

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

Summary of methodologies

- Data collection with SpaceX's REST API was successful. Data from 90 Falcon 9 booster launches, from 2010 to 2020 was collected.
- In data wrangling a success rate of 66% was identified for all time Falcon 9 booster launches.
- In Exploratory data analysis (EDA) an increasing success rate was identified.

Summary of all results

- 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.

Introduction

Project background and context

 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. 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 space X for a rocket launch.

Problems you want to find answers

- What influences if the rocket will land successfully?
- What conditions does SpaceX have to achieve to get the best results and ensure the best rocket success landing rate.
- Predict if the first stage will land given the data from the preceding launches.



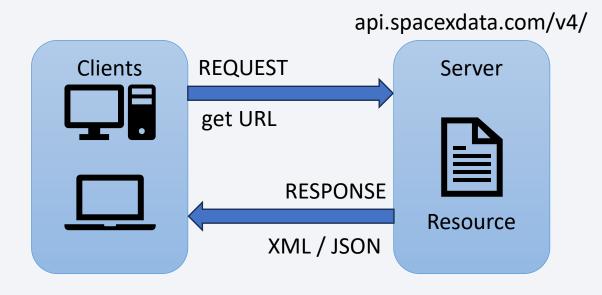
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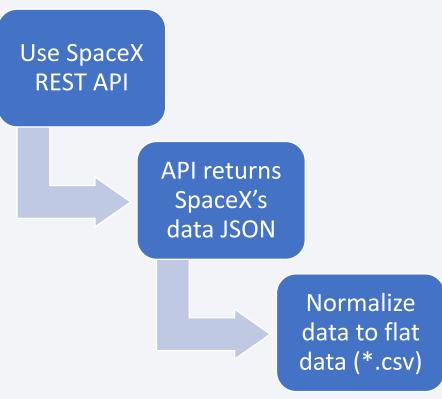
- Data collection methodology:
 - Data collection from Spacex's REST API.
 - Data collection with web scrapping.
- Data wrangling methodology:
 - Data was processed using numpy and Pandas Python libraries.
- Performed exploratory data analysis (EDA) using SQL and Python visualization tools
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - How to build, tune, evaluate classification models

Data Collection

 Data was collected using SpaceX REST API:



Data collection flowchart using SpaceX REST API:



Data Collection - SpaceX API

Data collection with SpaceX REST calls:

GitHub URL:

https://github.com/AlbertoMPalacioBasto s/ML-model-for-SpaceX-booster-landingsuccesprediction/blob/main/data collection/spa cex-data-collection-api.ipynb

1. Getting response from API:



2. Converting response to JSON and normalize it.

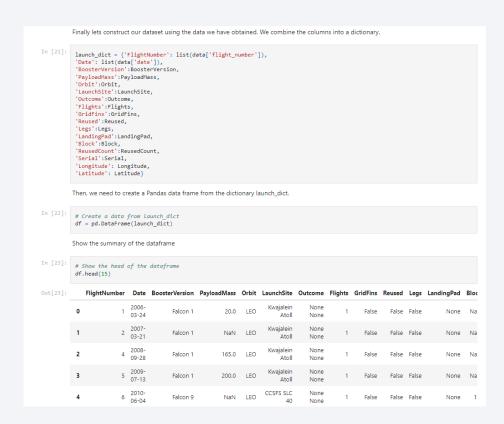


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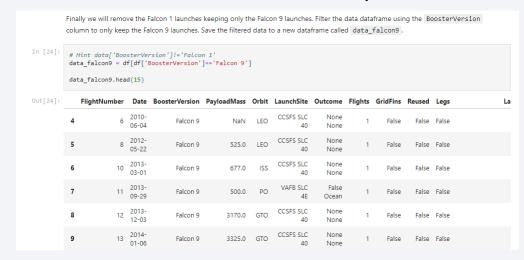
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prediction/blob/main/data collection/spa
cex-data-collection-api.ipynb

4. Filter the dataframe to include only Falcon 9 launches



4. Export dataframe to flat .csv file

```
In [32]: data_falcon9.to_csv('dataset_part_1.csv', index=False)
```

Data Collection – Web Scraping

 Performed web scraping process using BeautifulSoup Python library.

