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Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

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Introduction

- Project background and context

Space X offers Falcon 9 rocket launches at a lower cost of \$62 million compared to other providers, thanks to their ability to reuse the first stage. To determine the launch cost, it is crucial to predict if the first stage will land successfully. This project's goal is to create a machine learning pipeline that can accurately predict the first stage landing. By achieving this, other companies can use the predicted outcomes to compete with Space X when bidding for rocket launch contracts.

- Problems you want to find answers

What factors determine if the rocket will land successfully?

Section 1

Methodology

Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - Data was collected using SpaceX API and web scraping from Wikipedia.
- Perform data wrangling
 - One-hot encoding was applied to 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
 - Logistic Regression, KNN, SVM, Decision Tree models has been built to evaluate best classifier

Data Collection

- The data was collected using various methods
 - SpaceX Launch data is Collecting using SpaceX API.
 - In addition, we performed web scraping from Wikipedia for Falcon 9 launch data using 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.

Data Collection – SpaceX API

- We used the get request to the SpaceX API to collect data, clean the requested data and did some basic data wrangling and formatting.
- The link to the notebook is <https://github.com/1prabhakarpal/Applied-DataScience-Capstone-Project/blob/main/jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb>

Now let's start requesting rocket launch data from SpaceX API with the following URL:

```
spacex_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
```

```
response = requests.get(spacex_url)
```

Check the content of the response

To make the requested JSON results more consistent, we will use the following static response object for this project:

```
static_json_url='https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork/da'
```

We should see that the request was successful with the 200 status response code

```
response.status_code
```

200

Now we decode the response content as a Json using `.json()` and turn it into a Pandas dataframe using `.json_normalize()`

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

Using the dataframe `data` print the first 5 rows

```
# Get the head of the dataframe
data.head()
```

	static_fire_date_utc	static_fire_date_unix	net	window	rocket	success	failures	details	crew	ships
0	2006-03-17T00:00:00.000Z	1.142554e+09	False	0.0	5e9d0d95eda69955f709d1eb	False	[[{"time": 33, "altitude": None, "reason": "merlin engine failure"}]]	Engine failure at 33 seconds and loss of vehicle	[]	[]
								Successful first stage burn and transition to		

Data Collection - Scraping

- We applied web scrapping to webscrap Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup
- We parsed the table and converted it into a pandas dataframe.
- The link to the notebook is <https://github.com/1prabhakarpal/Applied-DataScience-Capstone-Project/blob/main/jupyter-labs-webscraping.ipynb>

```
static_url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Falcon_9_and_Falcon_Heavy_launches&oldid=102768"
```

Next, request the HTML page from the above URL and get a `response` object

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
response = requests.get(static_url).text
# assign the response to a object
```

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')
```

```
column_names = []

# Apply find_all() function with 'th' element on first_launch_table
first_launch_table.find_all('th')
# Iterate each th element and apply the provided extract_column_from_header() to get a column name
# Append the Non-empty column name ('if name is not None and len(name) > 0') into a list called column_names

for row in first_launch_table.find_all('th'):
    name = extract_column_from_header(row)
    if (name != None and len(name) > 0):
        column_names.append(name)
```

Check the extracted column names

```
print(column_names)
```

```
['Flight No.', 'Date and time ( )', 'Launch site', 'Payload', 'Payload mass', 'Orbit', 'Customer', 'Launch outcome']
```

