

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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### **Executive Summary**

#### Summary of methodologies

- Data collection using requests to the Request to the SpaceX API and cleaning data.
- Web scarping using BeautifulSoup.
- Exploratory data analysis (EDA) visualisation analysis using Pandas and Matplotlib
- EDA using SQL
- Interactive visual analytics using Dashboard with Plotly Dash and Folium.
- Predictive analysis using Machine learning algorithms.
- Summary of all results
  - Exploratory data analysis results
  - Interactive analytical results
  - Predictive analysis results

#### Introduction

#### Project background and context

Space-X-Falcon-9-First-Stage-Landing-Prediction Space X 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 Space X can reuse the first stage. The aim of this project is to predict if the first stage will land so that we can determine the cost of a launch. This information can be used if an alternate company wants to bid against space X for a rocket launch.

#### Problems you want to find answers

- To assess main characteristics of the successful or failed landing.
- To find if there is any correlation between rockets variables with successful and or failed landing.
- To better understand the conditions favor SpaceX to achieve successful landing.



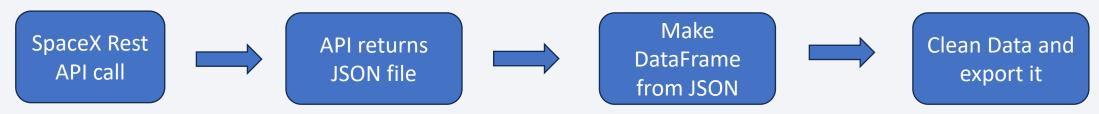
# Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

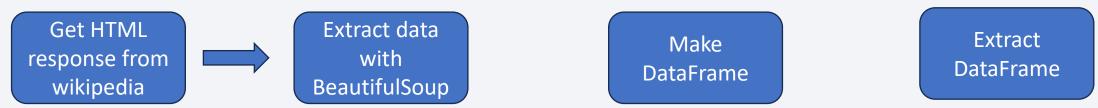
- Data collection methodology:
  - SpaceX REST API.
  - Webscraping from Wikipedia.
- Perform data wrangling
  - Dropping not applicable columns.
  - One hot encoding to classify models.
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - How to build, tune, evaluate classification models

#### **Data Collection**

- Data sets were collected from SpaceX Rest API and webscraping Wikipedia.
  - SpaceX API and Wikipedia URL were:
  - api.spacexdata.com/v4/
  - https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_Falcon\_9\_and\_Falcon\_Heavy\_launches



API generated information about booster versions, launch sites/dates, payload mass



Webscraping Wikipedia generated information about launches, landings and payload

# Data Collection - SpaceX API

#### 1. Got response from API

spacex\_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
response = requests.get(spacex\_url)

#### 2. Converted response into JSON File

response1 = requests.get(static\_json\_url)
resp\_dict = response1.json()

data= pd.json\_normalize (resp\_dict)

#### 3. Transformed Data

getLaunchSite(data) getPayload(data) getCoreData(data) getBoosterVersion(data)

#### 4. Created Dictionary with Data

df= pd.DataFrame.from\_dict(launch\_dict, orient='index')

launch\_dict = {'FlightNumber':

(data['flight\_number']), 'Date':

(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}

#### 6. Filtered DataFrame

5. Created DataFrame

data\_falcon9 = data\_falcon9 [data\_falcon9 ['BoosterVersion'] != 'Falcon 1']

#### 7. Exported to file

data\_falcon9.to\_csv('dataset\_part\_1.csv', index=False)

# **Data Collection - Scraping**

#### 1. Got response from HTML

response = requests.get(static\_url).text

#### 2. Created BeautifulSoup object

soup = BeautifulSoup(response, 'html.parser')

#### 3. Found all tables

html\_tables = soup.find\_all("table")

#### 4. Got column names

temp = soup.find\_all('th') **for** x **in** ((temp)): try: name = extract\_column\_from\_header(temp[x]) if (name is not None and (name) > 0): column names.append(name)

except:

pass

#### 5. Created 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 value to be an empty list

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']=[]

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Stage-Landing-Prediction/blob/main/Lab2 WebScraping.ipynb

launch\_dict['Time']=[]