• GitHub URL:

```
https://github.com/AlbertoM
PalacioBastos/ML-model-for-
SpaceX-booster-landing-
succes-
prediction/blob/main/data_c
ollection/spacex-data-
collection-webscraping.ipynb
```

1. Request the Falcon9 Launch Wiki page from its URL

```
In [5]: # use requests.get() method with the provided static_url
# assign the response to a object

response = requests.get(static_url)

Create a BeautifulSoup object from the HTML response

In [6]: # Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, "html.parser")

In [7]: print(soup.prettify())

<!DOCTYPE html>

<html class="client-nojs vector-feature-language-in-header-enabled vector-feature-language-in-main-page-header-disabled vector-feature-sticky-header-disabled vector-feature-language-in-main-page-header-disabled vector-feature-main-menu-pinned-disabled vector-feature-language-in-main-font-size-clientpref-0 vector-feature-feature-feature-responsed-vector-feature-language-in-main-page-header-disabled vector-feature-disabled vector-feature-disabled vector-feature-disabled vector-feature-disabled vector-feature-language-in-main-page-header-disabled vector-feature-main-menu-pinned-disabled vector-feature-language-in-main-page-header-disabled vector-feature-sticky-header-disabled vector-feature-language-in-main-page-in-main-page-header-disabled vector-feature-main-menu-pinned-disabled vector-feature-page-tools-pinned-disabled vector-feature-language-in-main-page-header-disabled vector-feature-sticky-header-disabled vector-feature-language-in-main-page-header-disabled vector-feature-sticky-header-disabled vector-feature-language-in-main-page-header-disabled vector-fea
```

2: Extract all column/variable names from the HTML table header

```
In [9]:

# Use the find_all function in the BeautifulSoup object, with element type `table`

# Assign the result to a list called `html_tables`

html_tables = soup.findAll('table')

Starting from the third table is our target table contains the actual launch records.

In [10]:

# Let's print the third table and check its content

first_launch_table = html_tables[2]

print(first_launch_table)

<table class="wikitable plainrowheaders collapsible" s
```

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prediction/blob/main/data_c
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collection-webscraping.ipynb
```

3. Create a data frame by parsing the launch HTML tables

```
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']=[]
launch dict['Time']=[]
```

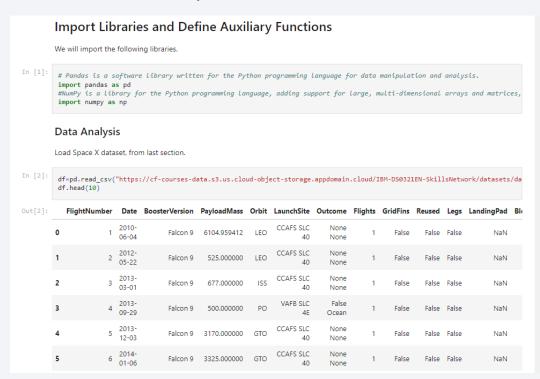
4: Export to flat .csv file

```
In [18]: df.to_csv('spacex_web_scraped.csv', index=False)
```

- Data was processed using NumPy and Pandas Python libraries.
- GitHub URL:

 https://github.com/AlbertoMPalacioBast
 os/ML-model-for-SpaceX-boosterlanding-succesprediction/blob/main/data_wrangling/s
 pacex-Data%20wrangling.ipynb

1. Import required libraries and data from data collection step.



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2. Identify and calculate the percentage of the missing values in each attribute.

```
df.isnull().sum()/len(df)*100
Out[3]: FlightNumber
                             0.000000
                             0.000000
         BoosterVersion
                             0.000000
         PayloadMass
                             0.000000
         Orbit
                             0.000000
         LaunchSite
                             0.000000
                             0.000000
         Outcome
         Flights
                             0.000000
         GridFins
                             0.000000
         Reused
                             0.000000
                             0.000000
         Legs
         LandingPad
                            28.888889
         Block
                             0.000000
         ReusedCount
                             0.000000
         Serial
                             0.000000
         Longitude
                             0.000000
         Latitude
                             0.000000
         dtype: float64
```

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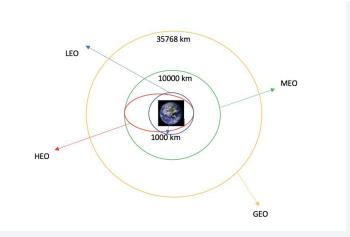
3. Identify which columns are numerical and categorical.

