

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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### **Executive Summary**

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### Introduction

➤ Project background and context

We predicted 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.

- > Common problems that needed solving.
  - What influences if the rocket will land successfully?
  - The effect each relationship with certain rocket variables will impact in determining the success rate of a successful landing.
  - What conditions does SpaceX have to achieve to get the best results and ensure the best rocket success landing rate.



# Methodology

### **Executive Summary**

- ➤ Data collection methodology:
  - SpaceX Rest API
- > Performed data wrangling
  - One Hot Encoding data fields for Machine Learning and dropping irrelevant columns
- > Performed exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
  - Plotting: Scatter Graphs, Bar Graphs to show relationships between variables to show patterns of data
- > Performed interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- > Performed predictive analysis using classification models
  - How to build, tune, evaluate classification models

### **Data Collection**

- > The following datasets was collected by
  - We worked with SpaceX launch data that is gathered from the SpaceX REST API.
  - This API will give us data about launches, including information about the rocket used, payload delivered, launch specifications, landing specifications, and landing outcome.
  - Our goal is to use this data to predict whether SpaceX will attempt to land a rocket or not.
  - The SpaceX REST API endpoints, or URL, starts with api.spacexdata.com/v4/.
  - Another popular data source for obtaining Falcon 9 Launch data is web scraping Wikipedia using BeautifulSoup.



# Data Collection - SpaceX API

#### 1 .Getting Response from API

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

#### 2. Converting Response to a .json file

```
response = requests.get(static_json_url).json()
data = pd.json_normalize(response)
```

#### 3. Apply custom functions to clean data

```
# Call getLaunchSite
getLaunchSite(data)

# Call getPayloadData
getPayloadData(data)

# Call getCoreData
getCoreData(data)
```

#### Github URL to Notebook

#### 4. Assign list to dictionary then dataframe

```
launch_dict = {'FlightNumber': list(data['flight_number']),
 'Date': list(data['date']),
 'BoosterVersion':BoosterVersion,
 'PayloadMass':PayloadMass,
 'Orbit':Orbit,
 'LaunchSite':LaunchSite,
 'Outcome':Outcome,
 'Flights':Flights,
 'GridFins':GridFins,
 'Reused':Reused,
 'Legs':Legs,
 'LandingPad':LandingPad,
 'Block':Block,
 'ReusedCount':ReusedCount,
 'Serial':Serial,
 'Longitude': Longitude,
 'Latitude': Latitude}
```

#### 5. Filter dataframe and export to flat file (.csv)

```
# Export it to a CSV
data_falcon9.to_csv('dataset_part_1.csv', index=False)
```

# **Data Collection - Scraping**

#### 1 .Getting Response from HTML

```
page = requests.get(static_url)
page.status_code
```

### 2. Creating BeautifulSoup Object

```
soup = BeautifulSoup(page.text, 'html.parser')
```

#### 3. Finding tables

```
html_tables = soup.find_all('table')
```

#### 4. Getting column names

```
column_names = []

# Apply find_all() function with `th` element on f
# Iterate each th element and apply the provided e
# Append the Non-empty column name (`if name is no

temp = soup.find_all('th')
for x in range(len(temp)):
    try:
    name = extract_column_from_header(temp[x])
    if (name is not None and len(name) > 0):
        column_names.append(name)
    except:
    pass
```

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#### 6. Appending data to keys (refer) to notebook block 12

```
extracted_row = 0
#Extract each table
for table_number,table in enumerate(soup.find_all('table',"wikitable plainrowheaders collapsible")):
    # get table row
    for rows in table.find_all("tr"):
        #check to see if first table heading is as number corresponding to launch a number
    if rows.th:
        if rows.th.string:
            flight_number=rows.th.string.strip()
            flag=flight_number.isdigit()
    else:
        flag=False
```

7. Converting dictionary to dataframe

df=pd.DataFrame(launch dict)

