

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

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Introduction

SpaceX is a revolutionary company who has disrupt the space industry by offering a rocket launches specifically Falcon 9 as low as 62 million dollars; while other providers cost upward of 165 million dollar each. Most of this saving thanks to SpaceX astounding idea to reuse the first stage of the launch by re-land the rocket to be used on the next mission. Repeating this process will make the price down even further. As a data scientist of a startup rivaling SpaceX, the goal of this project is to create the machine learning pipeline to predict the landing outcome of the first stage in the future. This project is crucial in identifying the right price to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch.

The problems included:

- Identifying all factors that influence the landing outcome.
- The relationship between each variables and how it is affecting the outcome.
- The best condition needed to increase the probability of successful landing.



Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - Data was collected using SpaceX REST API and web scrapping from Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
 - Data was processed using one-hot encoding for categorical features
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - Build and evaluate classification models

Data Collection

Data collection is the process of gathering and measuring information on targeted variables in an established system, which then enables one to answer relevant questions and evaluate outcomes. As mentioned, the dataset was collected by REST API and Web Scrapping from Wikipedia For REST API, its started by using the get request. Then, we decoded the response content as Json and turn it into a pandas dataframe using ison normalize(). We then cleaned the data, checked for missing values and fill with whatever needed. For web scrapping, we will use the BeautifulSoup to extract the launch records as HTML table, parse the table and convert it to a pandas dataframe for further analysis.

Data Collection - SpaceX API

```
spacex_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
response = requests.get(spacex_url)
```

Use json_normalize meethod to convert the json result into a dataframe
data = pd.json_normalize(response.json())

```
# Lets take a subset of our dataframe keeping only the features we want a
nd the flight number, and date utc.
data = data[['rocket', 'payloads', 'launchpad', 'cores', 'flight number',
'date utc']]
# We will remove rows with multiple cores because those are falcon rocket
s with 2 extra rocket boosters and rows that have multiple payloads in a
single rocket.
data = data[data['cores'].map(len)==1]
data = data[data['payloads'].map(len)==1]
# Since payloads and cores are lists of size 1 we will also extract the s
ingle value in the list and replace the feature.
data['cores'] = data['cores'].map(lambda x : x[0])
data['payloads'] = data['payloads'].map(lambda x : x[0])
# We also want to convert the date utc to a datetime datatype and then ex
tracting the date leaving the time
data['date'] = pd.to_datetime(data['date_utc']).dt.date
# Using the date we will restrict the dates of the launches
data = data[data['date'] <= datetime.date(2020, 11, 13)]
```

Get request for rocket launch data using API

Use json_normalize method to convert json result to dataframe

Performed data cleaning and filling the missing value

https://github.com/shivangi1708/Notebook/blob/main/jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api%20(1).ipynb

Data Collection - Scraping

```
# use requests.get() method with the provided static_url
# assign the response to a object
data = requests.get(static_url).text
```

```
# Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response te
xt content
soup = BeautifulSoup(data, 'html.parser')
```

```
extracted_row = 0
#Extract each table
for table_number,table in enumerate(soup.find_all('table',"wikitable plai
nrowheaders collapsible")):
    # get table row
    for rows in table.find_all("tr"):
        #check to see if first table heading is as number corresponding t
o launch a number
    if rows.th:
        if rows.th.string:
            flight_number=rows.th.string.strip()
            flag=flight_number.isdigit()
    else:
        flag=False
```

Request the Falcon9 Launch Wiki page from url

Create a BeautifulSoup from the HTML response

Extract all column/variable names from the HTML header

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Data Wrangling

Data Wrangling is the process of cleaning and unifying messy and complex data sets for easy access and Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA). We will first calculate the number of launches on each site, then calculate the number and occurrence of mission outcome per orbit type. We then create a landing outcome label from the outcome column. This will make it easier for further analysis, visualization, and ML. Lastly, we will export the result to a CSV.

EDA with Data Visualization

Once we get a hint of the relationships using scatter plot. We will then use further visualization tools such as bar graph and line plots graph for further analysis.

Bar graphs is one of the easiest way to interpret the relationship between the attributes. In this case, we will use the bar graph to determine which orbits have the highest probability of success.

We then use the line graph to show a trends or pattern of the attribute over time which in this case, is used for see the launch success yearly trend.

We then use Feature Engineering to be used in success prediction in the future module by created the dummy variables to categorical columns.

https://github.com/shivangi1708/Notebook/blob/main/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork_labs_module_2_jupyter-labs-eda-dataviz.ipynb.jupyterlite.ipynb

EDA with SQL

Using SQL, we had performed many queries to get better understanding of the dataset, Ex:

- Displaying the names of the launch sites. Displaying 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'.
- Displaying the total payload mass carried by booster launched by NASA (CRS). Displaying the 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 sites names for in year 2015.
- Rank the count of landing outcomes or success between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20, in descending order.

https://github.com/shivangi1708/Notebook/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera_sqllite.ipynb

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

To visualize the launch data into an interactive map. We took the latitude and longitude coordinates at each launch site and added a circle marker around each launch site with a label of the name of the launch site.