```
df.dtvpes
Out[4]: FlightNumber
                              int64
                             object
         Date
                             object
         BoosterVersion
         PayloadMass
                            float64
         Orbit
                             object
         LaunchSite
                            object
         Outcome
                             object
         Flights
                              int64
         GridFins
                               boo1
         Reused
                               bool
                               bool
         Legs
         LandingPad
                            object
         Block
                            float64
         ReusedCount
                             int64
         Serial
                            object
         Longitude
                            float64
                            float64
         Latitude
         dtype: object
```

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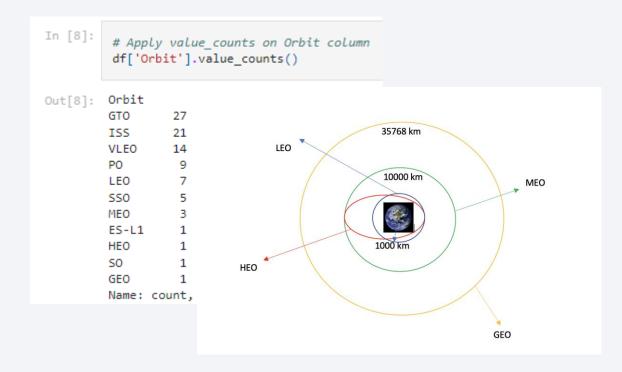
4. Calculate the number of launches on each launching site.



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 pacex-Data%20wrangling.ipynb

5. Calculate the number and occurrence of each orbit.



- Data was processed using NumPy and Pandas Python libraries.
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6. Calculate the number and occurrence of mission outcome of the orbits.

- Data was processed using NumPy and Pandas Python libraries.
- GitHub URL:

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 os/ML-model-for-SpaceX-boosterlanding-succesprediction/blob/main/data_wrangling/s
 pacex-Data%20wrangling.ipynb

7. Create a landing outcome label from Outcome column.

8. Export data to a flat *.csv file.

