

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

Yujin Kim June 26, 2024



## **Outline**

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Methodology
- Results
- Conclusion

# **Executive Summary**

- Summary of methodologies
  - Data collection using API and web scraping
  - Data wrangling
  - Exploratory data analysis
  - Machine learning classification prediction
- Summary of all results
  - Exploratory data analysis results
  - Predictive analysis result

#### Introduction

- Falcon 9 rocket from SpaceX costs 62
  million dollars, while other providers cost
  up to 165 million dollars each. This saving
  is because SpaceX can reuse the first stage.
- The project aims to predict if the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully, and therefore, determine the cost of a launch.



# Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

- Data collection methodology:
  - Using SpaceX API and web scraping from Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
  - We applied one-hot encoding to 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 classification models using logistic regression, SVM, decision-tree, and K-NN
  - Compared the model performance to determine the best classification model

#### **Data Collection**

- The data was collected by SpaceX API.
  - Task 1: Request and parse the SpaceX launch data using the GET request
  - Task 2: Filter the dataframe to only include Falcon 9 launches
  - Task 3: Missing values replace missing PayloadMass with the mean
- Additionally, Falcon 9 historical launch records were scrapped from a Wikipedia Page.

# Data Collection - SpaceX API

 We 1) collected data from SpaceX API, 2) filtered data with Falcon 9 data only, and 3) treated missing data

• <a href="https://github.com/yujin3467/dsca">https://github.com/yujin3467/dsca</a>
<a href="pstone/blob/main/1-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb">pstone/blob/main/1-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb</a>

```
response = requests.get(static_json_url)
response.status_code
# Use json normalize meethod to convert the json result into a dataframe
df json = response.json()
data=pd.json normalize(df json)
data falcon9 = df[df['BoosterVersion']!='Falcon 1']
data falcon9.head()
# Calculate the mean value of PayloadMass column
data falcon9['PayloadMass'].mean()
# Replace the np.nan values with its mean value
data falcon9['PayloadMass'].replace(np.nan, 6123.5476)
```

# **Data Collection - Scraping**

- We applied web scraping to get Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup
- We parsed the table and converted it into Pandas dataframe

 https://github.com/yujin346
 7/dscapstone/blob/main/2webscraping.ipynb

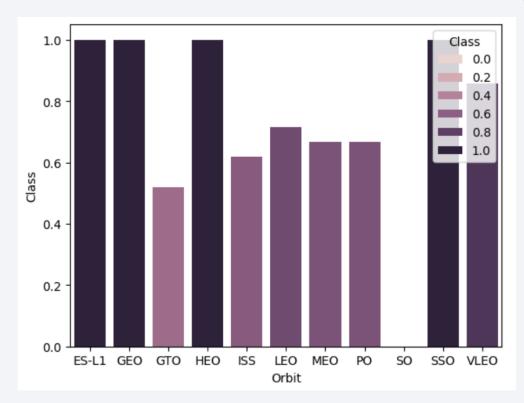
# TASK 1: Request the Falcon9 Launch Wiki page from its URL First, let's perform an HTTP GET method to request the Falcon9 Launch HTML page, as an HTTP response. # use requests.get() method with the provided static\_url # assign the response to a object response = requests.get(static\_url).text Create a BeautifulSoup object from the HTML response # Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content soup = BeautifulSoup(response, 'html.parser') Print the page title to verify if the BeautifulSoup object was created properly # Use soup.title attribute soup.title <title>List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches - Wikipedia</title>

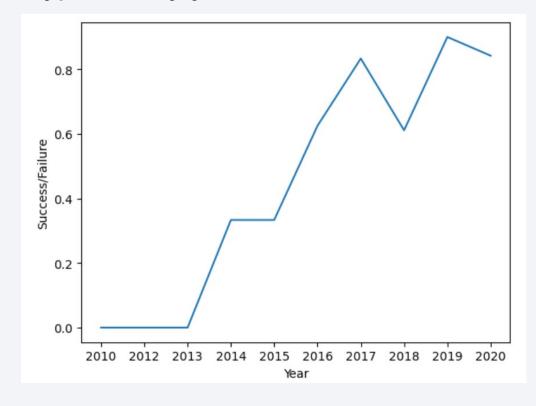
# **Data Wrangling**

- We performed exploratory data analysis to determine the training labels.
  - Launch site
  - Orbit
  - Landing outcome
- We created a landing outcome label for supervised training
- <a href="https://github.com/yujin3467/dscapstone/blob/main/3-spacex-">https://github.com/yujin3467/dscapstone/blob/main/3-spacex-</a>
  Data%20wrangling.ipynb

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

• We visualized the success/failure rate by orbit type and by year.