8. Dataframe to .CSV

```
df.to_csv('spacex_web_scraped.csv', index=False)
```

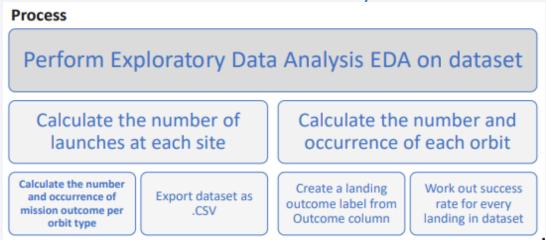
#### 5. Creation of dictionary

```
launch dict= dict.fromkeys(column names)
# Remove an irrelvant column
del launch dict['Date and time ( )']
# Let's initial the launch_dict with each
launch dict['Flight No.'] = []
launch_dict['Launch site'] = []
launch dict['Payload'] = []
launch_dict['Payload mass'] = []
launch dict['Orbit'] = []
launch dict['Customer'] = []
launch dict['Launch outcome'] = []
# Added some new columns
launch dict['Version Booster']=[]
launch dict['Booster landing']=[]
launch dict['Date']=[]
launch dict['Time']=[]
```

# **Data Wrangling**

#### Introduction

In the data set, there are several different cases where the booster did not land successfully. Sometimes a landing was attempted but failed due to an accident; for example, True Ocean means the mission outcome was successfully landed to a specific region of the ocean while False Ocean means the mission outcome was unsuccessfully landed to a specific region of the ocean. True RTLS means the mission outcome was successfully landed to a ground pad False RTLS means the mission outcome was unsuccessfully landed to a ground pad. True ASDS means the mission outcome was successfully landed on a drone ship False ASDS means the mission outcome was unsuccessfully landed on a drone ship. We mainly convert those outcomes into Training Labels with 1 means the booster successfully landed 0 means it was unsuccessful.



### **EDA** with Data Visualization

#### **Scatter Graphs being drawn:**

Flight Number VS. Payload Mass

Flight Number VS. Launch Site

Payload VS. Launch Site

Orbit VS. Flight Number

Payload VS. Orbit Type

Orbit VS. Payload Mass

Scatter plots show how much one variable is affected by another. The relationship between two variables is called their correlation. Scatter plots usually consist of a large body of data.



#### **Bar Graph being drawn:**

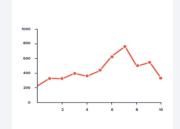
Mean VS. Orbit

A bar diagram makes it easy to compare sets of data between different groups at a glance. The graph represents categories on one axis and a discrete value in the other. The goal is to show the relationship between the two axes. Bar charts can also show big changes in data over time.



Success Rate VS. Year

Line graphs are useful in that they show data variables and trends very clearly and can help to make predictions about the results of data not yet recorded.



### **EDA** with SQL

#### Performed SQL queries to gather information about the dataset.

For example of some questions we were asked about the data we needed information about. Which we are using SQL queries to get the answers in the dataset:

• Displaying the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission.

- Displaying 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'KSC'.
- Displaying the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS).
- Displaying average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1.
- Listing the date where the successful landing outcome in drone ship was achieved.
- Listing the names of the boosters which have success in ground pad 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 records which will display the month names, successful landing\_outcomes in ground pad ,booster versions, launch\_site for the months in year 2017.
- Ranking the count of successful landing outcomes between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20 in descending order.

# 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 assigned the dataframe launch\_outcomes(failures, successes) to classes 0 and 1 with Green and Red markers on the map in a MarkerCluster()

Using Haversine's formula we calculated the distance from the Launch Site to various landmarks to find various trends about what is around the Launch Site to measure patterns. Lines are drawn on the map to measure distance to landmarks

### Example of some trends in which the Launch Site is situated in.

- 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

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

### Used Python Anywhere to host the website live 24/7 so your can play around with the data and view the data

- The dashboard is built with Flask and Dash web framework.