We then assigned the dataframe launch_outcomes(failure, success) to classes 0 and 1 with Red and Green markers on the map in MarkerCluster(). We then used the Haversine's formula to calculated the distance of the launch sites to various landmark to find answer to the questions of:

- How close the launch sites with railways, highways and coastlines?
- How close the launch sites with nearby cities?

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Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- We built an interactive dashboard with Plotly dash which allowing the user to play around with the data as they need.
- We plotted pie charts showing the total launches by a certain sites.
- We then plotted scatter graph showing the relationship with Outcome and Payload Mass (Kg) for the different booster version.

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

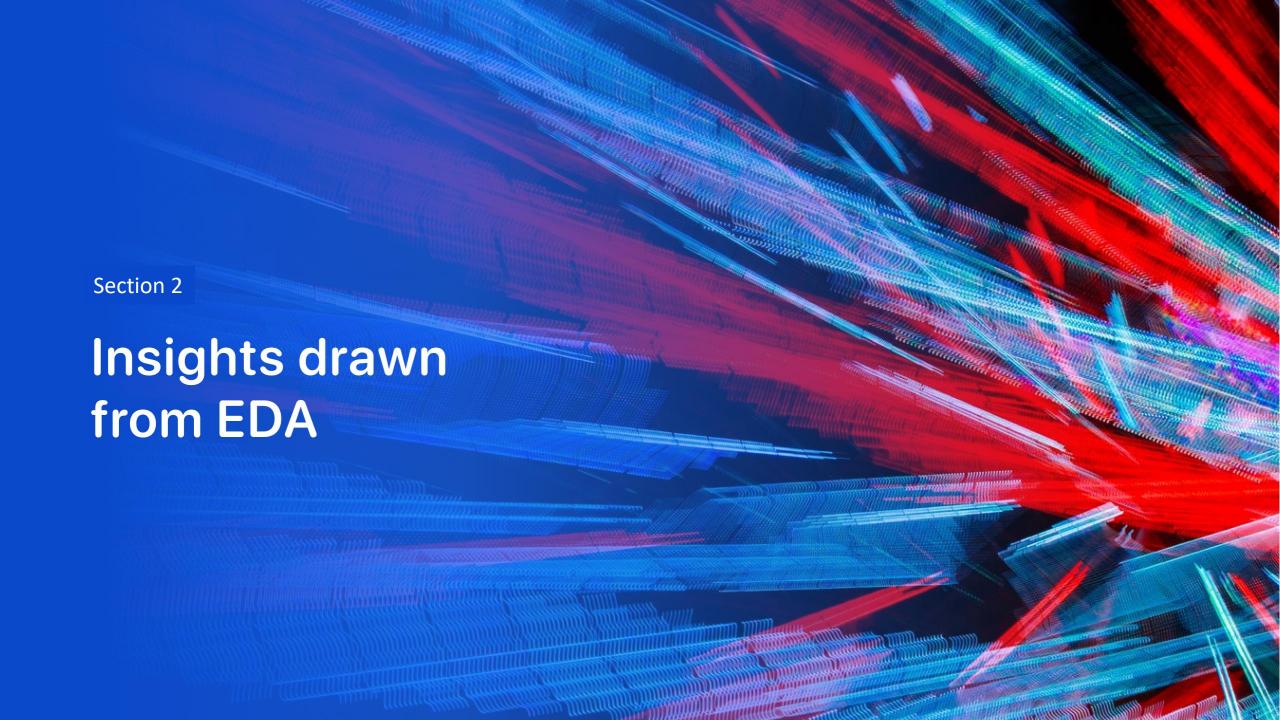
- Summarize how you built, evaluated, improved, and found the best performing classification model
- You need present your model development process using key phrases and flowchart

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Results

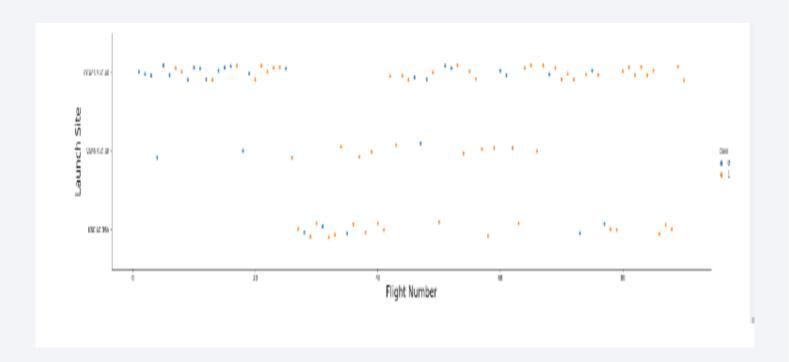
The results will be categorized to 3 main results which is:

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



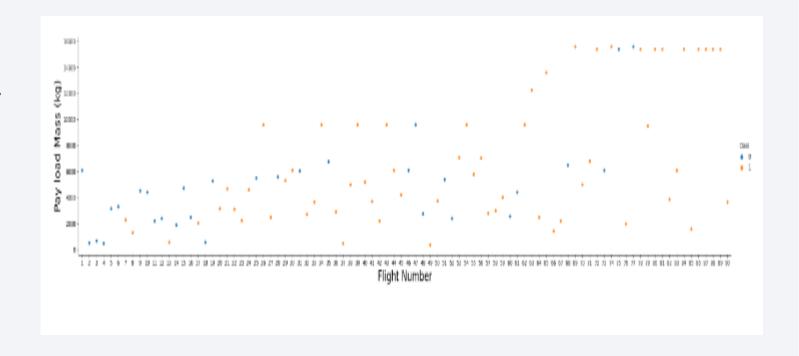
Flight Number vs. Launch Site

 This scatter plot shows that the larger the flights amount of the launch site, the greater the the success rate will be. However, site CCAFS SLC40 shows the least pattern of this.



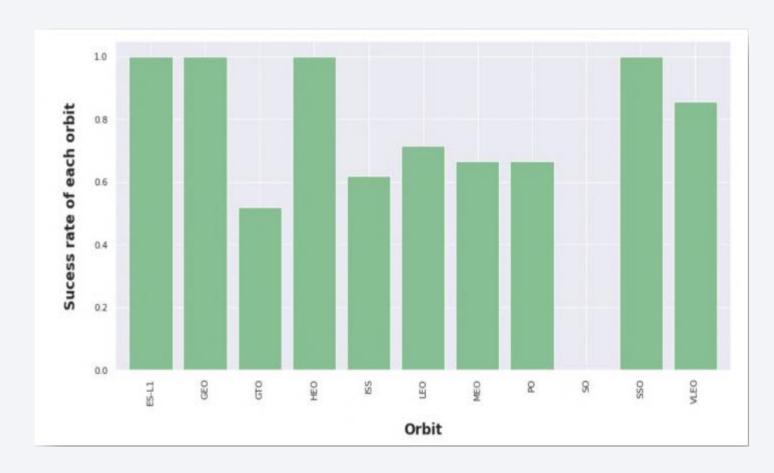
Payload vs. Launch Site

• This scatter plot shows once the pay load mass is greater than 7000kg, the probability of the success rate will be highly increased. However, there is no clear pattern to say the launch site is dependent to the pay load mass for the success rate.



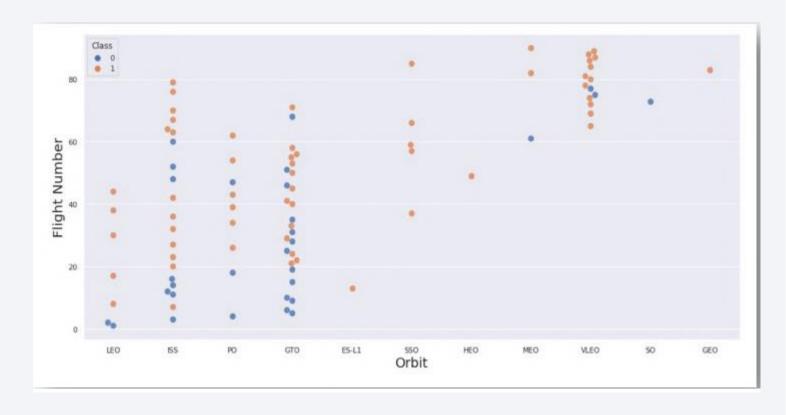
Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

This figure depicted the possibility of the orbits to influences the landing outcomes as some orbits has 100% success rate such as SSO, HEO, GEO AND ES-L1 while SO orbit produced 0% rate of success. However, deeper analysis show that some of this orbits has only 1 occurrence such as GEO, SO, HEO and ES-L1 which mean this data need more dataset to see pattern or trend before we draw any conclusion.