#### 6. Added data to keys

 $extracted_row = 0$ 

#Extract each table

for table\_number.table in

(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

#get table element row=rows.find all('td') #if it is number save cells in a dictonary if flag: extracted\_row += 1

#### SEE NOTEBOOK FOR THE WHOLE CODE

#### 7. Created DataFrame from Dictionary

df=pd.DataFrame(launch\_dict)

8. Exported to file

df.to csv('spacex web scraped.csv', index=False)

# **Data Wrangling**

- In the data set, there are several different cases where the booster did not land successfully. They were represented as categorical variables (False Ocean: unsuccessfully landed into ocean, False RTLS: unsuccessfully landed into ground pad, True RTLS: successfully landed into ground pad, True ASDS: successfully landed into drone ship etc.)
- Converted these categorical variables into binary variables using dummies; where 1 means successful mission and 0 means unsuccessful mission.
- 1. Calculated number of launches from each launch site

df['LaunchSite'].value\_counts()

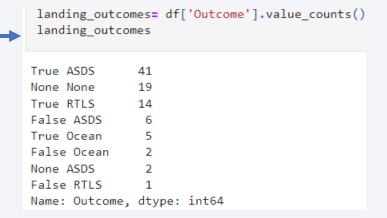
CCAFS SLC 40 55
KSC LC 39A 22
VAFB SLC 4E 13
Name: LaunchSite, dtype: int64

2. Calculated number and occurrence

of each orbit df['Orbit'].value\_counts()

GTO 27
ISS 21
VLEO 14
PO 9
LEO 7
SSO 5
MEO 3
ES-L1 1
HEO 1
SO 1
GEO 1
Name: Orbit, dtype: int64

3. Calculated number and occurrence of mission outcome for each orbit type



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4.Created landing outcome label from Outcome column

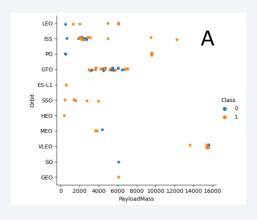
```
landing_class= []
for i in df['Outcome']:
    if i in set(bad_outcomes):
        landing_class.append(0)
    else:
        landing_class.append(1)
```

#### 5. Exported to file

df.to csv('dataset part 2.csv', index=False)

### **EDA** with Data Visualization

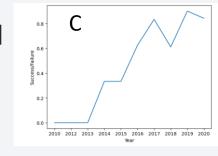
- A. Scatter graphs to show the correlation between variables
  - Flight Number vs PayLoad Mass
  - Flight Number vs Launch Site
  - Payload vs Launch Site
  - Orbit vs Flight Number
  - Payload vs Orbit Type
  - Orbit vs Payload Mass

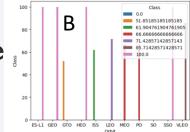


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Prediction/blob/main/Lab5\_EDA\_DataVisualisation.ip ynb

- B. Bar plot to show the relation between categorical and numerical variable
- C. Line chart to show the trend





### **EDA** with SQL

- Displayed the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission.
- Displayed 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'.
- Displayed the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS).
- Displayed average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1.
- Listed the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000.
- Listed the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes.
- Listed the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass.
- Listed the records which will display the month names, failure landing\_outcomes in drone ship, booster versions, launch\_site for the months in year 2015.
- Ranked 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.

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### Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Created a folium map object centered around NASA Johnson Center at Houston, Texas.
  - Blue circle showing NASA Johnson Space Center's name.
  - Red circle shows the launch site names.
  - Green marker shows successful mission and red marker shows unsuccessful mission.
  - Markers shows the distance between launch sites to key locations such as railway, highway, city etc.
- This map aided to better understand if the geographical locations and or surroundings has any effect on the mission outcome.

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### Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Dashboard included drop down, pie and scatter plots.
  - Drop down: to choose launch sites.
  - Pie chart: shows the successful and unsuccessful missions.
  - Scatter plot: correlation between variables such as payload mass vs successful landing.

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# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- Data preparation: Loaded, Normalised and split train/test datasets.
- Model preparation: selected ML algorithms, set parameters for each type of model and trained with training sets.
- Model Evaluation: chose best paraments for each model, computed accuracy for each model using test dataset and plotted confusion matrix.
- Model comparison: Compared models based on their accuracy and the model with the best accuracy was chosen.