#### Graphs

- Pie Chart showing the total launches by a certain site/all sites
- display relative proportions of multiple classes of data.
- size of the circle can be made proportional to the total quantity it represents.

### Scatter Graph showing the relationship with Outcome and Payload Mass (Kg) for the different Booster Versions

- It shows the relationship between two variables.
- It is the best method to show you a non-linear pattern.
- The range of data flow, i.e. maximum and minimum value, can be determined.
- Observation and reading are straightforward.

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

#### **BUILDING MODEL**

- Load our dataset into NumPy and Pandas
- Transform Data
- Split our data into training and test data sets
- Check how many test samples we have
- Decide which type of machine learning algorithms we want to use
- Set our parameters and algorithms to GridSearchCV
- Fit our datasets into the GridSearchCV objects and train our dataset.

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#### **EVALUATING MODEL**

- Check accuracy for each model
- Get tuned hyperparameters for each type of algorithms
- Plot Confusion Matrix

#### **IMPROVING MODEL**

- Feature Engineering
- Algorithm Tuning

### FINDING THE BEST PERFORMING CLASSIFICATION MODEL

- The model with the best accuracy score wins the best performing model
- In the notebook there is a dictionary of algorithms with scores at the bottom of the notebook.

### Results



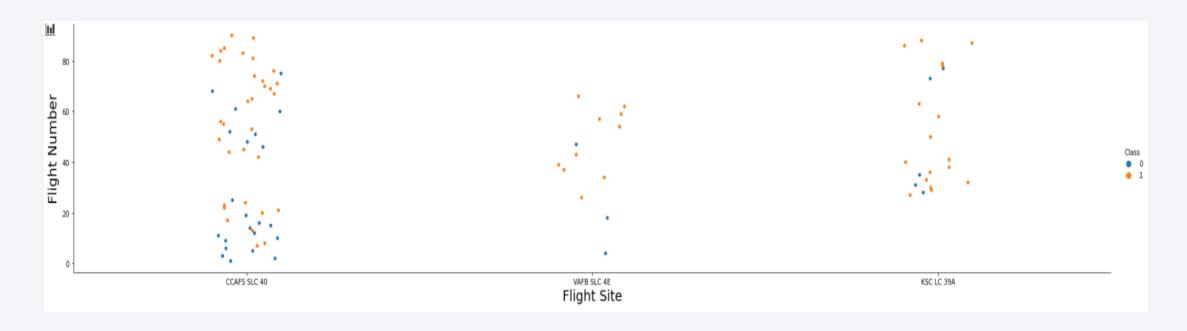
> Exploratory data analysis results

➤ Interactive analytics demo in screenshots

Predictive analysis results



# Flight Number vs. Launch Site



The more amount of flights at a launch site the greater the success rate at a launch site.

### Payload vs. Launch Site

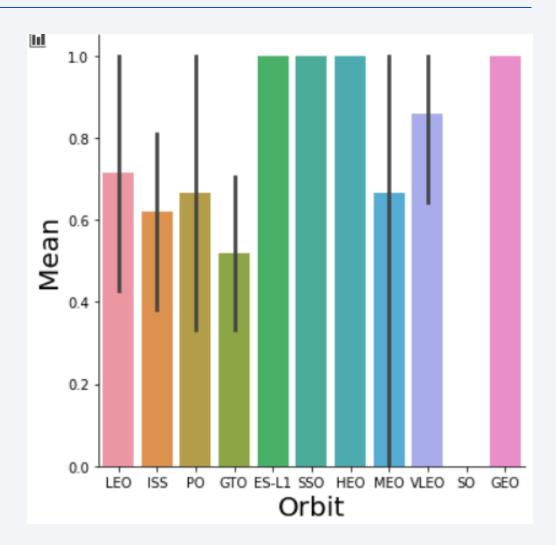


The greater the payload mass for Launch Site CCAFS SLC 40 the higher the success rate for the Rocket.