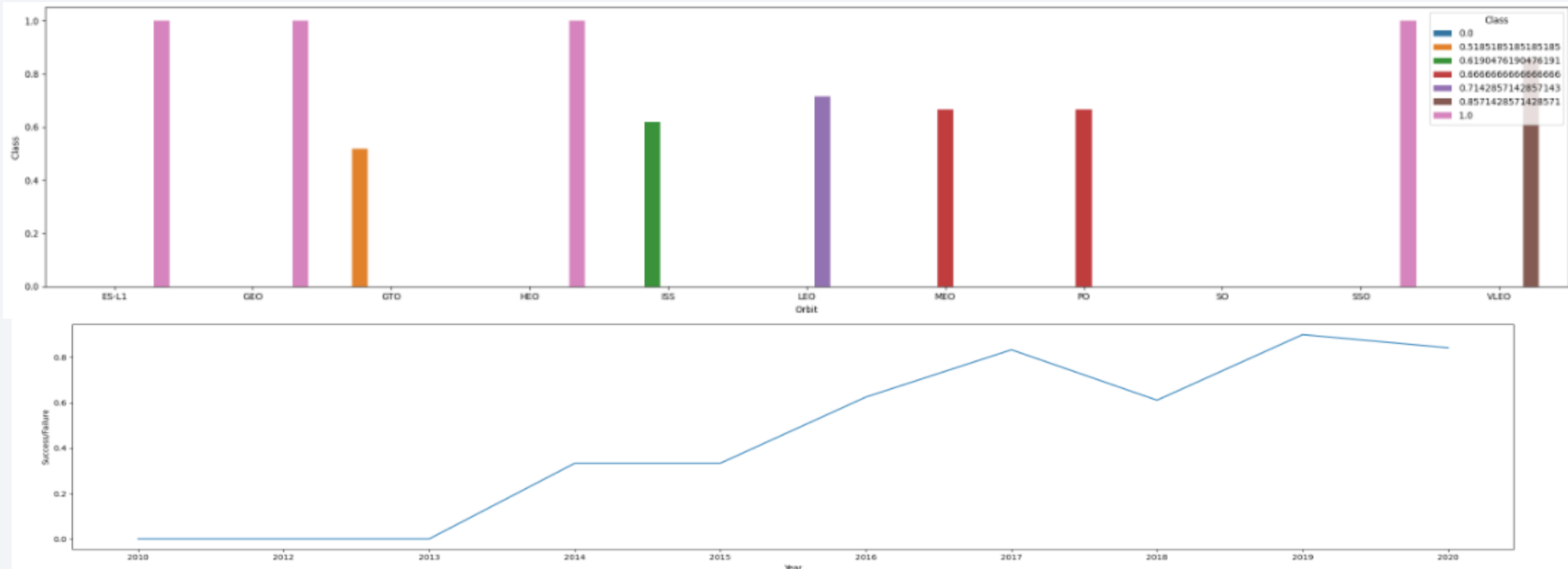
Data Wrangling



- We performed exploratory data analysis and determined the training labels.
- We calculated the number of launches at each site, and the number and occurrence of each orbits
- We created landing outcome label from outcome column and exported the results to csv.
- The link to the notebook is [https://github.com/1prabhakarpal/Applied-DataScience-Capstone-Project/blob/main/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork labs module 1 L3 labs-jupyter-spacex-data_wrangling_jupyterlite.jupyterlite.ipynb](https://github.com/1prabhakarpal/Applied-DataScience-Capstone-Project/blob/main/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork%20labs%20module%201%20L3%20labs-jupyter-spacex-data_wrangling_jupyterlite.jupyterlite.ipynb)

EDA with Data Visualization

- We explored the data by visualizing the relationship between flight number and launch Site, payload and launch site, success rate of each orbit type, flight number and orbit type, the launch success yearly trend.
- The link to the notebook is https://github.com/1prabhakarpal/Applied-DataScience-Capstone-Project/blob/main/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork_labs_module_2_jupyter-labs-eda-dataviz.ipynb.jupyterlite.ipynb



EDA with SQL

- We loaded the SpaceX dataset into a Db2 database without leaving the jupyter notebook.
- We applied EDA with SQL to get insight from the data. We wrote queries to find out for instance:
 - The names of unique launch sites in the space mission.
 - The total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
 - The average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
 - The total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
 - The failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster version and launch site names.
- The link to the notebook is https://github.com/1prabhakarpal/Applied-DataScience-Capstone-Project/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera_sqlite.ipynb

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- We marked all launch sites, and added map objects such as markers, circles, lines to mark the success or failure of launches for each site on the folium map.
- We assigned the feature launch outcomes (failure or success) to class 0 and 1.i.e., 0 for failure, and 1 for success.
- Using the color-labeled marker clusters, we identified which launch sites have relatively high success rate.
- We calculated the distances between a launch site to its proximities. We answered some question for instance:
 - Are launch sites near railways, highways and coastlines.
 - Do launch sites keep certain distance away from cities.

