by mission_outcome;						
	* ibm_db_sa://wzf08322:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90108kqb1od8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:31198/bludb Done.						
Out[10]:	mission_outcome	total_number					
	Failure (in flight)	1					
	Success	99					
	Success (payload status unclear)	1					

• Listing total number of successful and failure mission outcome

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload



 Listing the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass

2015 Launch Records

```
In [12]: %%sql select monthname(date) as month, date, booster_version, launch_site, landing_outcome from SPACEXDATASET
where landing_outcome = 'Failure (drone ship)' and year(date)=2015;

* ibm_db_sa://wzf08322:***@0c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90108kqblod8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:31198/bludb
Done.

Out[12]: MONTH DATE | booster_version | launch_site | landing_outcome |
| January | 2015-01-10 | F9 v1.1 B1012 | CCAFS LC-40 | Failure (drone ship) |
| April | 2015-04-14 | F9 v1.1 B1015 | CCAFS LC-40 | Failure (drone ship) |
```

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

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

```
In [13]: %%sql select landing outcome, count(*) as count outcomes from SPACEXDATASET
                 where date between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20'
                 group by landing outcome
                 order by count outcomes desc;
           * ibm_db_sa://wzf08322:***@c77d6f2-5da9-48a9-81f8-86b520b87518.bs2io90108kqblod8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:31198/bludb
          Done.
Out[13]:
          landing_outcome
                              count_outcomes
                              10
           No attempt
           Failure (drone ship)
           Success (drone ship)
           Controlled (ocean)
           Success (ground pad) 3
           Failure (parachute)
           Uncontrolled (ocean)
           Precluded (drone ship) 1
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 Ranking 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



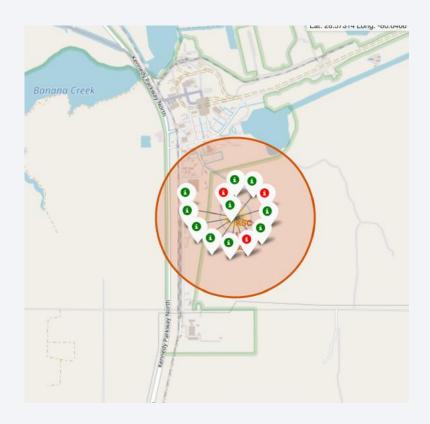
Launches sites location on a global map

- Most of Launch sites are in proximity to the Equator line. The land is moving faster at the equator than any other place on the surface of the Earth. Anything on the surface of the Earth at the equator is already moving at 1670 km/hour. If a ship is launched from the equator it goes up into space, and it is also moving around the Earth at the same speed it was moving before launching. This is because of inertia. This speed will help the spacecraft keep up a good enough speed to stay in orbit.
- All launch sites are in very close proximity to the coast, while launching rockets towards the ocean it minimises the risk of having any debris dropping or exploding near people.