There is not quite a clear pattern to be found using this visualization to make a decision if the Launch Site is dependent on Pay Load Mass for a success launch.

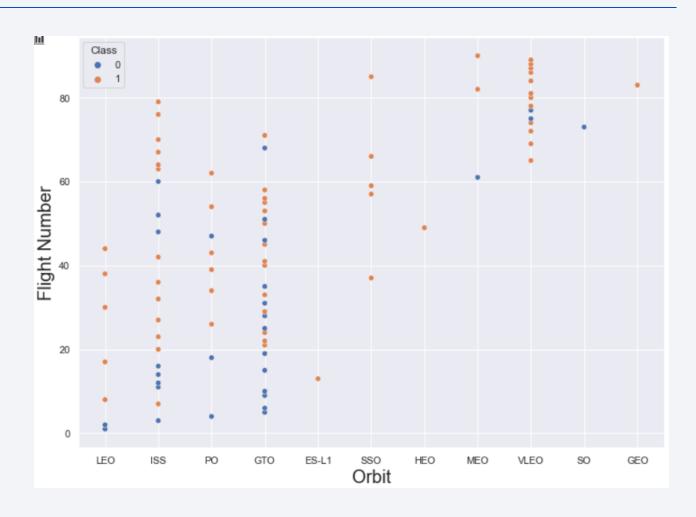
# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

Orbit GEO, HEO, SSO, E-L1 has the best Success Rate



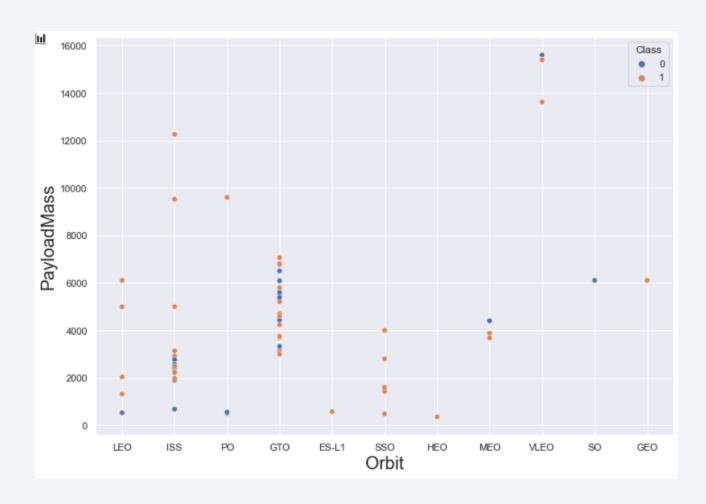
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

You should see that in the LEO orbit the Success appears related to the number of flights; on the other hand, there seems to be no relationship between flight number when in GTO orbit.



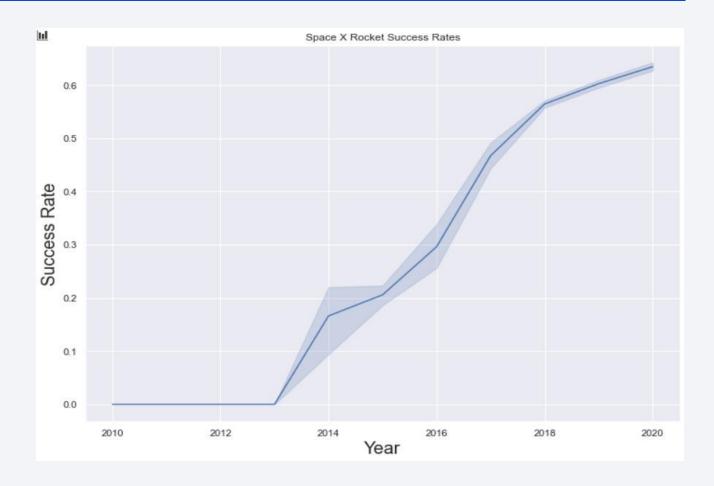
# Payload vs. Orbit Type

You should observe that Heavy payloads have a negative influence on GTO orbits and positive on GTO and Polar LEO (ISS) orbits.