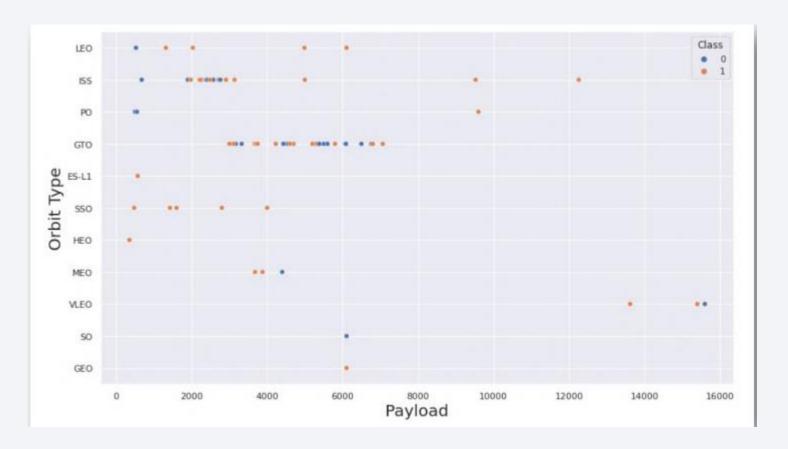
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

 This scatter plot shows that generally, the larger the flight number on each orbits, the greater the success rate (especially LEO orbit) except for GTO orbit which depicts no relationship between both attributes. Orbit that only has 1 occurrence should also be excluded from above statement as it's needed more dataset.



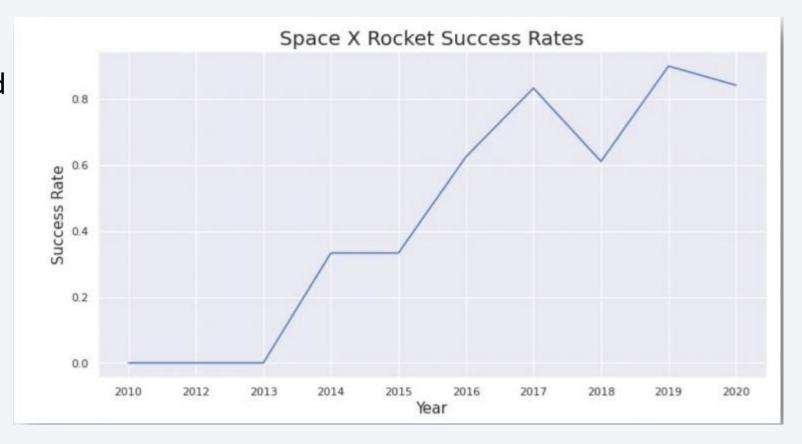
Payload vs. Orbit Type

 Heavier payload has positive impact on LEO, ISS and PO orbit. However, it has negative impact on MEO and VLEO orbit. GTO orbit seem to depict no relation between the attributes. Meanwhile, again, SO, GEO and HEO orbit need more dataset to see any pattern or trend.



Launch Success Yearly Trend

• This figures clearly depicted and increasing trend from the year 2013 until 2020. If this trend continue for the next year onward. The success rate will steadily increase until reaching 1/100% success rate.



All Launch Site Names

We used the key word DISTINCT to show only unique launch sites from the SpaceX data.

```
In [5]:

*sql SELECT DISTINCT LAUNCH_SITE as "Launch_Sites" FROM SPACEX;

* ibm_db_sa://zpw86771:***@fbd88901-ebdb-4a4f-a32e-9822b9fb237b.clogj3
sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32731/bludb
Done.

Out[5]:

Launch_Sites

CCAFS LC-40

CCAFS SLC-40

KSC LC-39A

VAFB SLC-4E
```

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

 We used the query above to display 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`

	Disp	play 5 reco	rds where	e launch sites be	gin with the s	tring 'CCA'					
In [11]:		FROM	ECT * M SpaceX RE Launc IT 5	hSite LIKE 'CC sk_2, database							
Out[11]:		date	time	boosterversion	launchsite	payload	payloadmasskg	orbit	customer	missionoutcome	landingoutcome
	0	2010-04- 06	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
	1	2010-08- 12	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of	0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	Failure (parachute)
	2	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
	3	2012-08- 10	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
	4	2013-01- 03	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

Total Payload Mass

 We calculated the total payload carried by boosters from NASA as 45596 using the query below

```
Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)

*sql SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS "Total Payload Mass by NASA (CRS)

*ibm_db_sa://zpw86771:***@fbd88901-ebdb-4a4f-a32e-9822b9fb237b.clogj3
sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32731/bludb
Done.

Total Payload Mass by NASA (CRS)

45596
```

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

 We calculated the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 as 2928.4

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

*sql SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS "Average Payload Mass by Booster WHERE BOOSTER_VERSION = 'F9 v1.1';

* ibm_db_sa://zpw86771:***@fbd88901-ebdb-4a4f-a32e-9822b9fb237b.clogj3 sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32731/bludb Done.

