Falcon 9: SpaceX First Stage Success Probability

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Introduction

In this capstone, we will predict if the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully. SpaceX 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. This information can be used if an alternate company wants to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch. In this module, you will be provided with an overview of the problem and the tools you need to complete the course.

Responses to the approaches

- What factors determine if the rocket will land successfully
- The interaction amongst various features that determine the success rate of a successful landing.
- What operating conditions needs to be in place to ensure a successful landing program.

Methodology

- Summary Methods
  - Jupyter Lab – SpaceX Data Collection Api
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SpaceX Data Collection

The data was collected using various methods

- Data collection was done using get request to the SpaceX API.
- Next, we decoded the response content as a Json using .json() function call and turn it into a pandas dataframe using .json_normalize().
- We then cleaned the data, checked for missing values and fill in missing values where necessary.
- In addition, we performed web scraping from Wikipedia for Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup.
- The objective was to extract the launch records as HTML table, parse the table and convert it to a pandas dataframe for future analysis.

Web Scraping

Web scraping tasks are executed to extract data from web of spacex with beautifulsoup, all tasks were carried out in the jupyter laboratory environment

```
!pip3 install beautifulsoup4
!pip3 install requests
```

```
Requirement already satisfied: beautifulsoup4 in c:\users\michael f. sanchez\appdata\local\programs\python\python311\lib\site-packages (4.12.2)
Requirement already satisfied: soupsieve>1.2 in c:\users\michael f. sanchez\appdata\local\programs\python\python311\lib\site-packages (from beautifulsoup4) (2.4.1)
Requirement already satisfied: requests in c:\users\michael f. sanchez\appdata\local\programs\python\python311\lib\site-packages (2.31.0)
Requirement already satisfied: charset-normalizer<4,>=2 in c:\users\michael f. sanchez\appdata\local\programs\python\python311\lib\site-packages (from requests) (3.2.0)
Requirement already satisfied: idna<4,>=2.5 in c:\users\michael f. sanchez\appdata\local\programs\python\python311\lib\site-packages (from requests) (3.4)
Requirement already satisfied: urllib3<3,>=1.21.1 in c:\users\michael f. sanchez\appdata\local\programs\python\python311\lib\site-packages (from requests) (1.26.16)
Requirement already satisfied: certifi>=2017.4.17 in c:\users\michael f. sanchez\appdata\local\programs\python\python311\lib\site-packages (from requests) (2023.7.22)
```

```
import sys

import requests
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
import re
import unicodedata
import pandas as pd
```

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Data Wrangling

The Data Wrangling method was executed to obtain the launch data of the Falcon 9 version, the pandas and numpy libraries were used to obtain ordered, filtered and calculated data.

	FlightNumber	Date	BoosterVersion	PayloadMass	Orbit	LaunchSite	Outcome	Flights	GridFins	Reused	Legs	LandingPad	Block	ReusedCount	Serial	Longitude	Latitude
0	1	2010-06-04	Falcon 9	6104.959412	LEO	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	NaN	1.0	0	B0003	-80.577366	28.561857
1	2	2012-05-22	Falcon 9	525.000000	LEO	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	NaN	1.0	0	B0005	-80.577366	28.561857
2	3	2013-03-01	Falcon 9	677.000000	ISS	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	NaN	1.0	0	B0007	-80.577366	28.561857
3	4	2013-09-29	Falcon 9	500.000000	PO	VAFB SLC 4E	False Ocean	1	False	False	False	NaN	1.0	0	B1003	-120.610829	34.632093
4	5	2013-12-03	Falcon 9	3170.000000	GTO	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	NaN	1.0	0	B1004	-80.577366	28.561857
5	6	2014-01-06	Falcon 9	3325.000000	GTO	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	NaN	1.0	0	B1005	-80.577366	28.561857
6	7	2014-04-18	Falcon 9	2296.000000	ISS	CCAFS SLC 40	True Ocean	1	False	False	True	NaN	1.0	0	B1006	-80.577366	28.561857
7	8	2014-07-14	Falcon 9	1316.000000	LEO	CCAFS SLC 40	True Ocean	1	False	False	True	NaN	1.0	0	B1007	-80.577366	28.561857
8	9	2014-08-05	Falcon 9	4535.000000	GTO	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	NaN	1.0	0	B1008	-80.577366	28.561857
9	10	2014-09-07	Falcon 9	4428.000000	GTO	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	NaN	1.0	0	B1011	-80.577366	28.561857

