Development of Machine Learning models to predict whether the first stage of Falcon 9 will land successfully.

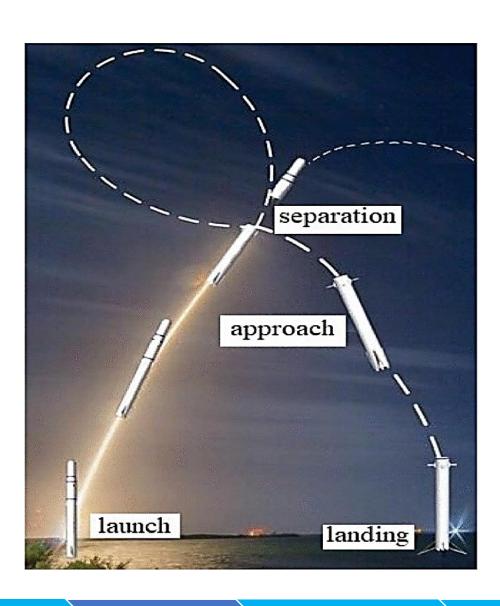
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Summary

- According to SPACEX, the Falcon 9 rocket launches cost \$62 million;
- other providers cost more than \$165 million each, with much of the savings due to SpaceX being able to reuse the first stage.
- Therefore, if we can determine whether the first stage will land, we can determine the cost of a launch.
- This information can be used if another company wants to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch.
- In this work, I developed different prediction algorithms that can be used to predict whether the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully.



Introduction



- In this work, I developed **models of machine learning** to **predic**t whether the Falcon 9 first stage **will land successfully**:
- Logistic regression: A statistical model for studying the relationships between a set of qualitative variables Xi and a qualitative variable Y. It is a generalized linear model using a logistic function as a link function.
- SVM (Support Vector Machine): SVMs are a family of machine learning algorithms that solve classification, regression or anomaly detection problems.
- Decision Tree: A non-parametric supervised learning algorithm, which is used for both classification and regression tasks
- Algorithm of K closest neighbours: also known as KNN or k-NN, is a nonparametric supervised learning discriminant, which uses proximity to perform classifications or predictions on the clustering of an individual data point

Material and Methods

Step 1

- Collecting the data
- Data Wrangling

Step 2

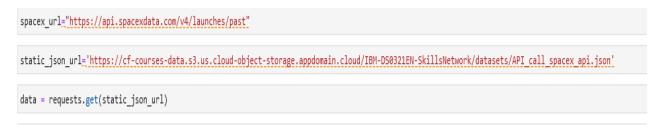
- Analysis with SQL, pandas and Matplolib
- Visual analytics

Step 3

 Machine learning models development

STEP1: Collecting and Wrangling data

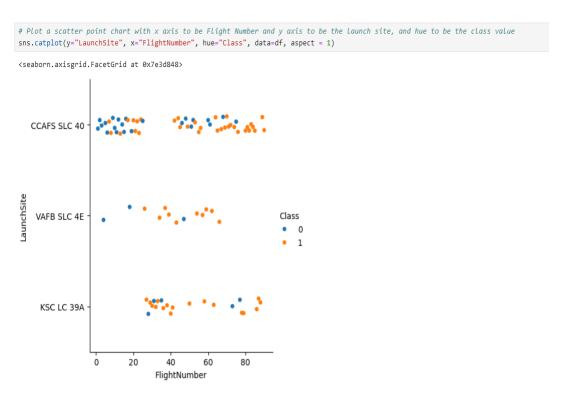




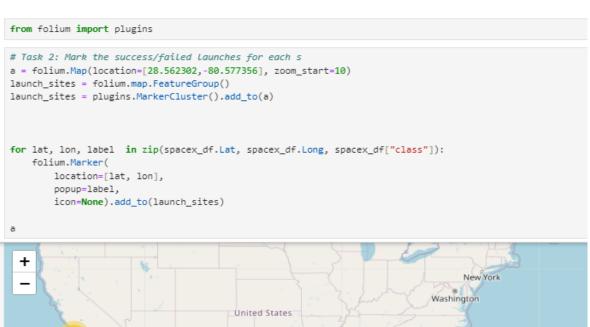
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STEP2: Analysis with SQL, pandas and Matplolib a

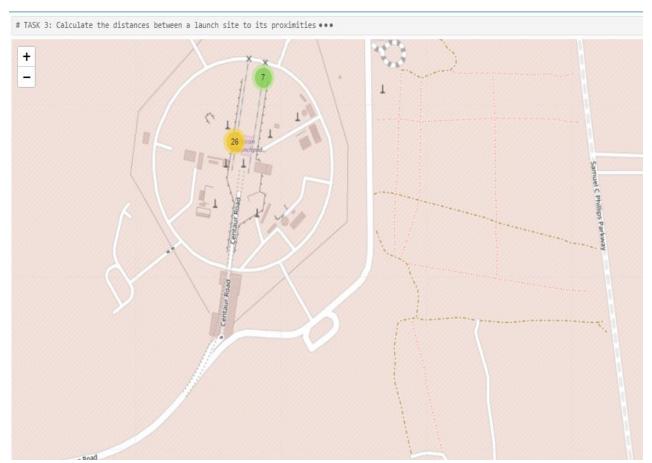
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2012-10-08	0:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attemp			
2013-03-01	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt			
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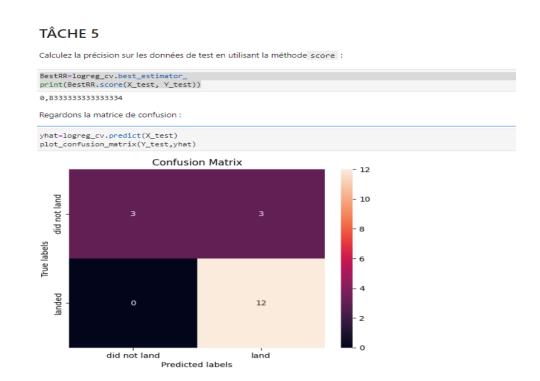
STEP2: Visual analytics folium