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

you can observe that the success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020.



### All Launch Site Names

- ➤ Names of the unique launch sites
  - CCAFS LC 40
  - CCAFS SLC 40
  - CCAFS SLC 40
  - KSC LC 39A
  - VAFB SLC 4E

### QUERY EXPLAINATION

• Using the word DISTINCT in the query means that it will only show Unique values in the Launch\_Site column from tblSpaceX.

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

	Date	Time_UTC	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_	0rbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing_Outcome
0	19-02-2017	2021-07-02 14:39:00.0000000	F9 FT B1031.1	KSC LC-39A	SpaceX CRS-10	2490	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Success (ground pad)
1	16-03-2017	2021-07-02 06:00:00.0000000	F9 FT B1030	KSC LC-39A	EchoStar 23	5600	GT0	EchoStar	Success	No attempt
2	30-03-2017	2021-07-02 22:27:00.0000000	F9 FT B1021.2	KSC LC-39A	SES-10	5300	GT0	SES	Success	Success (drone ship)
3	01-05-2017	2021-07-02 11:15:00.0000000	F9 FT B1032.1	KSC LC-39A	NROL-76	5300	LE0	NRO	Success	Success (ground pad)
4	15-05-2017	2021-07-02 23:21:00.0000000	F9 FT B1034	KSC LC-39A	Inmarsat-5 F4	6070	GT0	Inmarsat	Success	No attempt

Find 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`

### **QUERY EXPLAINATION:**

Using the word TOP 5 in the query means that it will only show 5 records from tblSpaceX and LIKE keyword has a wild card with the words 'KSC%' the percentage in the end suggests that the Launch\_Site name must start with KSC.

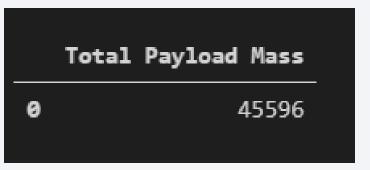
### **Total Payload Mass**

Select SUM(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_KG\_) TotalPayloadMass from tblSpaceX where Customer = 'NASA (CRS)'", 'TotalPayloadMass

### **QUERY EXPLAINATION**

Using the function SUM summates the total in the column PAYLOAD\_MASS\_KG\_

The WHERE clause filters the dataset to only perform calculations on Customer NASA (CRS)



### Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

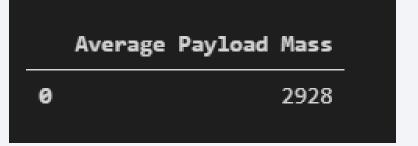
Select AVG(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_KG\_) AveragePayloadMass from tblSpaceX where Booster\_Version =='F9 v1.1'

### **QUERY EXPLAINATION**

Using the function AVG works out the average in the column PAYLOAD\_MASS\_KG\_

The WHERE clause filters the dataset to only perform calculations on

Booster\_version F9 v1.1



# First Successful Ground Landing Date

Select MIN(Date) SLO from tblSpaceX where Landing\_Outcome =="Success (drone ship)"

### **QUERY EXPLAINATION**

Using the function MIN works out the minimum date in the column Date

The WHERE clause filters the dataset to only perform calculations on Landing\_Outcome Success (drone ship)

Date which first Successful landing outcome in drone ship was acheived.