```
In [21]: df.to_csv("dataset_part_2.csv", index=False)
```

EDA with Data Visualization

 EDA and Data Visualization was completed using Numpy, Pandas, Matplotlib and Seaborn Python libraries.

• GitHub URL:

https://github.com/AlbertoMPalacioBast os/ML-model-for-SpaceX-boosterlanding-succesprediction/blob/main/exploratory data analysis EDA/eda-dataviz.ipynb

- 1. Visualize the relationship between Flight Number and Launch Site.
- 2. Visualize the relationship between Payload and Launch Site.
- 3. Visualize the relationship between success rate of each orbit type.
- 4. Visualize the relationship between Flight Number and Orbit type.
- 5. Visualize the relationship between Payload and Orbit type.
- 6. Visualize the launch success yearly trend.
- 7. Create dummy variables to categorical columns.
- 8. Export data to a flat *.csv file.

EDA with SQL

- Applied EDA with SQL to get insights from the data.
- GitHub URL:

 https://github.com/AlbertoMPalacioBast
 os/ML-model-for-SpaceX-boosterlanding-succesprediction/blob/main/exploratory data
 analysis EDA/spacex-eda-sql.ipynb

- Wrote queries to find out for the next instances:
- 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.

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

• GitHub URL:

https://github.com/AlbertoMPalacioBast os/ML-model-for-SpaceX-boosterlanding-succesprediction/blob/main/interactive-visualanalytics-anddashboards/spacex launch site locatio n analysis.ipynb

- 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.
- Assigned the feature launch outcomes (failure or success) to class 0 and 1.i.e., 0 for failure, and 1 for success.
- Identified which launch sites have relatively high success rate.
- Calculated the distances between a launch site to its proximities.

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

GitHub URL:

https://github.com/AlbertoMPalacioBast os/ML-model-for-SpaceX-boosterlanding-succesprediction/blob/main/spacex dash app. py

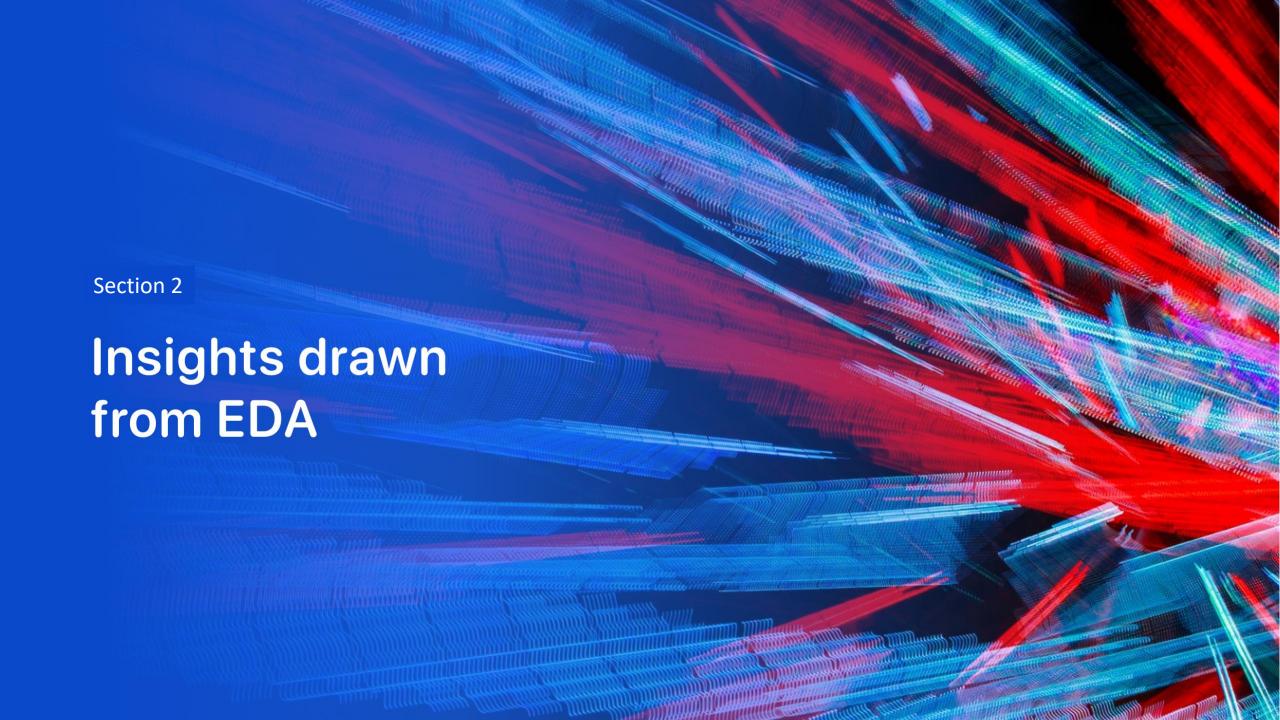
- Built an interactive dashboard with Plotly dash.
- Plotted pie charts showing the total launches by a certain sites