Average Payload Mass by Booster Version F9 v1.1
```

First Successful Ground Landing Date

 We use the min() function to find the result We observed that the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad was 22nd December 2015

```
%sql SELECT MIN(DATE) AS "First Successful Landing Outcome in Ground Pad
WHERE LANDING_OUTCOME = 'Success (ground pad)';

* ibm_db_sa://zpw86771:***@fbd88901-ebdb-4a4f-a32e-9822b9fb237b.clogj3
sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32731/bludb
Done.
First Succesful Landing Outcome in Ground Pad
2015-12-22
```

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

 We used the WHERE clause to filter for boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and applied the AND condition to determine successful landing with payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

```
%sql SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION FROM SPACEX WHERE LANDING__OUTCOME = 'Success (drone ship)' \
AND PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ > 4000 AND PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ < 6000;

* ibm_db_sa://zpw86771:***@fbd88901-ebdb-4a4f-a32e-9822b9fb237b.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.datab
ases.appdomain.cloud:32731/bludb
Done.

booster_version

F9 FT B1022

F9 FT B1026

F9 FT B1021.2

F9 FT B1031.2</pre>
```

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

• We used wildcard like '%' to filter for WHERE MissionOutcome was a success or a failure.

```
List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
 *sql SELECT COUNT(MISSION_OUTCOME) AS "Successful Mission" FROM SPACEX WHERE MISSION_OUTCOME LIKE 'Success%';
 * ibm db sa://zpw86771:***@fbd88901-ebdb-4a4f-a32e-9822b9fb237b.clogj3sd0tgtu0lgde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32731/bludb
Done.
Successful Mission
            100
 *sql SELECT COUNT(MISSION OUTCOME) AS "Failure Mission" FROM SPACEX WHERE MISSION OUTCOME LIKE 'Failure%';
  * ibm db sa://zpw86771:***@fbd88901-ebdb-4a4f-a32e-9822b9fb237b.clogj3sd0tgtu0lgde00.databases.appdomain.clou
d:32731/bludb
 Done.
Failure Mission
```

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

• We determined the booster that have carried the maximum payload using a subquery in the WHERE clause and the MAX() function.

WHERE PAYLOAD_MASSKG_ = (SELECT MAX(P.	
* ibm_db_sa://zpw86771:***@fbd88901-eb d:32731/bludb Done.	db-4a4f-a32e-9822b9fb237b.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.clo
Booster Versions which carried the Maximum Paylo	oad Mass
F9 B5	5 B1048.4
F9 B	5 B1048.5
F9 B5	5 B1049.4
F9 B	5 B1049.5
F9 B	5 B1049.7
F9 B	5 B1051.3
F9 B	5 B1051.4
F9 B	5 B1051.6
F9 B	5 B1056.4
F9 B	5 B1058.3
F9 B	5 B1060.2
F9 B	5 B1060.3

2015 Launch Records

 We used a combinations of the WHERE clause, LIKE, AND, and BETWEEN conditions to filter for failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for year 2015

```
%sql SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION, LAUNCH_SITE FROM SPACEX WHERE DATE LIKE '2015-%' AND \
LANDING__OUTCOME = 'Failure (drone ship)';

* ibm_db_sa://zpw86771:***@fbd88901-ebdb-4a4f-a32e-9822b9fb237b.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.
databases.appdomain.cloud:32731/bludb
Done.
booster_version launch_site

F9 v1.1 B1012 CCAFS LC-40
F9 v1.1 B1015 CCAFS LC-40
```

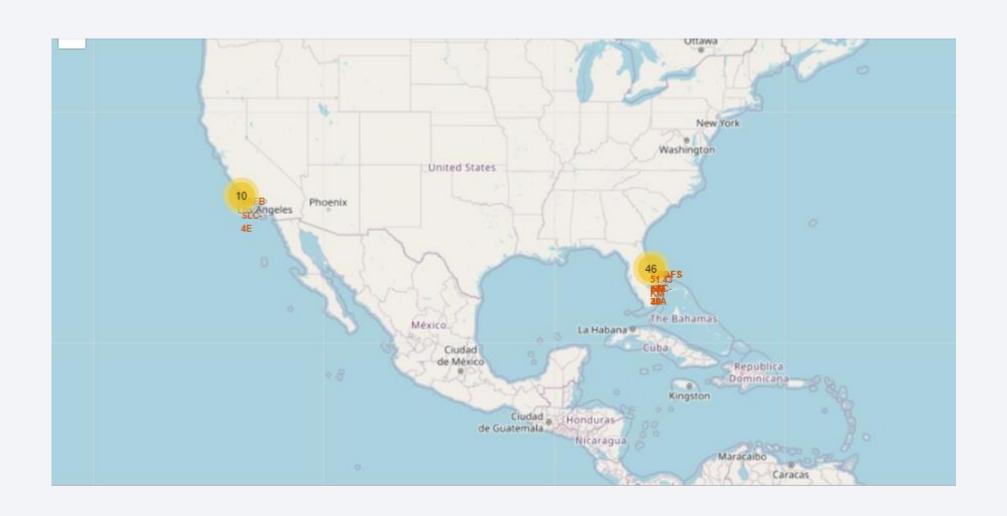
Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

 We selected Landing outcomes and the COUNT of landing outcomes from the data and used the WHERE clause to filter for landing outcomes BETWEEN 2010-06-04 to 2010-03-20. We applied the GROUP BY clause to group the landing outcomes and the ORDER BY clause to order the grouped landing outcome in descending order