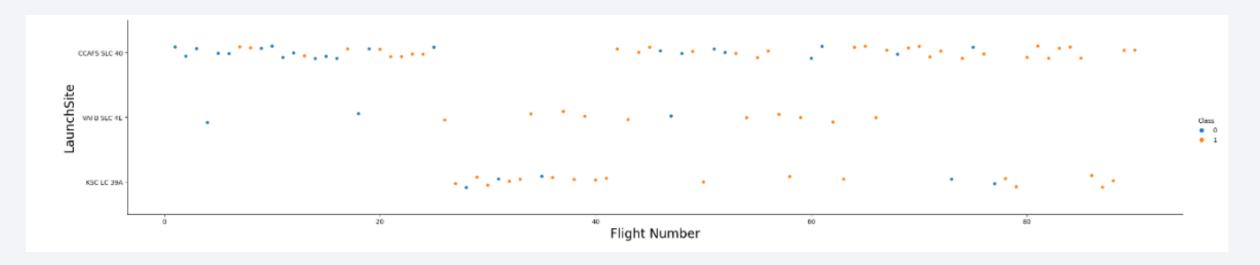
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#### Results

- SVM, KNN and Logistic regression models west best in terms of prediction accuracy.
- The success rates of spaceX launches is directly proportional to time in years.
- KSC LC 39A had the most successful launches from all sites.
- Orbit GEO, HEO, SSO, ES L1 has the best success rate

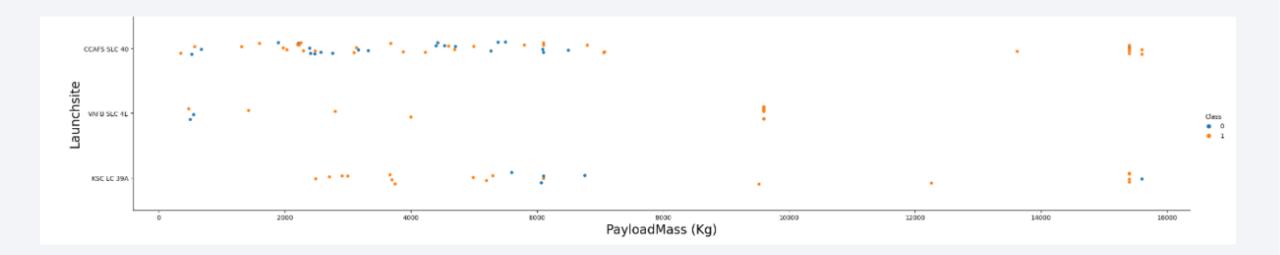


### Flight Number vs. Launch Site



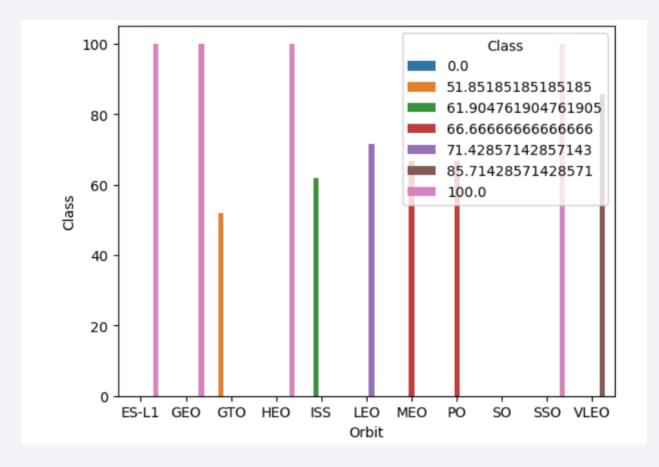
• Success rate (orange data points) is increasing at all launch sites.