### **EDA** with SQL

- We executed the SQL queries to explore data.
  - Inquiry the names of the unique launch sites
  - Launch site names with specific letters
  - Total pay load mass carried by boosters launched by NASA
  - Average pay load mass carried by a specific booster version
  - The date of the first successful landing outcome in ground pad
  - The name of boosters with condition (date and landing outcome)
  - Total number of success/ failure mission outcomes
- <a href="https://github.com/yujin3467/dscapstone/blob/main/4-eda-sql-coursera-sqllite.ipynb">https://github.com/yujin3467/dscapstone/blob/main/4-eda-sql-coursera-sqllite.ipynb</a>

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- We marked Launch sites with the outcome (i.e., success/ failure). Additionally, we marked the closest coastline, railway, and highway with distance.
- <a href="https://github.com/yujin3467/dscapstone/blob/main/6-launch\_site\_location.ipynb">https://github.com/yujin3467/dscapstone/blob/main/6-launch\_site\_location.ipynb</a>

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- We plotted the interactive pie chart that shows the successful launch in a specific site.
- We plotted the interactive scatter plot that shows the outcome and pay load mass (kg).

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- We performed multiple classification methods by splitting the data into training and test sets.
- The best classification model was decision tree with score .875.
- https://github.com/yujin3467/dscapstone/blob/main/7-SpaceX Machine%20Learning%20Prediction Part 5.ipynb

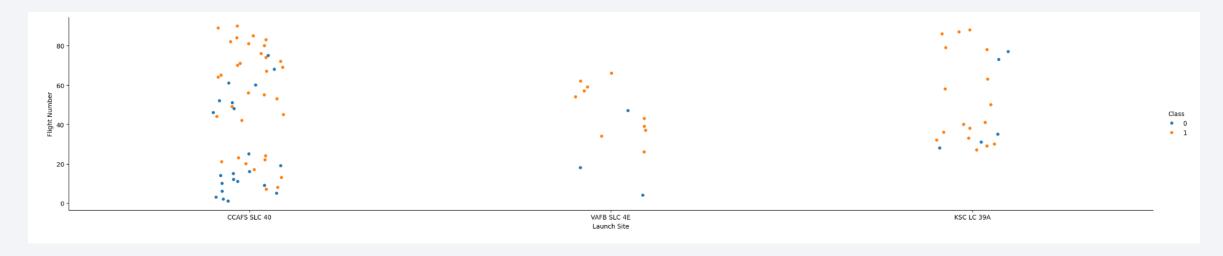
#### Results

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



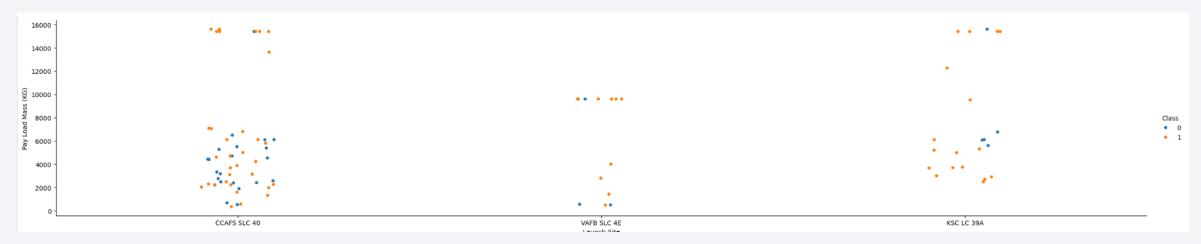
# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- We found that VAFB SLC 4E launch site shows the flight number of less than 70.
- KSC LC 39A showed all flight number of higher than 20.



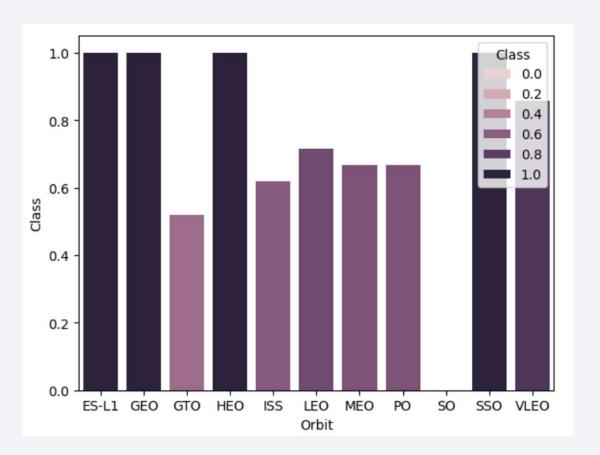
# Payload vs. Launch Site

 for the VAFB-SLC launchsite there are no rockets launched for heavypayload mass(greater than 10000).