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- We built an interactive dashboard with Plotly dash
- We plotted pie charts showing the total launches by a certain sites
- We plotted scatter graph showing the relationship with Outcome and Payload Mass (Kg) for the different booster version.
- The link to the notebook is https://github.com/1prabhakarpal/Applied-DataScience-Capstone-Project/blob/main/spacex_dash_app.py

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- 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.
- The link to the notebook is https://github.com/1prabhakarpal/Applied-DataScience-Capstone-Project/blob/main/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork_labs_module_4_SpaceX_Machine_Learning_Prediction_Part_5.jupyterlite.ipynb

Results

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

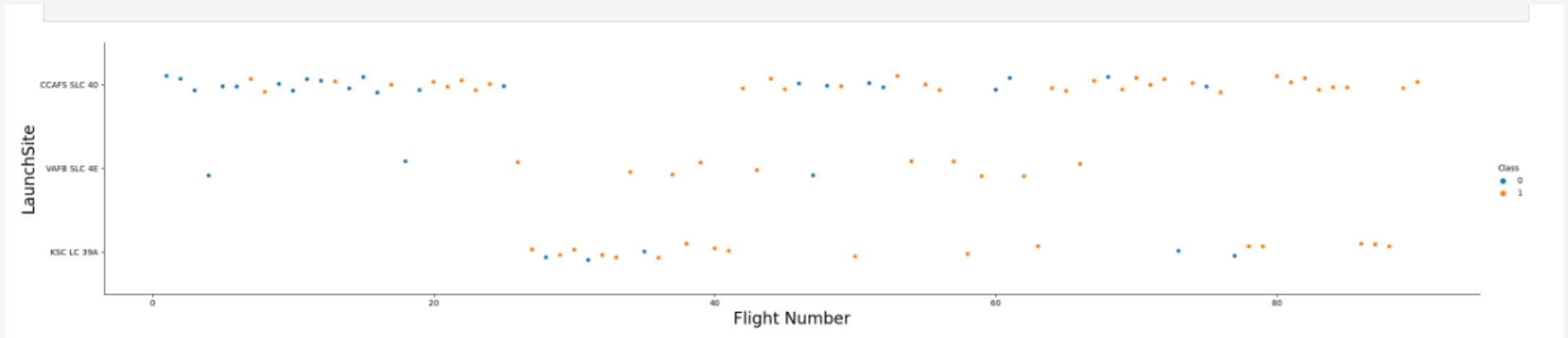
The background of the slide is an abstract composition. It features a solid blue area on the left side, which transitions into a dynamic pattern of diagonal streaks in shades of blue and red on the right. These streaks are layered over a faint, grid-like pattern, creating a sense of depth and movement, reminiscent of a digital or data visualization theme.

Section 2

Insights drawn from EDA

Flight Number vs. Launch Site

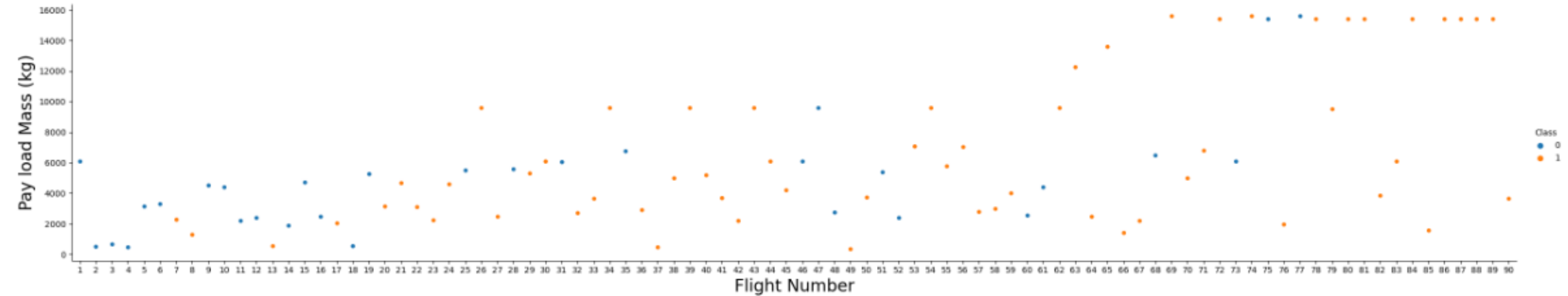
- From the plot, we found that the larger the flight amount at a launch site, the greater the success rate at a launch site.