```
*sql SELECT LANDING OUTCOME as "Landing Outcome", COUNT(LANDING OUTCOME) AS "Total Count" FROM SPACEX \
      DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20'
GROUP BY LANDING OUTCOME \
ORDER BY COUNT(LANDING_OUTCOME) DESC ;
* ibm db sa://zpw86771:***@fbd88901-ebdb-4a4f-a32e-9822b9fb237b.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.c
loud: 32731/bludb
   Landing Outcome Total Count
         No attempt
  Failure (drone ship)
 Success (drone ship)
   Controlled (ocean)
Success (ground pad)
   Failure (parachute)
 Uncontrolled (ocean)
Precluded (drone ship)
```



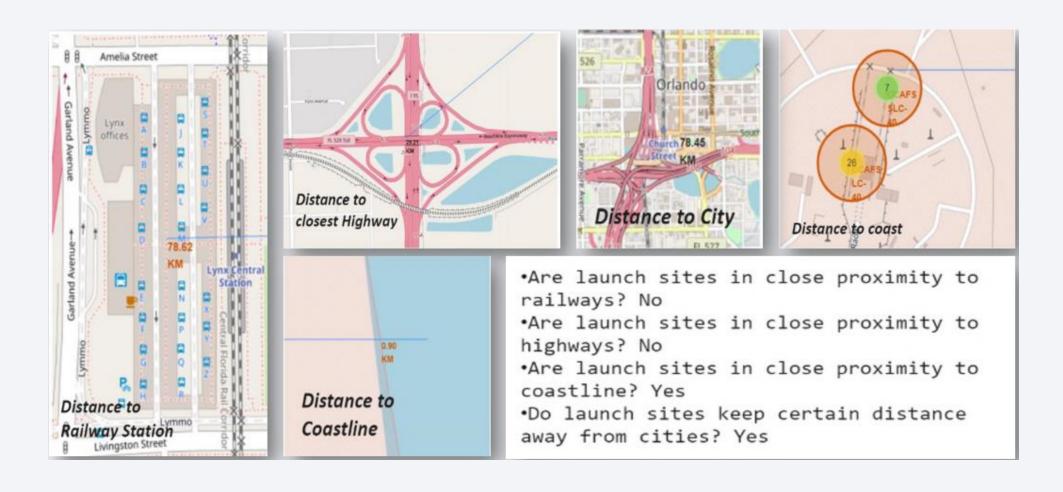
Location of all Launch Site

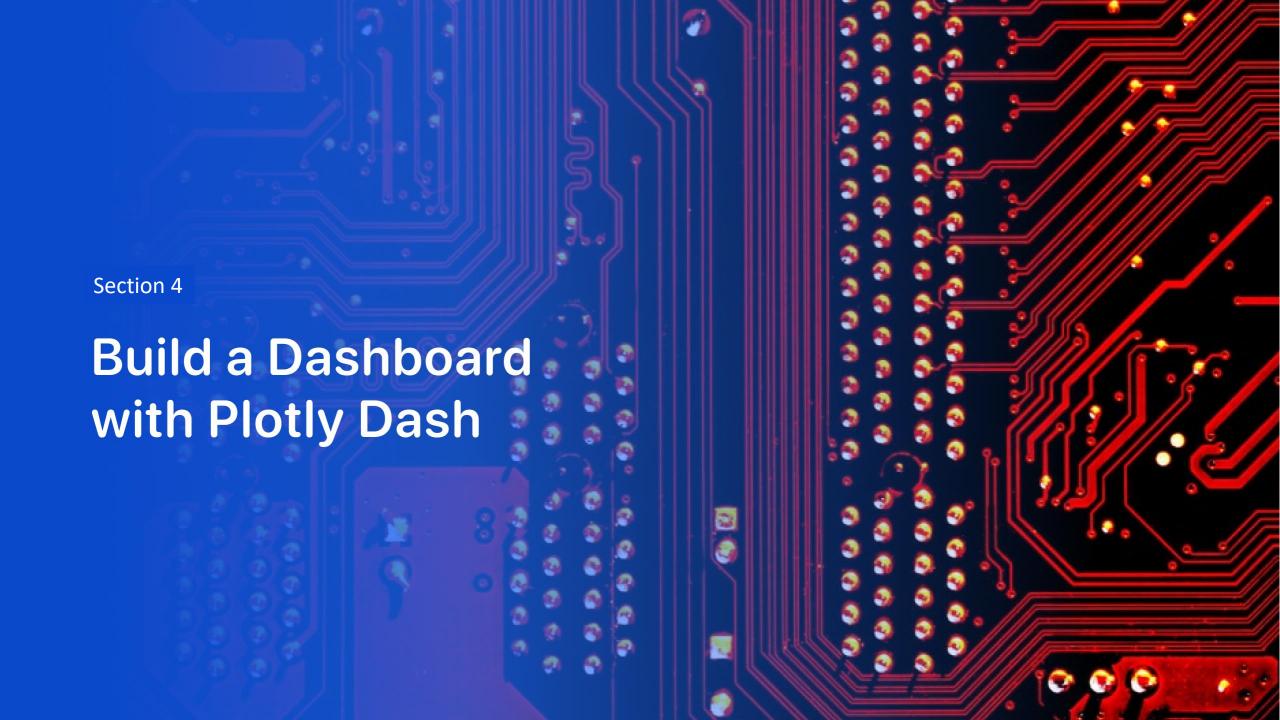


Markers showing launch sites with color labels