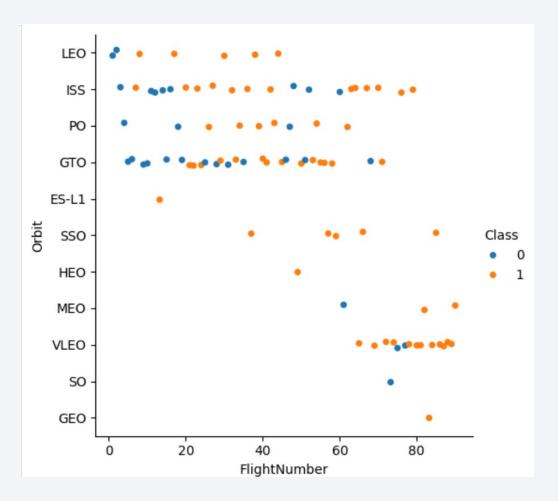
# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

• We found ES-L1, GEO, HEO, and SSO had higher success rate.



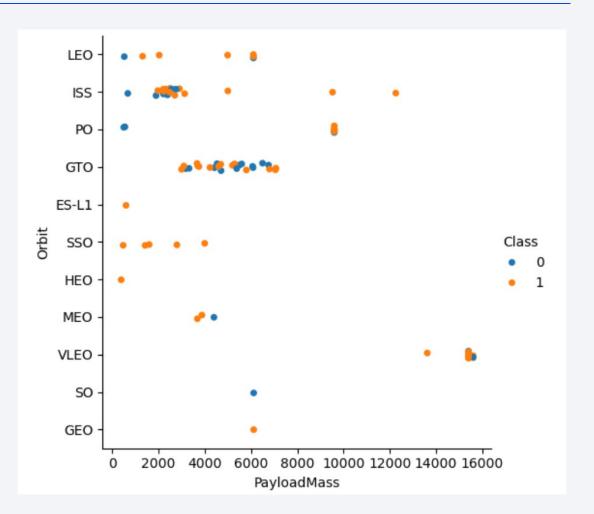
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- The number of flights was different according to the orbit.
- For MEO, VLEO, SO, and GEO, the number of flight was high.



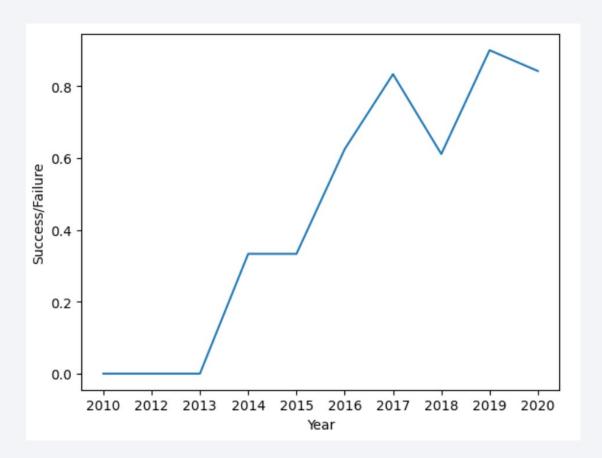
# Payload vs. Orbit Type

 VLEO showed the heaviest pay load mass.



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

• The success to failure rate went higher over years.



#### All Launch Site Names

• There were four different launch site.

#### **Launch Site**

CCAFS LC-40

VAFB SLC-4E

KSC LC-39A

CCAFS SLC-40

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- The launch site starting with CCA was 'CCAFS LC-40'.
- SpaceX used once while NASA used four times.

Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASSKG_	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing_Outcome
2010-06- 04	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
2010-12- 08	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	7:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
2012-10- 08	0:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
2013-03- 01	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

# **Total Payload Mass**

• The total payload carried by boosters from NASA was 45,596 kg.

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

• The average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 was 2928.4 kg

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

• The dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad was 2015-12-22.

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

• The boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000 are given in the table.



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

The mission outcome shows 100 success and 1 failure.

```
%sql select count(Mission_Outcome) as Success from SPACEXTBL where Mission_Outcome Like '%success%';

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

Success

100

%sql select count(Mission_Outcome) as Failure from SPACEXTBL where Mission_Outcome Like '%failure%';

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

Failure

1
```

# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

• There were multiple boosters carried maximum payload.



#### 2015 Launch Records

• List the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015

Present your query result with a short explanation here

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

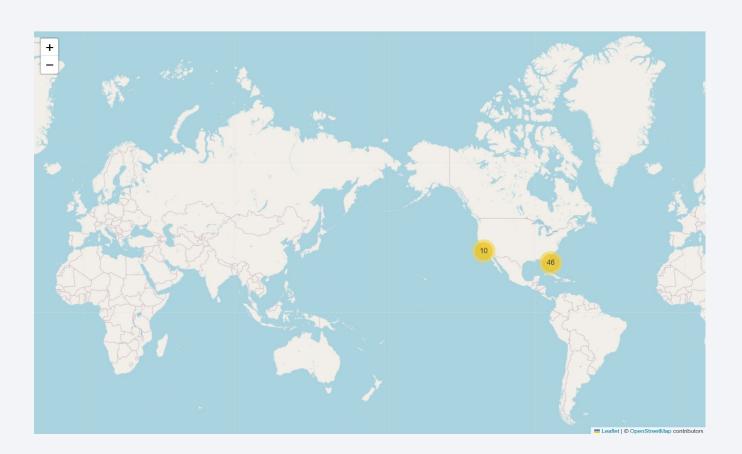
 the count of landing outcomes (such as Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad))
 between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20, in descending order