96-05-2016

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

Select Booster\_Version from tblSpaceX where Landing\_Outcome =='Success (ground pad)' AND Payload\_MASS\_KG 4000 AND Payload\_MASS\_KG 6000

### **QUERY EXPLAINATION**

Selecting only Booster\_Version

The WHERE clause filters the dataset to Landing\_Outcome =

Success (drone ship)

The AND clause specifies additional filter conditions Payload\_MASS\_KG 4000 AND

Payload MASS KG 6000

```
Date which first Successful landing outcome in drone ship was acheived.

F9 FT B1032.1

F9 B4 B1040.1

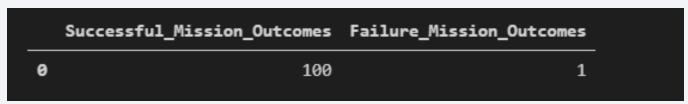
F9 B4 B1043.1
```

### Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

SELECT(SELECT Count( Mission\_Outcome from tblSpaceX where Mission\_Outcome LIKE '%Success%') as Successful\_Mission\_Outcomes (SELECT Count( Mission\_Outcome from tblSpaceX where Mission\_Outcome LIKE ''%F ailure%') as Failure\_Mission\_Coutcomes

#### **QUERY EXPLAINATION**

A much harder query I must say, we used subqueries here to produce the results. The LIKE '%foo%' wildcard shows that in the record the foo phrase is in any part of the string in the records for example.



### **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

SELECT DISTINCT Booster\_Version, MAX(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_AS [Maximum Payload Mass] FROM tblSpaceX GROUP
BY Booster\_Version ORDER BY [Maximum Payload Mass] DESC

#### **QUERY EXPLAINATION**

Using the word DISTINCT in the query means that it will only show Unique values in the Booster\_Version column from TblSpaceX.

GROUP BY puts the list in order set to a certain condition.

DESC means its arranging the dataset into descending order.

	Booster_Version	Maximum Payload Mass			
9	F9 B5 B1048.4	15600			
1	F9 B5 B1048.5	15600			
2	F9 B5 B1049.4	15600			
3	F9 B5 B1049.5	15600			
4	F9 B5 B1049.7	15600			
92	F9 v1.1 B1003	500			
93	F9 FT B1038.1	475			
94	F9 B4 B1045.1	362			
95	F9 v1.0 B0003	0			
96	F9 v1.0 B0004	0			
97 rows × 2 columns					

### 2015 Launch Records

SELECT DATENAME(month, DATEADD(month, MONTH (CONVERT(date, Date, 105)), 0) 1) AS Month,
Booster\_Version, Launch\_Site, Landing\_Outcome
FROM tblSpaceX WHERE (Landing\_Outcome LIKE
N'%Success %') AND (YEAR(CONVERT(date, Date, 105)) =
'2017')

#### **QUERY EXPLAINATION**

A much more complex query as I had my
Date fields in SQL Server stored as NVARCHAR the MONTH
function returns name month. The function CONVERT
converts NVARCHAR to Date.
WHERE clause filters Year to be 2017.

Month	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Landing_Outcome
January	F9 FT B1029.1	VAFB SLC-4E	Success (drone ship)
February	F9 FT B1031.1	KSC LC-39A	Success (ground pad)
March	F9 FT B1021.2	KSC LC-39A	Success (drone ship)
May	F9 FT B1032.1	KSC LC-39A	Success (ground pad)
June	F9 FT B1035.1	KSC LC-39A	Success (ground pad)
June	F9 FT B1029.2	KSC LC-39A	Success (drone ship)
June	F9 FT B1036.1	VAFB SLC-4E	Success (drone ship)
August	F9 B4 B1039.1	KSC LC-39A	Success (ground pad)
August	F9 FT B1038.1	VAFB SLC-4E	Success (drone ship)
September	F9 B4 B1040.1	KSC LC-39A	Success (ground pad)
0ctober	F9 B4 B1041.1	VAFB SLC-4E	Success (drone ship)
0ctober	F9 FT B1031.2	KSC LC-39A	Success (drone ship)
0ctober	F9 B4 B1042.1	KSC LC-39A	Success (drone ship)
December	F9 FT B1035.2	CCAFS SLC-40	Success (ground pad)