# Payload vs. Launch Site



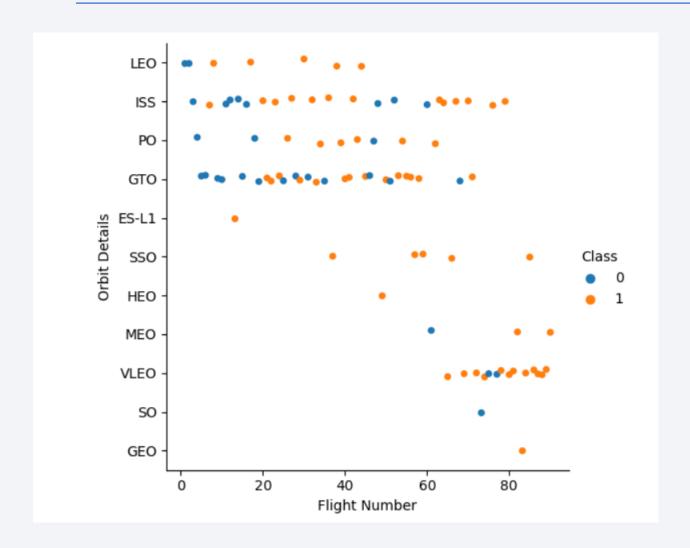
• Success rate is higher with higher payload mass.

### Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



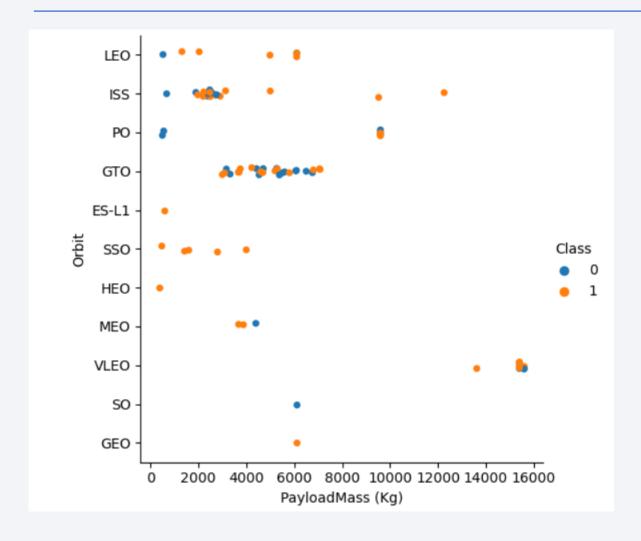
• Success rate us higher for SD-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO

### Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



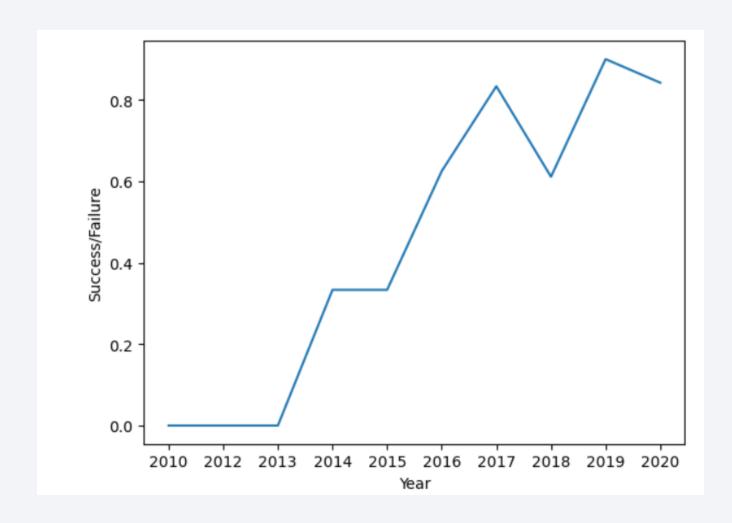
- Success rate increases with the number of flights for LEO, ISS, PO and GTO.
- Doesn't correlate success rate with VLEO, SSO orbits as the flight number increases.

# Payload vs. Orbit Type



- Success rate increases with payload mass for certain orbits (ISS, LEO)
- Conversely, the success rate decreased with payload mass for GTO.

# Launch Success Yearly Trend



 Success rate increased since 2013 until 2020.