We calculate the number of LaunchSites using pandas.

```
LaunchSite
CCAFS SLC 40     55
KSC LC 39A       22
VAFB SLC 4E      13
```

EDA SQL sqllite

Use the library to make a sqlite connection to extract data using a link as a database

Connect to the database

Let us first load the SQL extension and establish a connection with the database

```
%load_ext sql
```

```
import csv, sqlite3

con = sqlite3.connect("my_data1.db")
cur = con.cursor()
```

```
!pip install -q pandas==1.1.5
```

```
%sql sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
'Connected: @my_data1.db'
```

```
import pandas as pd
df = pd.read_csv("https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork/labs/module_2/data/Spacex.csv")
df.to_sql("SPACEXTBL", con, if_exists='replace', index=False,method="multi")
```

```
/home/jupyterlab/conda/envs/python/lib/python3.7/site-packages/pandas/core/generic.py:2882: UserWarning: The spaces in these column names will not be changed. In pandas versions < 0.14, spaces were converted to underscores.
  both result in 0.1234 being formatted as 0.12.
```

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EDA SQL sqllite

As a result of executing the SQL statements, we obtain a dataset to perform the review, filtering and cleaning operations.

Task 1

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

```
%sql select * from SPACEXTABLE
```

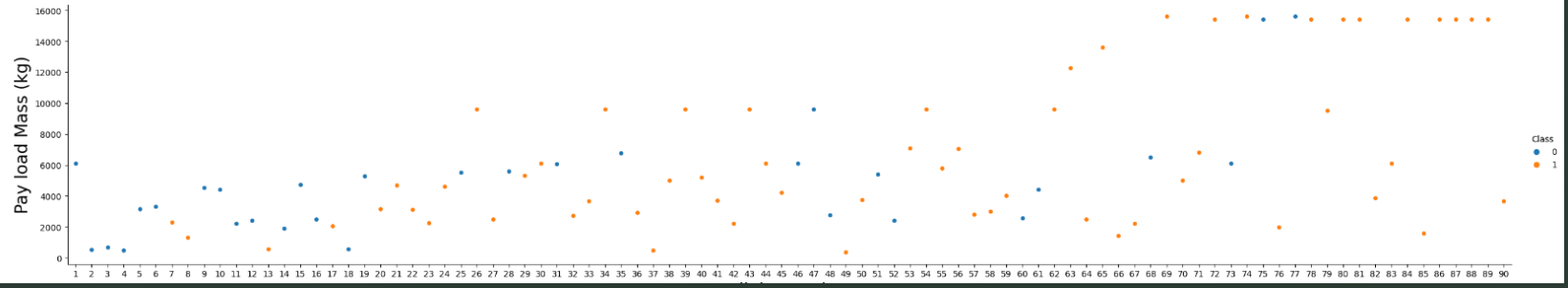
```
 * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
```

Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing_Outcome
2010-04-06	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
2010-08-12	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)
2012-05-22	07:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
2012-08-10	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
2013-01-03	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
2013-09-29	16:00:00	F9 v1.1 B1003	VAFB SLC-4E	CASSIOPE	500	Polar LEO	MDA	Success	Uncontrolled (ocean)