Payload vs. Launch Site

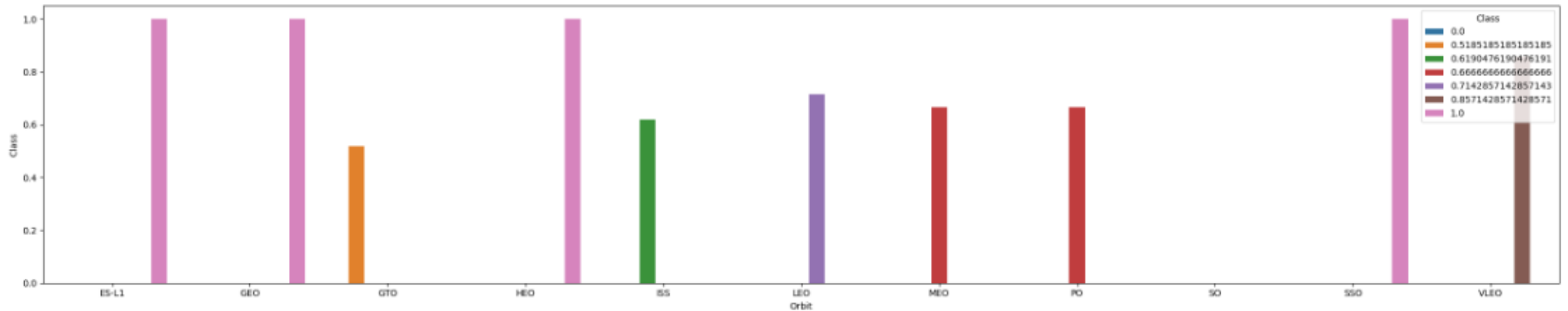


The greater the payload mass for launch site CCAFS SLC 40 the higher the success rate for the rocket.



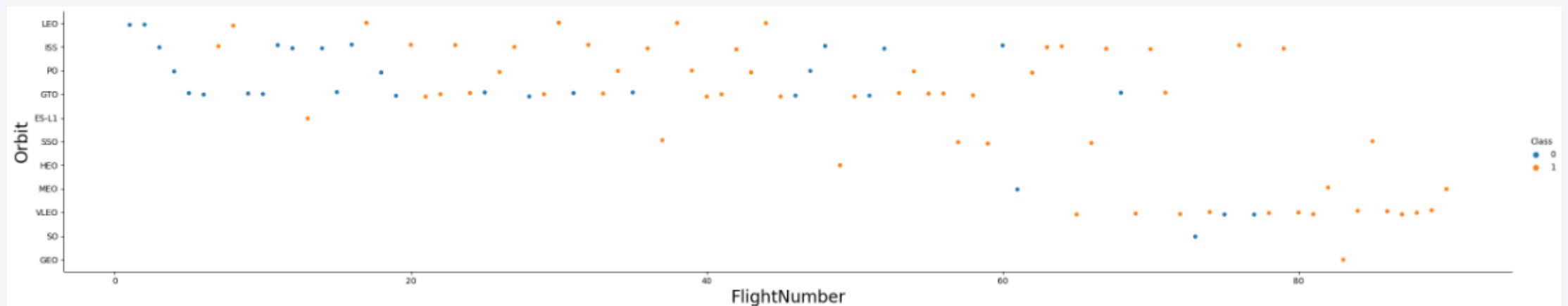
Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

- From the plot, we can see that ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate.