### All Launch Site Names

SELECT DISTINCT "LAUNCH\_SITE" FROM SPACEXTBL

Launch\_Site

CCAFS LC-40

VAFB SLC-4E

KSC LC-39A

CCAFS SLC-40

Distinct query removed duplicate attributes (LAUNCH\_SITE)

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

```
%sql select * from SPACEXTABLE where "Launch Site" like '%CCA%' limit 5;
 * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
                   Booster_Version Launch_Site
                                                                Payload PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ Orbit
                                                                                                          Customer Mission_Outcome Landing_Outcome
  Date
            (UTC)
                                                        Dragon Spacecraft
                                      CCAFS LC-
 2010-
          18:45:00
                      F9 v1.0 B0003
                                                                                              0
                                                                                                   LEO
                                                                                                                                         Failure (parachute)
                                                                                                             SpaceX
                                                         Qualification Unit
 04-06
                                                   Dragon demo flight C1,
                                      CCAFS LC-
 2010-
                                                                                                   LEO
                                                                                                              NASA
                                                   two CubeSats, barrel of
                                                                                                                                        Failure (parachute)
                     F9 v1.0 B0004
                                                                                              0
         15:43:00
                                                                                                                                Success
 08-12
                                                                                                         (COTS) NRO
                                                           Brouere cheese
                                                                                                              NASA
 2012-
                                      CCAFS LC-
                                                                                                   LEO
                                                    Dragon demo flight C2
                     F9 v1.0 B0005
                                                                                           525
         07:44:00
                                                                                                                                Success
                                                                                                                                               No attempt
 05-22
                                                                                                   (ISS)
                                                                                                              (COTS)
 2012-
                                      CCAFS LC-
                                                                                                         NASA (CRS)
                                                            SpaceX CRS-1
                                                                                           500
         00:35:00
                      F9 v1.0 B0006
                                                                                                                                Success
                                                                                                                                               No attempt
 08-10
 2013-
                                      CCAFS LC-
                                                            SpaceX CRS-2
                                                                                                         NASA (CRS)
         15:10:00
                      F9 v1.0 B0007
                                                                                                                                Success
                                                                                                                                               No attempt
 01-03
```

- Like function aids to sub-filter with part of the word.
- Limit (5) function limits the rows to 5.

# **Total Payload Mass**

```
SELECT SUM("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_") FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE "CUSTOMER" = 'NASA (CRS)'
```

SUM("PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_") 45596

• The total payload mass for NASA (CRS) is 45596 kg.

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

```
**sql SELECT Avg (PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from SPACEXTABLE where "Booster_Version" = 'F9 v1.1'

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.

Avg (PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)

2928.4
```

• Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 is 2928.4 kg

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

```
%sql SELECT Date from SPACEXTABLE where "Landing_Outcome" = 'Success (ground pad)'
  * sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.
Date
2015-12-22
```

• The first successful landing on ground pad was made on 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015.

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

 We can filter payload mass and limit specific weight with between and function.

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

```
%sql Select "Mission Outcome", count (*) as total number from SPACEXTABLE group by "Mission Outcome"
 * sqlite:///my data1.db
Done.
           Mission_Outcome total_number
              Failure (in flight)
                     Success
                                        98
                     Success
Success (payload status unclear)
```

• Group by can be used to separate groups within a column and count function can be used to get total sum of each group.

# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

```
%sql select "Booster_Version", PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ from SPACEXTABLE where PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ = (select Max(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from SPACEXTABLE);
 * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
Booster_Version PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_
  F9 B5 B1048.4
                               15600
  F9 B5 B1049.4
                               15600
  F9 B5 B1051.3
                               15600
  F9 B5 B1056.4
                               15600
  F9 B5 B1048.5
                               15600
  F9 B5 B1051.4
                               15600
  F9 B5 B1049.5
                               15600
  F9 B5 B1060.2
                               15600
  F9 B5 B1058.3
                               15600
  F9 B5 B1051.6
                               15600
  F9 B5 B1060.3
                               15600
  F9 B5 B1049.7
                               15600
```

• Subquery can be used to filter maximum value of an observation (Payload mass) for a booster version.

### 2015 Launch Records

- Can sub-filter Date and specify the character position and length and saved using 'as' in a new column.
- Year sub-filtered using (1,4) where 1 is the position of year starting character and 4 is the total number of characters need to filter (i.e. 2015).