Date	count(landing_outcome)	Landing_Outcome
2016-04-08	5	Success (drone ship)
2015-12-22	3	Success (ground pad)
2015-06-28	1	Precluded (drone ship)
2015-01-10	5	Failure (drone ship)
2014-04-18	3	Controlled (ocean)
2013-09-29	2	Uncontrolled (ocean)
2012-05-22	10	No attempt
2010-06-04	2	Failure (parachute)



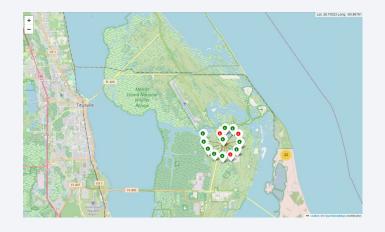
# All launch sites' location markers on a global map

• The launch sites are located in CA and FL in the USA.



# Launch outcomes on the map

- The following figures shows the launch outcomes in Florida.
- Red mark shows failure; Green mark shows success.



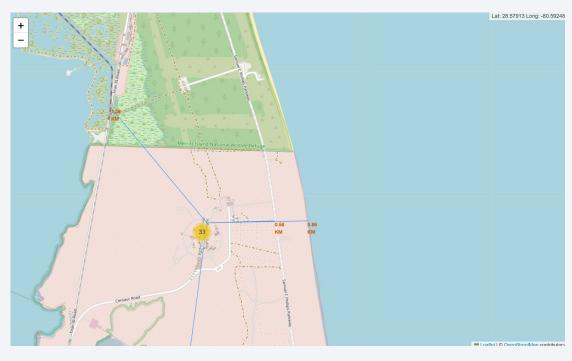




# Proximities to railway, highway, and coastline

• The following map shows the proximities between a selected launch site and railway, highway, coastline, with distance calculated and

displayed





# Launch success count for all sites

# Launch site with highest launch success ratio

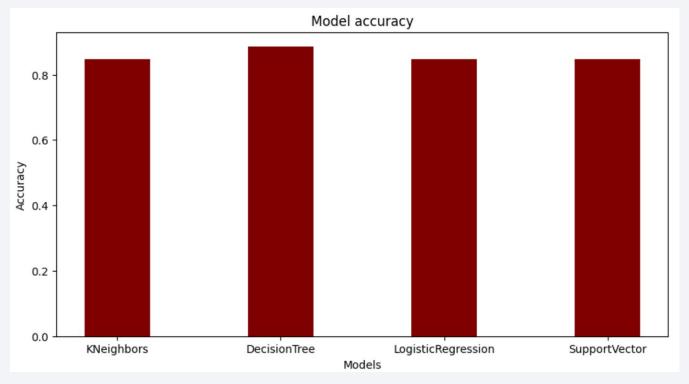
# Payload vs. Launch outcome for all sites



# Classification Accuracy

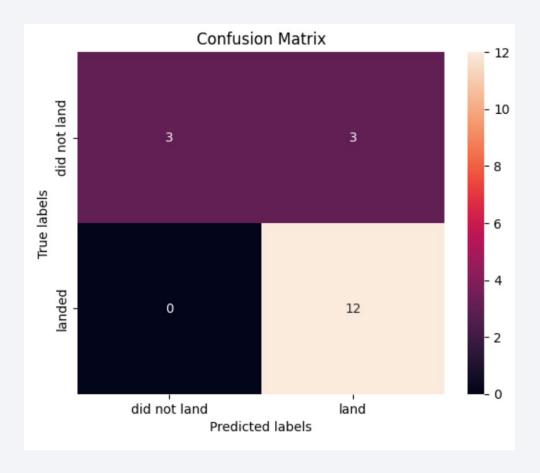
• The decision tree model shows the highest accuracy among the classification

models.



#### **Confusion Matrix**

• The accuracy of the decision tree model is .8857.



#### **Conclusions**

- Collected SpaceX rocket launch data using API
- Data wrangling
  - Filtered data to include Falcon9 data only
  - Replaced missing values
- Exploratory data analysis
  - Number of launches on launch site, orbit, and pay load mass
  - Identified trends by visualization
- Predict analysis using classification models
  - Calculated model performances of each model
  - Visualized the outcome by confusion matrix