- Plotted scatter graph showing the relationship with Outcome and Payload Mass (Kg) for the different booster version.

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

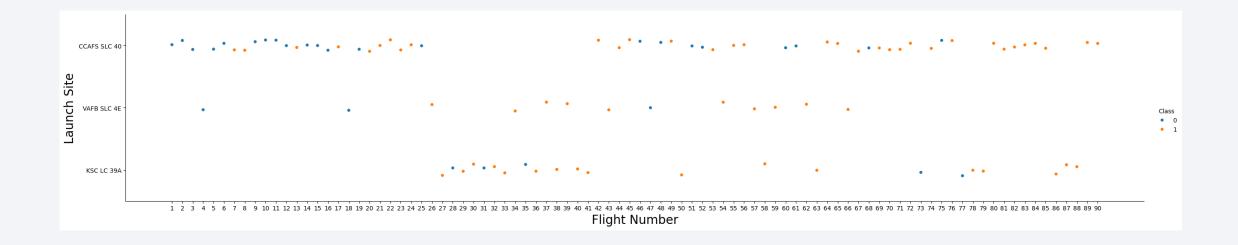
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- Loaded the data using numpy and pandas, transformed the data, split our data into training and testing.
- Built different machine learning models and tune different hyperparameters using GridSearchCV.
- Used accuracy as the metric for our model, improved the model using feature engineering and algorithm tuning.
- Found the best performing classification model.

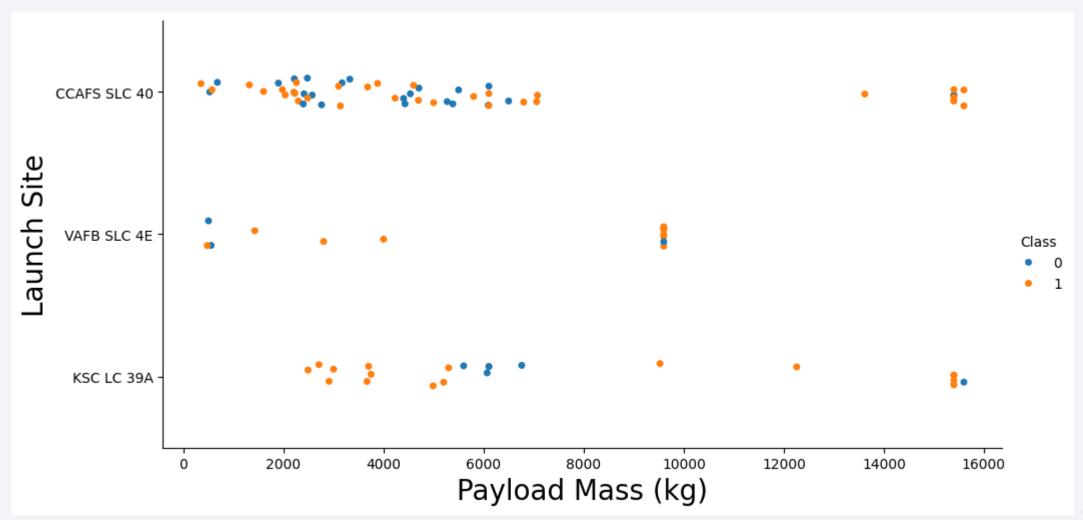


Flight Number vs. Launch Site

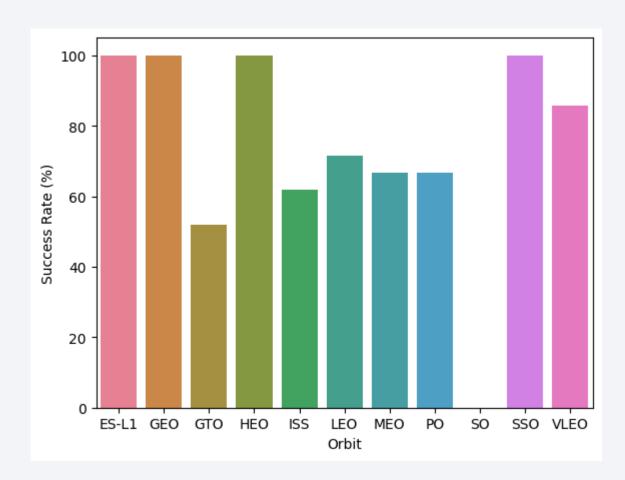


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Payload vs. Launch Site

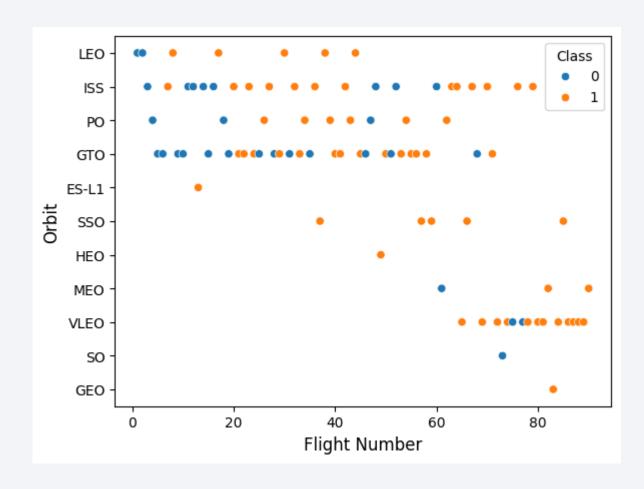


Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



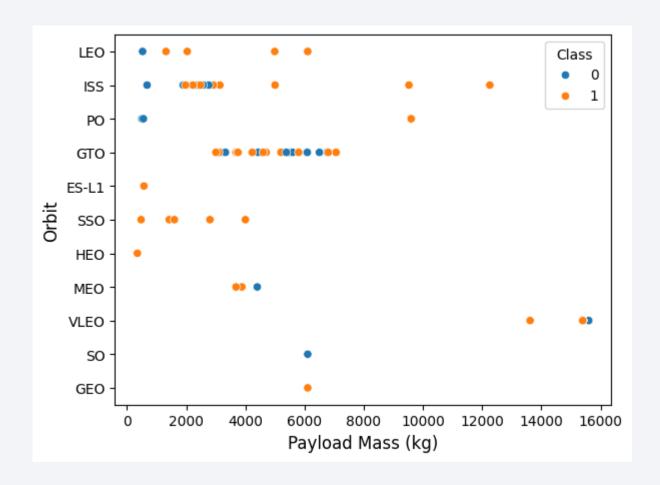
ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO and VLEO orbits had the most success rate with a 100%.

Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



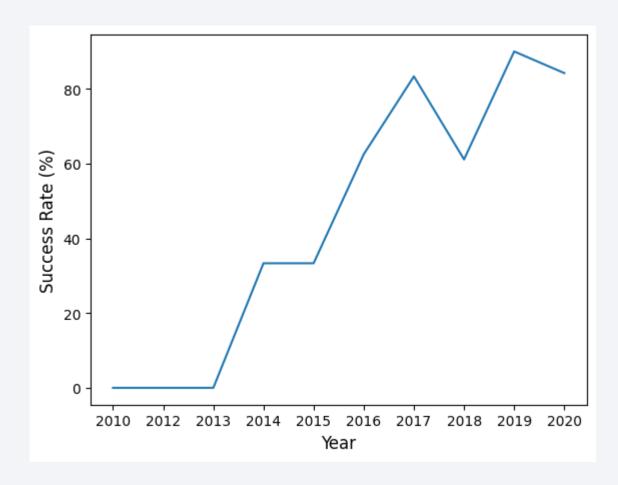
In the LEO orbit, success is related to the number of flights, whereas in the GTO orbit, there is no relationship between flight number and the orbit.

Payload vs. Orbit Type



With heavy payloads, the more successful is the landing attemp for PO, LEO and ISS orbits.

Launch Success Yearly Trend



As the SpaceX team learned with each landing attempt, the average yearly success rate kept increasing.

All Launch Site Names

Used the key word DISTINCT to show only unique launch sites from the SpaceX data.

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

• Find 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`

n [10]:	%%sql SELECT * FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Launch_Site" LIKE "CCA%" LIMIT 5									
	* sqlit	te:///my_	_data1.db							
Out[10]:	Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_	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

Calculate the total payload carried by boosters from NASA