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

SELECT COUNT(Landing\_Outcome) FROM tblSpaceX WHERE (Landing\_Outcome LIKE '%Success%') AND (Date > '04 06 2010') AND (Date < '20 03 2017')

#### **QUERY EXPLAINATION**

Function COUNT counts records in column

WHERE filters data

LIKE (wildcard)

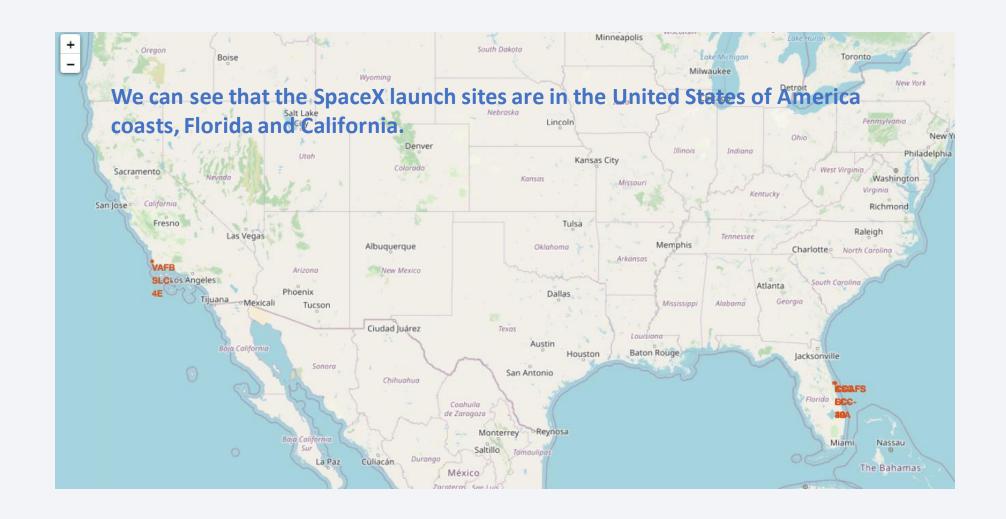
AND (conditions)

AND (conditions)