STEP3: Logistic regression model development



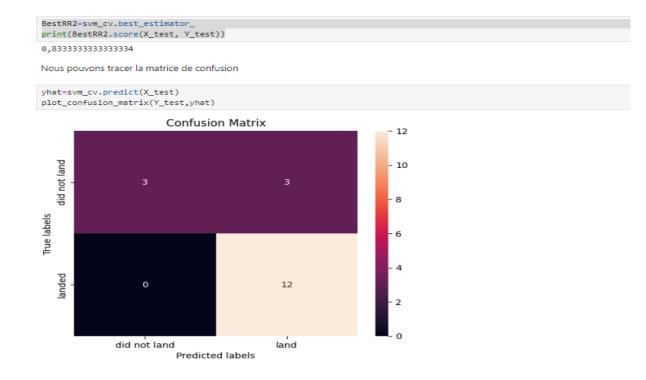
STEP3: SVM (Support Vector Machine) model development

Créez un objet machine à vecteurs de support puis créez un GridSearchCV objet svm_cv avec cv = 10. Ajustez l'objet pour trouver les m

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svm_cv = GridSearchCV(svm, parameters, cv=10).fit(X_train, Y_train)
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print("tuned hpyerparameters :(best parameters) ",svm_cv.best_params_)
print("accuracy :",svm_cv.best_score_)
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STEP3: Decision Tree model development

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Create a decision tree classifier object then create a GridSearchCV object tree_cv with cv = 10. Fit the object to find the
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import warnings
warnings.filterwarnings("ignore")
from sklearn.exceptions import FitFailedWarning
parameters = {'criterion': ['entropy'],
     'splitter': ['best'],
     'max_depth': [2*n for n in range(1,10)],
     'max_features': ['sqrt'],
     'min_samples_leaf': [1],
     'min_samples_split': [10]}
tree = DecisionTreeClassifier()
grid_search = GridSearchCV(tree, parameters, cv=10)
tree_cv= grid_search.fit(X_train, Y_train)
print("tuned hpyerparameters :(best parameters) ",tree_cv.best_params_)
print("accuracy :",tree_cv.best_score_)
tuned hpyerparameters :(best parameters) {'criterion': 'entropy', 'max_depth': 2, 'max_features': 'sqrt',
accuracy: 0.8339285714285714
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BestRR3=tree_cv.best_estimator_
print(BestRR3.score(X_test, Y_test))
0.777777777777778
We can plot the confusion matrix
yhat = tree_cv.predict(X_test)
plot_confusion_matrix(Y_test,yhat)
                          Confusion Matrix
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True labels
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               did not land
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                            Predicted labels
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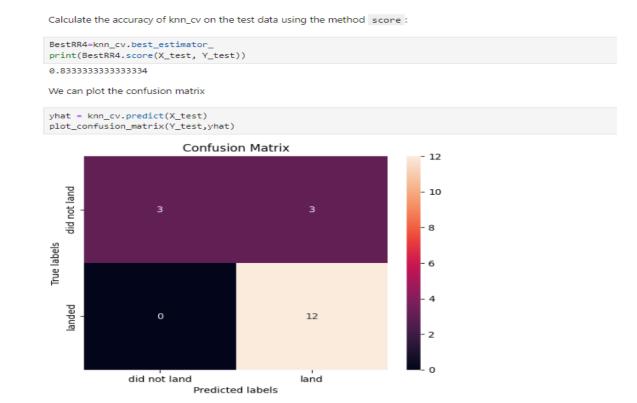
STEP3: Algorithm of K closest neighbours model development

Create a k nearest neighbors object then create a GridSearchCV object knn_cv with cv = 10. Fit the object to find

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grid_search = GridSearchCV(KNN, parameters, cv=10)
knn_cv= grid_search.fit(X_train, Y_train)
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print("tuned hpyerparameters :(best parameters) ",knn_cv.best_params_)
print("accuracy :",knn_cv.best_score_)
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tuned hpyerparameters :(best parameters) {'algorithm': 'auto', 'n_neighbors': 10, 'p': 1}
accuracy : 0.8482142857142858
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Discussion

- In this work we collected data on the spaceX site
- We analyzed them to observe the tandaces for concerning the successful landing of the first stage of falcon9.
- We have also developed four machine models to predict whether the first stage of falcon 9 will land successfully
- All these models showed a prediction score of over 75%.

Conclusion

- All agorithms appear to be good models for predicting the outcome of the falcon 9 landing.
- However, the SVM has a relatively higher prediction score than the others.
- These models still need to be trained on a large data set to improve their performance.

Appendices

Sources:

SPACEX: https://www.spacex.com/vehicles/falcon-9/