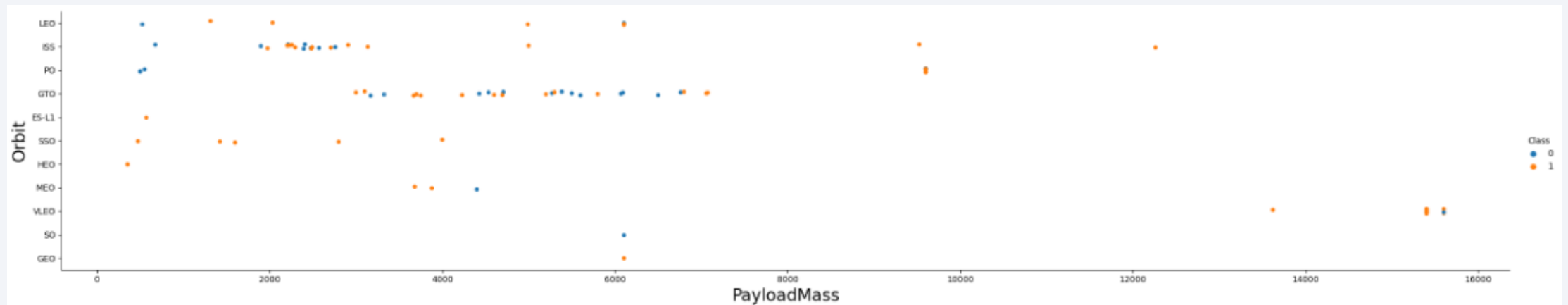
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- The plot below shows the Flight Number vs. Orbit type. We observe that in the LEO orbit, success is related to the number of flights whereas in the GTO orbit, there is no relationship between flight number and the orbit.



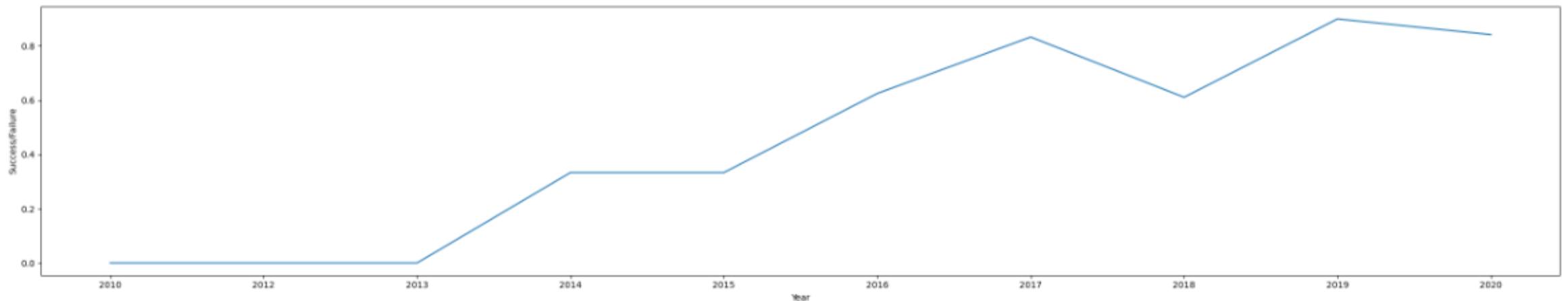
Payload vs. Orbit Type

- We can observe that with heavy payloads, the successful landing are more for PO, LEO and ISS orbits.



Launch Success Yearly Trend

- From the plot, we can observe that success rate since 2013 kept on increasing till 2020.