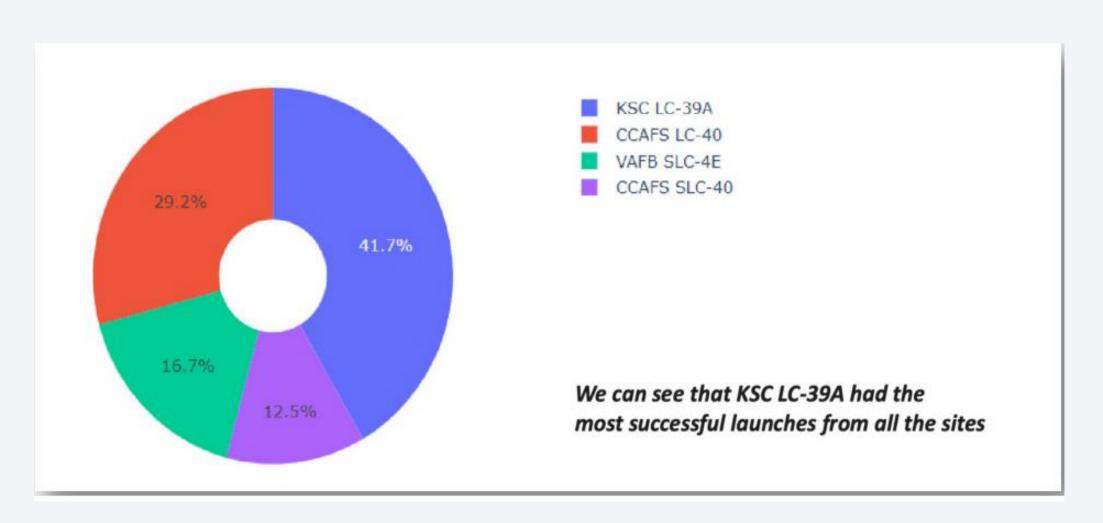


Launch Sites Distance to Landmarks

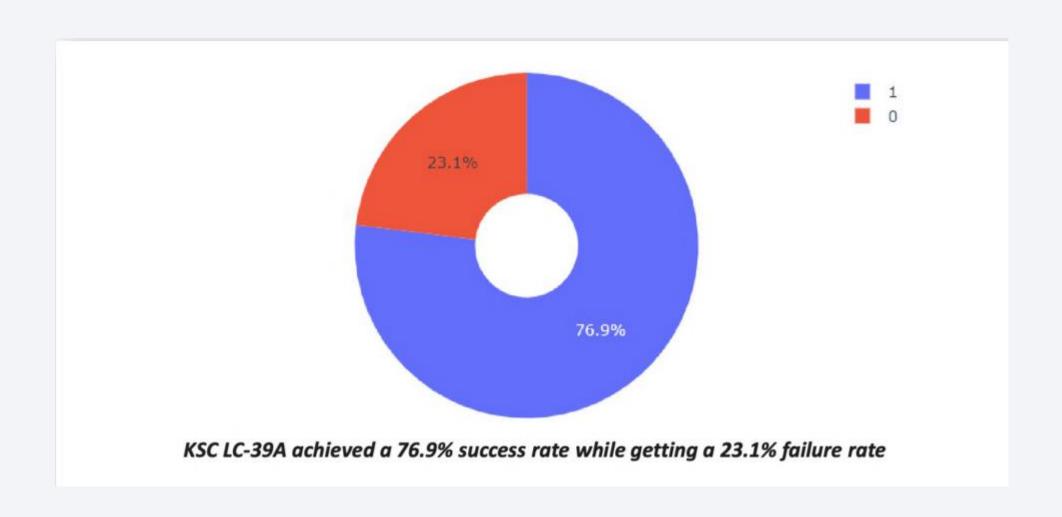




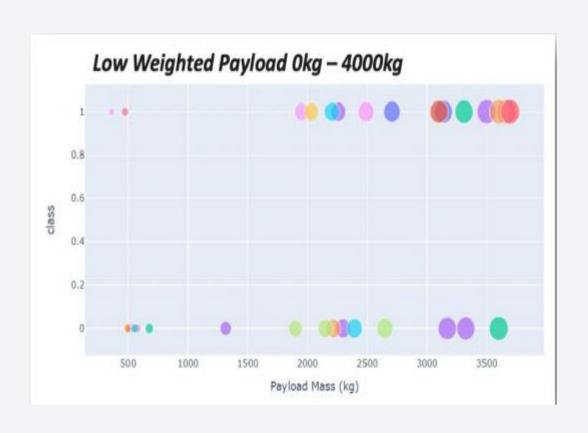
SUCCESS PERCENTAGE

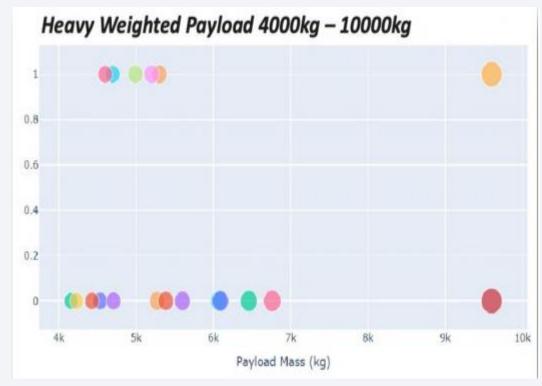


HIGHEST LAUNCH-SUCCESS RATIO



PAYLOAD Vs LAUNCH







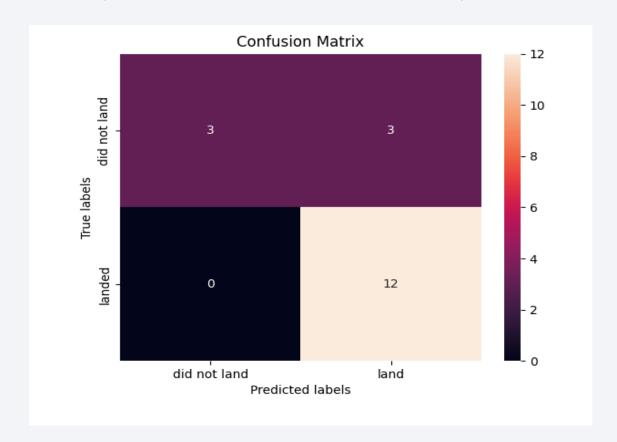
Classification Accuracy

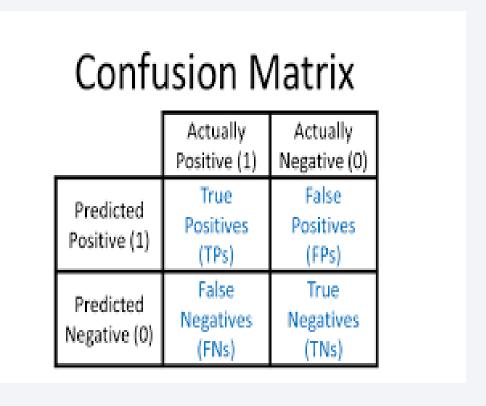
- Decision Tree provides best accuracy.
- All the 4 models have accuracy rate of 83%.

ALGORITHM	ACCURACY	ACCURACY ON TEST DATA
Logistic Regression	0.8464285714285713	0.83333333333334
SVM	0.8482142857142856	0.83333333333334
KNN	0.8482142857142858	0.83333333333334
Decision Tree	0.8767857142857143	0.888888888888888

Confusion Matrix

The confusion matrix for the decision tree classifier shows that the classifier can distinguish between the different classes. The major problem is the false positives .i.e., unsuccessful landing marked as successful landing by the classifier.





Conclusions

We can conclude that:

- The Tree Classifier Algorithm is the best Machine Learning approach for this dataset.
- The low weighted payloads (which define as 4000kg and below) performed better than the heavy weighted payloads.
- Starting from the year 2013, the success rate for SpaceX launches is increased, directly proportional time in years to 2020, which it will eventually perfect the launches in the future.
- KSC LC-39A have the most successful launches of any sites; 76.9%
- SSO orbit have the most success rate; 100% and more than 1 occurrence.