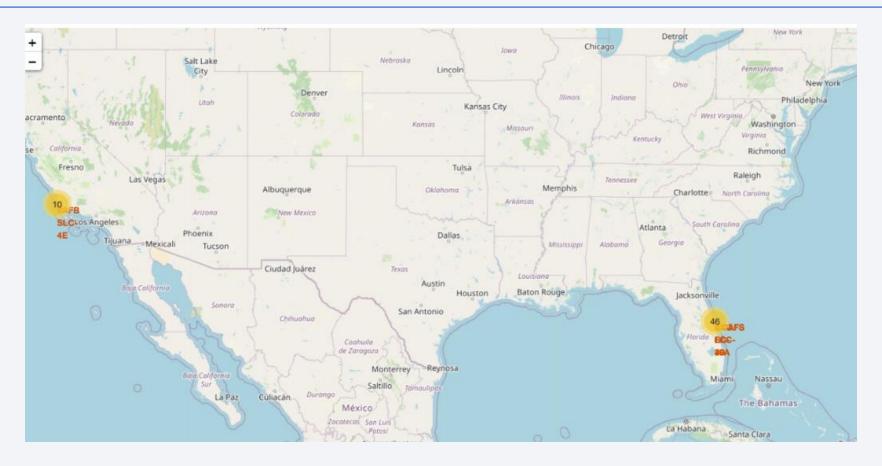
#### Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

```
%sql select "Landing Outcome", count (*) as outcome from SPACEXTABLE where "Date" between "2010-06-04" and "2017-03-20"\
group by "Landing Outcome" order by outcome desc;
 * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
   Landing_Outcome outcome
         No attempt
                            10
 Success (ground pad)
  Success (drone ship)
   Failure (drone ship)
   Controlled (ocean)
 Uncontrolled (ocean)
Precluded (drone ship)
   Failure (parachute)
```

- Specific dates were sub-filtered from a column (Date), counted total number using 'count' and ordered using 'order'.
- 'desc' function helps to order in descending order.