All Launch Site Names

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

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

In [7]:

```
%%sql  
select distinct(Launch_Site) from SPACEXTBL
```

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

Out[7]:

Launch_Site
CCAFS LC-40
VAFB SLC-4E
KSC LC-39A
CCAFS SLC-40
None

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'

```
3]: %%sql
select * from SPACEXTBL where Launch_Site LIKE 'CCA%' limit 5

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

3]:

	Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	L
	06/04/2010	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0.0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	F
	12/08/2010	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of Brouere cheese	0.0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	F
	22/05/2012	7:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525.0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	
	10/08/2012	0:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500.0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	
	03/01/2013	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-2	677.0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	

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

Total Payload Mass

- The total payload carried by boosters from NASA as 619967.0 using the query below

Task 3

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

```
%sql select sum (PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) as TOTAL_PAYLOAD_MASS from SPACEXTBL
```

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

```
Done.
```

TOTAL_PAYLOAD_MASS

619967.0

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

- The average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 as 2928.4

Task 4

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

```
] : %sql select avg(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) as avgPayloadF9_v1_1 from SPACEXTBL where Booster_Version == 'F9 v1.1'
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
]: avgPayloadF9_v1_1
      2928.4
```

First Successful Ground Landing Date

- We observed that the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad was 01 August 2018

Hint: Use min function

```
] : %%sql
select min(Date), Landing_Outcome from SPACEXTBL where Landing_Outcome like '%success%ground%'
```

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

```
] : min(Date)    Landing_Outcome
-----
01/08/2018    Success (ground pad)
```


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

Task 6

List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

```
] : %%sql
select Booster_Version,Landing_Outcome,PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ from spacextbl
where Landing_Outcome like '%success%ship%' and PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ > 4000 and PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ < 6000
```

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

```
] : Booster_Version  Landing_Outcome  PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_
-----
      F9 FT B1022   Success (drone ship)      4696.0
      F9 FT B1026   Success (drone ship)      4600.0
      F9 FT B1021.2 Success (drone ship)      5300.0
      F9 FT B1031.2 Success (drone ship)      5200.0
```

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Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

- We used Group by function to find no of MissionOutcome that are a success or a failure.

Task 7

List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

```
}]: %%sql
select Mission_Outcome, count(MISSION_OUTCOME) as total from SPACEXTBL group by MISSION_OUTCOME;
```

* sqlite:///my_data1.db

Done.

```
}]:
```

Mission_Outcome	total
None	0
Failure (in flight)	1
Success	98
Success	1
Success (payload status unclear)	1

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.

Task 8

List the names of the booster_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery

```
] : %%sql
select BOOSTER_VERSION from SPACEXTBL where PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_=(select max(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) from SPACEXTBL
```

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

```
] : Booster_Version
```

```
F9 B5 B1048.4
```

```
F9 B5 B1049.4
```

```
F9 B5 B1051.3
```

```
F9 B5 B1056.4
```

```
F9 B5 B1048.5
```

```
F9 B5 B1051.4
```

```
F9 B5 B1049.5
```

```
F9 B5 B1060.2
```

```
F9 B5 B1058.3
```

```
F9 B5 B1051.6
```

```
F9 B5 B1060.3
```

```
F9 B5 B1049.7
```

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

Task 9

List the records which will display the month names, failure landing_outcomes in drone ship ,booster versions, launch site names, and launch dates for year 2015

Note: SQLite does not support monthnames. So you need to use substr(Date, 4, 2) as month

```
[28]: %%sql
      SELECT substr(Date,4,2) as month, DATE,BOOSTER_VERSION, LAUNCH_SITE,Landing_Outcome
      FROM SPACEXTBL
      where Landing_Outcome = 'Failure (drone ship)' and substr(Date,7,4)='2015';
```

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

```
[28]:
```

	month	Date	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Landing_Outcome
	10	01/10/2015	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)
	04	14/04/2015	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)

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

Task 10

Rank the count of successful landing_outcomes between the date 04-06-2010 and 20-03-2017 in descending order.