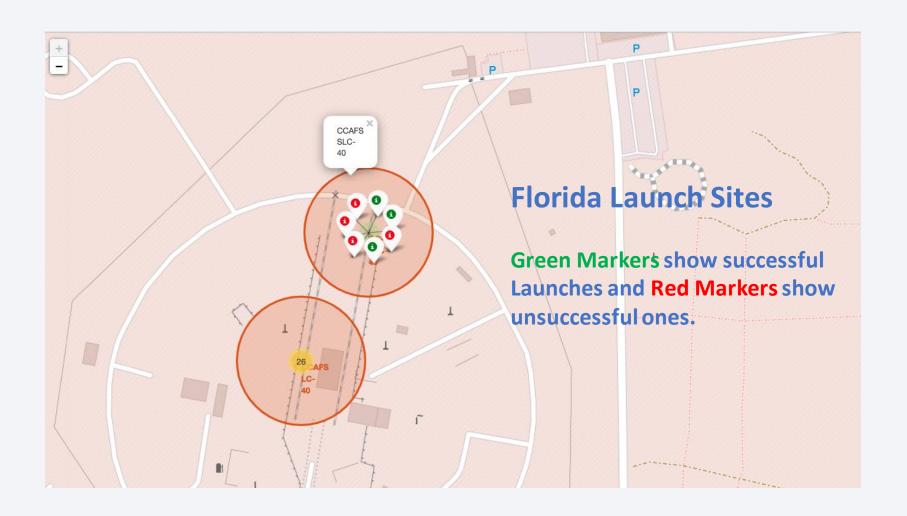




### **Folium**



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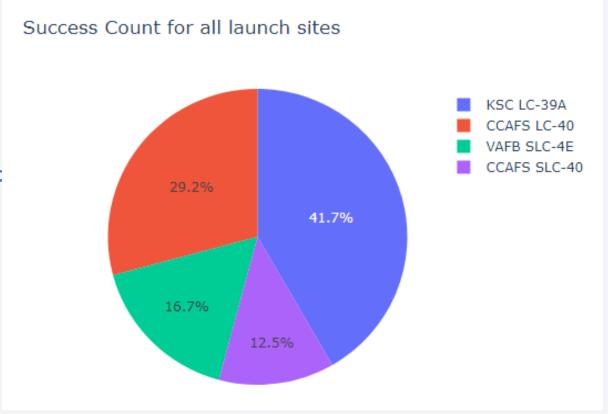




### **Dashboard**

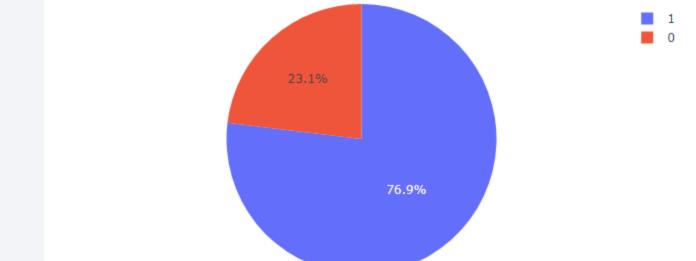
Pie chart showing the success percentage achieved by each launch site.

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



### **Dashboard**

Pie chart for the launch site with highest launch success ratio



Total Success Launches for site KSC LC-39A

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

### **Dashboard**

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

#### Low Weighted Payload 0kg 4000kg



#### Heavy Weighted Payload 4000kg 10000kg



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



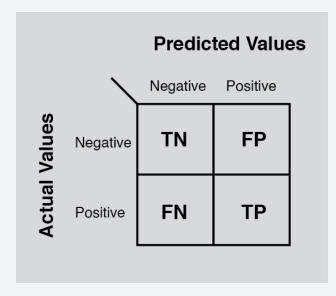
### Classification Accuracy

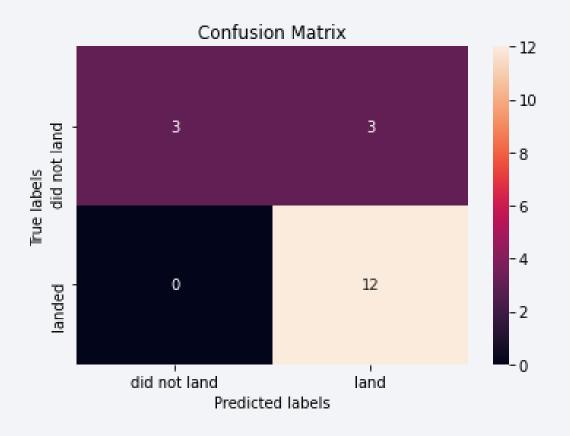
As you can see our accuracy is extremely close but Decision Tree has higher accurecy.

```
logistic regression: 0.8464285714285713
support vector machine: 0.8482142857142856
decision tree classifier: 0.875
k nearest neighbors: 0.8482142857142858
```

### **Confusion Matrix**

Examining the confusion matrix, we see that Tree can distinguish between the different classes. We see that the major problem is false positives.





### Conclusions



- The Tree Classifier Algorithm is the best for Machine Learning for this dataset,
- Low weighted payloads perform better than the heavier payloads,
- The success rates for SpaceX launches is directly proportional time in years they will eventually perfect the launches,
- We can see that KSC LC 39A had the most successful launches from all the sites,
- Orbit GEO, HEO, SSO, ES L1 has the best Success Rate.

# Appendix

> Haversine formula

>ADGGoogleMaps Module (not used but created)

➤ Module sqlserver (ADGSQLSERVER)

**▶** PythonAnywhere 24/7 dashboard