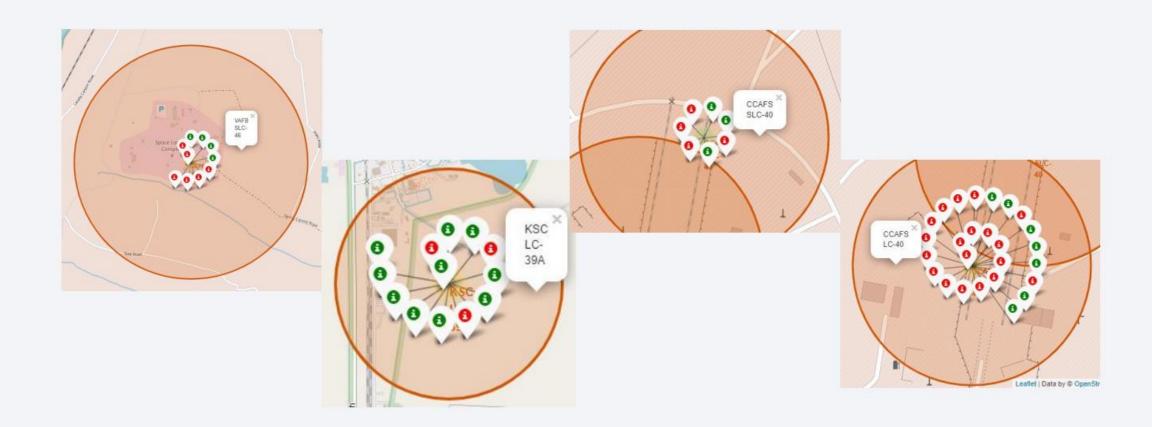


# Folium Map



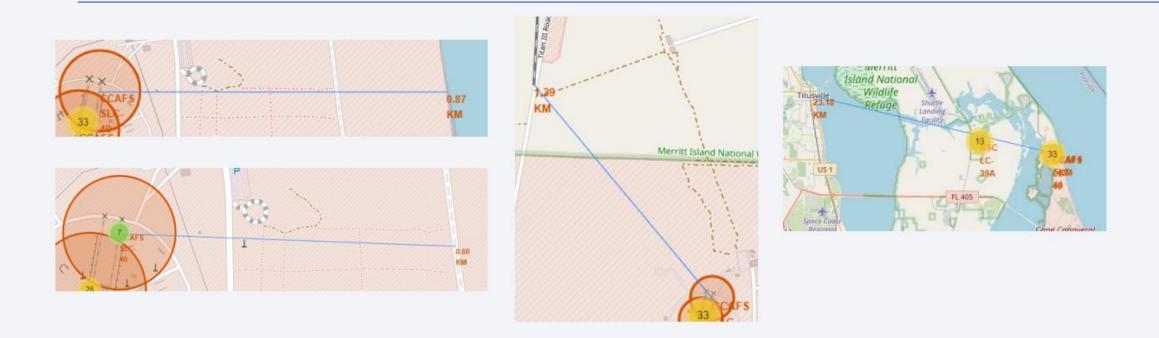
• Launch sites are clearly marked

# Folium Map: Markers



- Green represents successful and red represents unsuccessful missions.
- KSC LC-39A has the highest success rate.

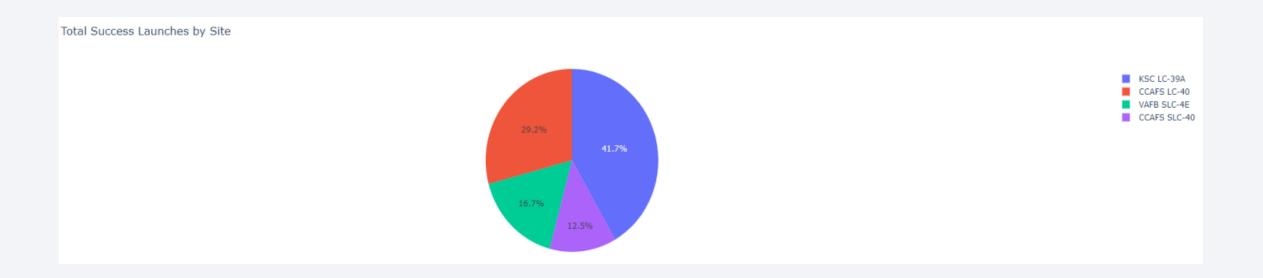
### Folium Map: distance between CCAFS SLC-40 and its proximities