```
32]: %%sql SELECT Landing_Outcome, count(*) as count_outcomes FROM SPACEXTBL
WHERE DATE between '04-06-2010' and '20-03-2017' group by Landing_Outcome order by count_outcomes DESC;
```

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

```
32]:
```

Landing_Outcome	count_outcomes
Success	20
No attempt	10
Success (drone ship)	8
Success (ground pad)	7
Failure (drone ship)	3
Failure	3
Failure (parachute)	2
Controlled (ocean)	2
No attempt	1

- 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.

Section 4

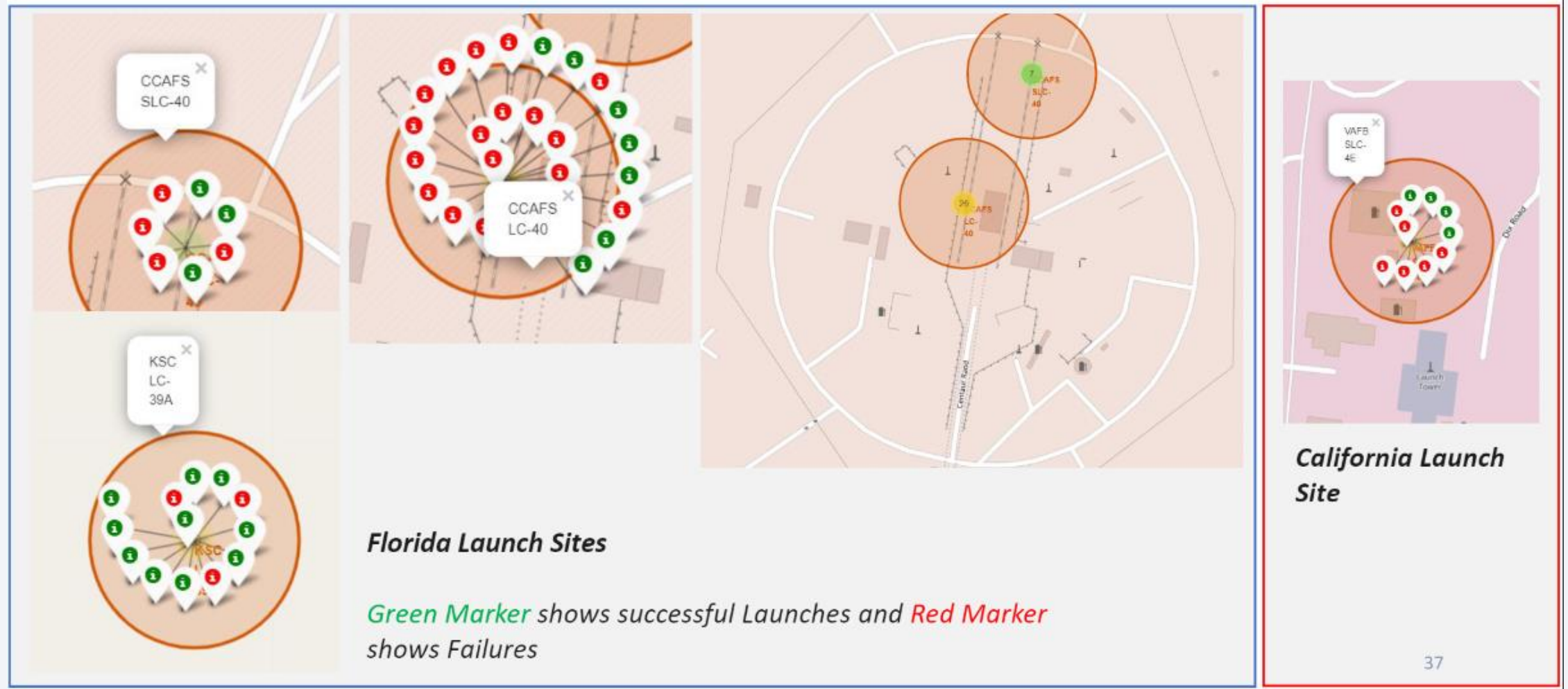
Launch Sites Proximities Analysis



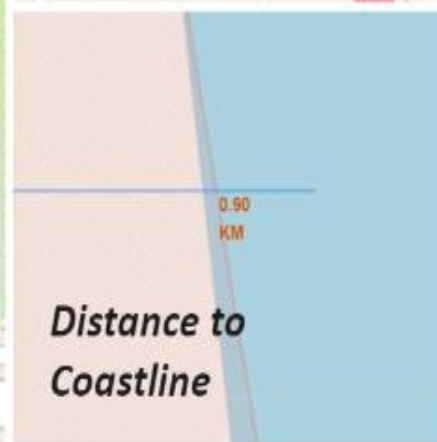
All launch sites global map markers



Markers showing launch sites with color labels



Launch Site distance to landmarks



- Are launch sites in close proximity to railways? No
- Are launch sites in close proximity to highways? No
- Are launch sites in close proximity to coastline? Yes
- Do launch sites keep certain distance away from cities? Yes



Section 5

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Pie chart showing the success percentage achieved by each launch site

Total Success Launches By all sites



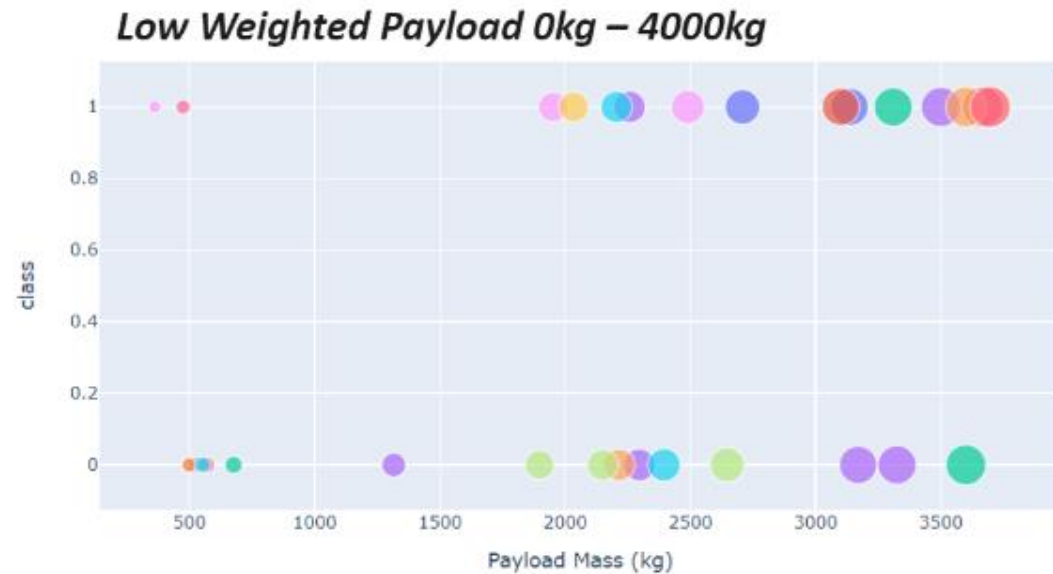
We can see that KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches from all the sites

Pie chart showing the Launch site with the highest launch success ratio



KSC LC-39A achieved a 76.9% success rate while getting a 23.1% failure rate

Scatter plot of Payload vs Launch Outcome for all sites, with different payload selected in the range slider



We can see the success rates for low weighted payloads is higher than the heavy weighted payloads

Section 6

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Classification Accuracy

- The decision tree classifier is the model with the highest classification accuracy

```
models = {'KNeighbors': knn_cv.best_score_,
          'DecisionTree': tree_cv.best_score_,
          'LogisticRegression': logreg_cv.best_score_,
          'SupportVector': svm_cv.best_score_}

bestalgorithm = max(models, key=models.get)
print('Best model is', bestalgorithm, 'with a score of', models[bestalgorithm])
if bestalgorithm == 'DecisionTree':
    print('Best params is :', tree_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'KNeighbors':
    print('Best params is :', knn_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'LogisticRegression':
    print('Best params is :', logreg_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'SupportVector':
    print('Best params is :', svm_cv.best_params_)
```

Best model is DecisionTree with a score of 0.8732142857142856

Best params is : {'criterion': 'gini', 'max_depth': 6, 'max_features': 'auto', 'min_samples_leaf': 2, 'min_samples_split': 5, 'splitter': 'random'}

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 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.

Thank you!