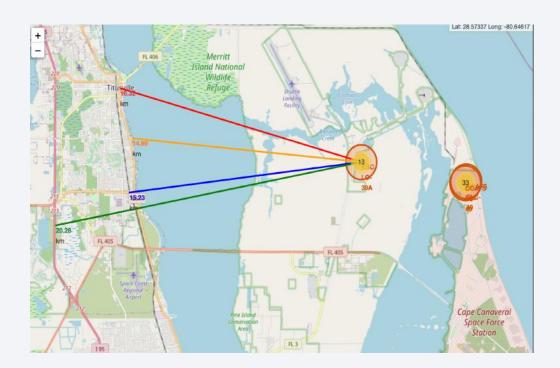
Color labeled launch records

- From the color labeled markers we should be able to easily identify which launch sites have relatively high success rates.
- Green Marker = Successful Launch
- Red Marker = Failed Launch
- Launch Site KSC LC-39A has a very high Success Rate.



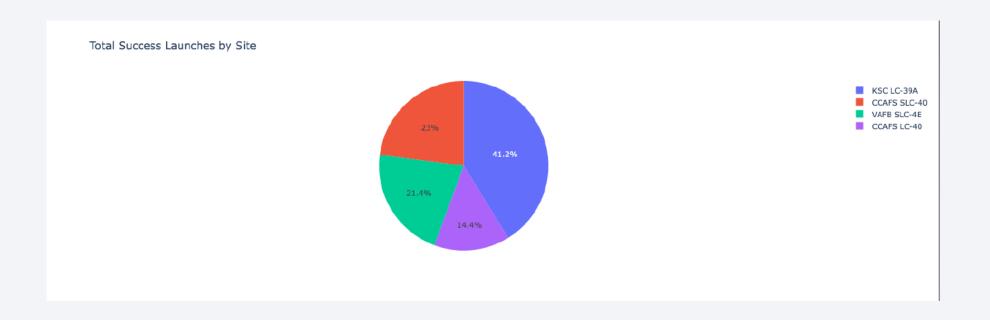
Distances from launch site

- From the visual analysis of the launch site KSC LC-39A we can clearly see that it is: relative close to railway (15.23 km)
- relative close to highway (20.28 km)
- relative close to coastline (14.99 km)
- Also the launch site KSC LC-39A is relative close to its closest city Titusville (16.32 km).
- Failed rocket with its high speed can cover distances like 15-20 km in few seconds. It could be potentially dangerous to populated areas.



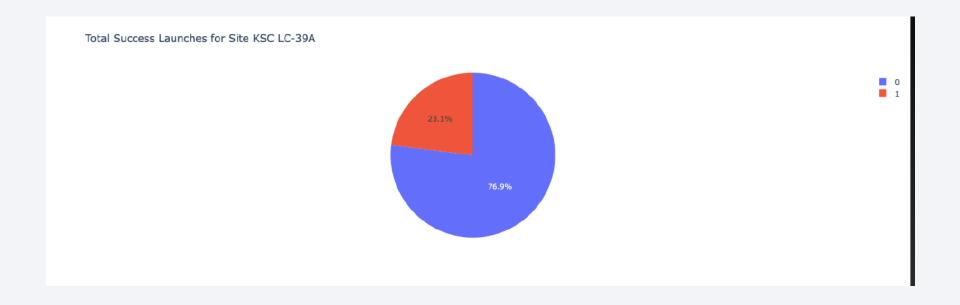


Launch success per site.



The chart clearly shows that from all the sites, KSC LC-39A has the most successful launches.

Launch site with highest success ratio



KSC LC-39A has the highest launch success rate 76.9% with 10 successful and only 3 failed landings.

< Dashboard Screenshot 3>

• The chart show that payloads between 2,000 and 5,500 kg have the highest success rates.





Classification Accuracy

Explanation:

- Based on the scores of the Test Set, we can not confirm which method performs best.
- Same Test Set scores may be due to the small test sample size (18 samples). Therefore, we tested all methods based on the whole Dataset.
- The scores of the whole Dataset confirm that the best model is the Decision Tree Model. This model has not only higher scores, but also the highest accuracy.

Scores and accuracy of the test set

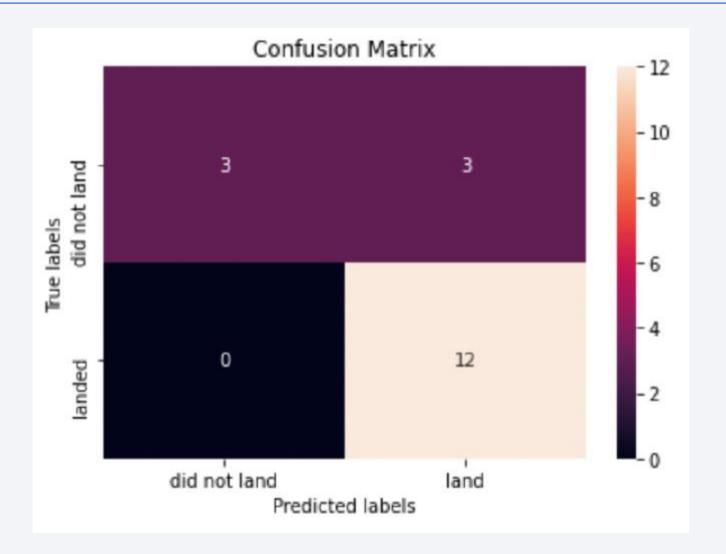
	LogReg	SVM	Tree	KNN
Jaccard_Score	0.800000	0.800000	0.800000	0.800000
F1_Score	0.888889	0.888889	0.888889	0.888889
Accuracy	0.833333	0.833333	0.833333	0.833333

Scores and accuracy of the entire data set

	LogReg	SVM	Tree	KNN
Jaccard_Score	0.833333	0.845070	0.882353	0.819444
F1_Score	0.909091	0.916031	0.937500	0.900763
Accuracy	0.866667	0.877778	0.911111	0.855556

Confusion Matrix

Examining the confusion matrix, we see that logistic regression can distinguish between the different classes. We see that the major problem is false positives.



Conclusions

- Decision Tree Model is the best algorithm for this dataset.
- Launches with a low payload mass show better results than launches with a larger payload mass.
- Most of launch sites are in proximity to the Equator line and all the sites are in very close proximity to the coast.
- The success rate of launches increases over the years.
- KSC LC-39A has the highest success rate of the launches from all the sites.
- Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO have 100% success rate.

Appendix

• Special thanks to coursera and IBM for providing the information needed to complete this capstone project.