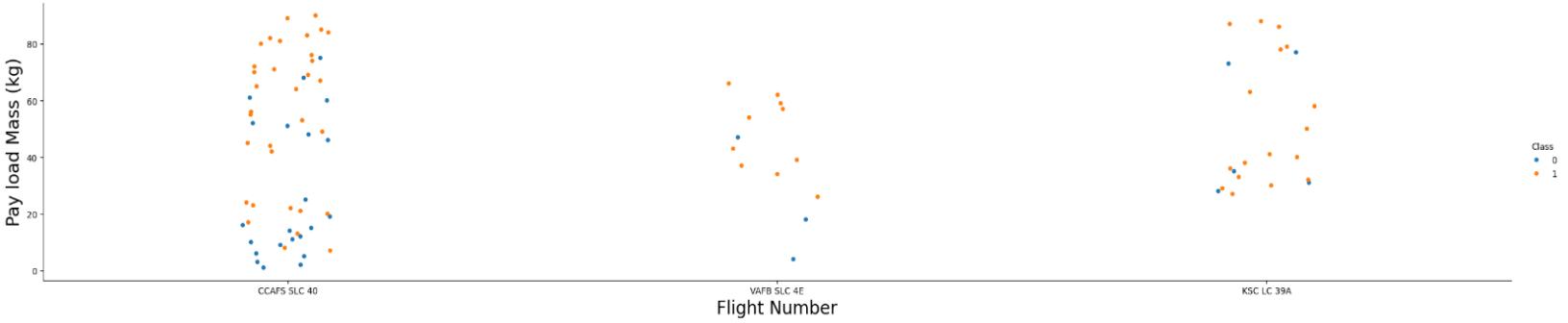
EDA Visualization Data

We can plot out the `FlightNumber` vs. `PayloadMass` and overlay the outcome of the launch. We see that as the flight number increases, the first stage is more likely to land successfully. The payload mass is also important; it seems the more massive the payload, the less likely the first stage will return.

```
sns.catplot(y="PayloadMass", x="FlightNumber", hue="Class", data=df, aspect = 5)
plt.xlabel("Flight Number",fontsize=20)
plt.ylabel("Pay load Mass (kg)",fontsize=20)
plt.show()
```




```
### TASK 1: Visualize the relationship between Flight Number and Launch Site
sns.catplot(y="FlightNumber",x="LaunchSite",hue='Class',data=df, aspect=5)
plt.xlabel("Flight Number",fontsize=20)
plt.ylabel("Pay load Mass (kg)",fontsize=20)
plt.show()
```



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Machine Learning Prediction Lab

Each of the libraries used for data processing such as pandas, numpy, seaborn, sklearn were used and each of the statements were executed to obtain the processing of the data to be processed.

We will import the following libraries for the lab

```
# Pandas is a software library written for the Python programming language for data manipulation and analysis.
import pandas as pd
# NumPy is a library for the Python programming language, adding support for large, multi-dimensional arrays and matrices, along with a large collection of high-level mati
import numpy as np
# Matplotlib is a plotting library for python and pyplot gives us a MatLab like plotting framework. We will use this in our plotter function to plot data.
import matplotlib.pyplot as plt
#Seaborn is a Python data visualization library based on matplotlib. It provides a high-level interface for drawing attractive and informative statistical graphics
import seaborn as sns
# Preprocessing allows us to standarsize our data
from sklearn import preprocessing
# Allows us to split our data into training and testing data
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
# Allows us to test parameters of classification algorithms and find the best one
from sklearn.model_selection import GridSearchCV
# Logistic Regression classification algorithm
from sklearn.linear_model import LogisticRegression
# Support Vector Machine classification algorithm
from sklearn.svm import SVC
# Decision Tree classification algorithm
from sklearn.tree import DecisionTreeClassifier
# K Nearest Neighbors classification algorithm
from sklearn.neighbors import KNeighborsClassifier
```

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Load the dataframe

Load the data

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

# If you were unable to complete the previous lab correctly you can uncomment and load this csv

# data = pd.read_csv('https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBMDeveloperSkillsNetwork-DS0701EN-SkillsNetwork/api/dataset_part_2.csv')

data.head()
```

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Machine Learning Prediction Lab

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.

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Conclusions

We can conclude that:

The larger the flight amount at a launch site, the greater the success rate at a launch site.

Launch success rate started to increase in 2013 till 2020.

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.