• CCAFS SLC-40 is close to railways, highways, coastline and city: Yes

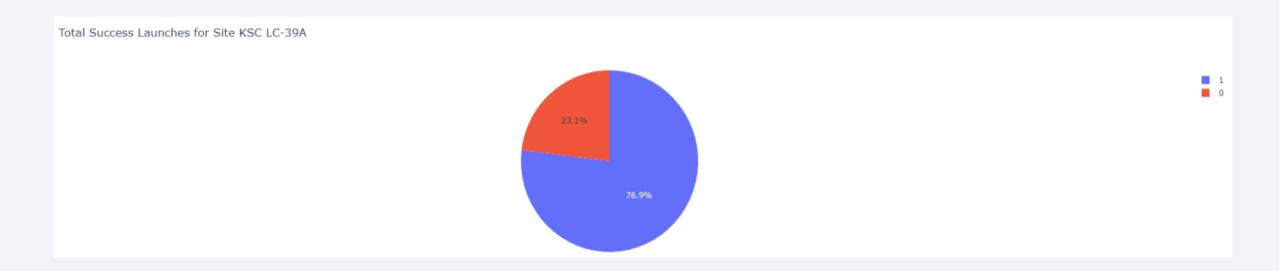


# Dashboard: Total success grouped by launch sites



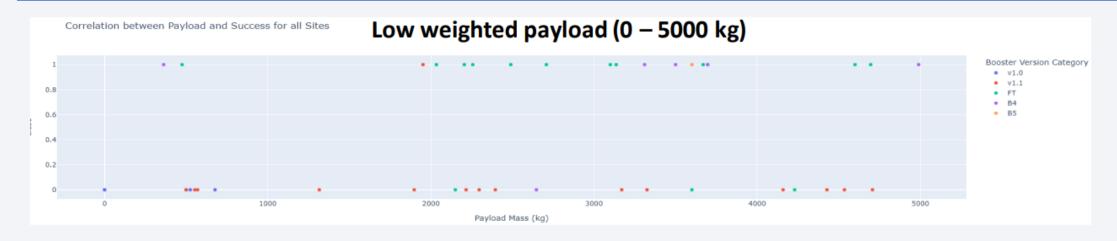
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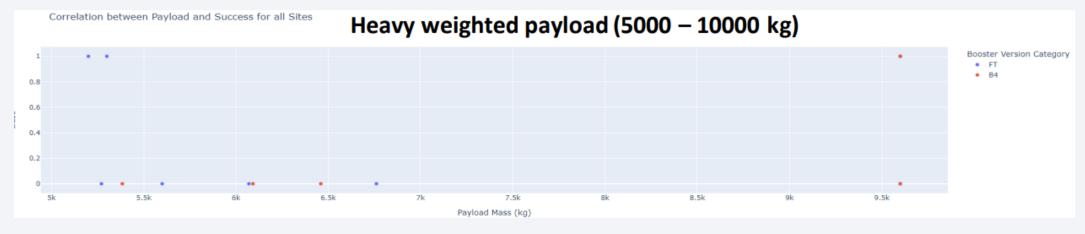
#### Dashboard: success rate breakdown of KSC LC-39A site



• KSC LC-39A has a breakdown of 76.9% successful missions and 23.1% failure rate.

### Dashboard: Payload Mass vs outcome.

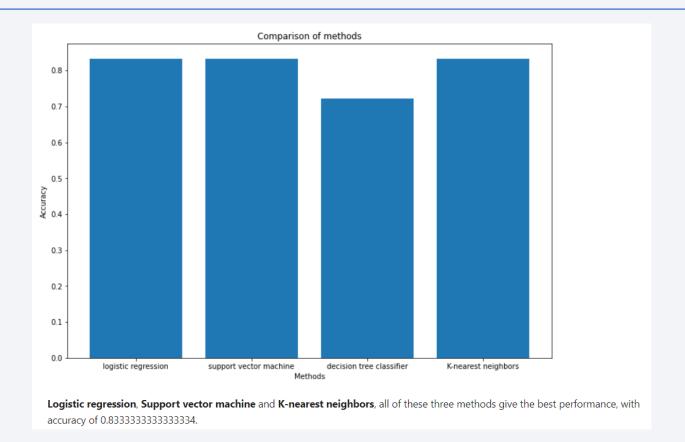




• Low payload mass has better success rate.

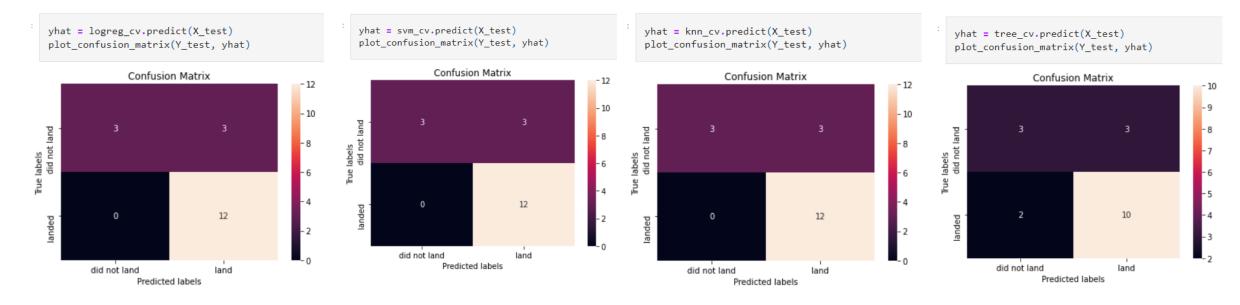


### Classification accuracy



- Decision tree model has the lowest accuracy.
- Logistic regression, SVM and KNN show similar accuracy.

### **Confusion Matrix**



- Confusion matrix is same for Logistic regression, SVM and KNN.
- Decision tree model has lower number of True Negatives.

#### Conclusions

- Success rate of a mission does vary with variables such as Launch site, payload mass, orbit and number of launches.
- Orbits with highest success rate are GEO, HEO, SSO, ES-L1.
- Some orbits showed better success rate with heavier payload and vice-versa.
- KNN, Logistic regression and SVM showed highest accuracy and therefore any of these models can be used.

# **Appendix**

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