```
In [11]:  

**sql  
SELECT SUM("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_") AS "TOTAL PAYLOAD MASS (KG) launched by 'NASA (CRS)'"

FROM SPACEXTABLE  
WHERE "Customer" LIKE "NASA (CRS)"

* sqlite:///my_data1.db  
Done.

Out[11]: TOTAL PAYLOAD MASS (KG) launched by 'NASA (CRS)'

45596
```

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

Calculate the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

```
In [12]:

%%sql

SELECT AVG("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_") AS "AVERAGE PAYLOAD MASS (KG) carried by Falcon 9 V1.1"

FROM SPACEXTABLE

WHERE "Booster_Version" LIKE "F9 v1.1%"

* sqlite:///my_data1.db

Done.

Out[12]: AVERAGE PAYLOAD MASS (KG) carried by Falcon 9 V1.1

2534.6666666666665
```

First Successful Ground Landing Date

• Find the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad

```
In [13]:  

**Select MIN("Date")
FROM SPACEXTABLE
WHERE "Landing_Outcome" LIKE "%Success%"

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

Out[13]:  

MIN("Date")

2015-12-22
```

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

 List the names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

```
In [21]: %%sql
SELECT DISTINCT "Booster_Version"
FROM SPACEXTABLE
WHERE "Landing_Outcome" LIKE "%Success (drone %" AND ("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_" BETWEEN 4000 AND 6000)

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

Out[21]: Booster_Version

F9 FT B1022

F9 FT B1022

F9 FT B1021.2

F9 FT B1031.2
```

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

Calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

```
In [25]:  

**SQLECT DISTINCT "Mission_Outcome", COUNT(*)
FROM SPACEXTABLE

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

Out[25]:  

**Mission_Outcome COUNT(*)

Success 101
```

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

• List the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass

```
In [29]: %%sql
           SELECT DISTINCT Booster_Version
           FROM SPACEXTABLE
           WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ = (
               SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)
          * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Out[29]: 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

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

```
In [31]:
          %%sql
          SELECT
              substr(Date, 6, 2) AS Month,
              Booster Version,
              Launch_Site
          FROM
              SPACEXTABLE
          WHERE
              substr(Date, 0, 5) = "2015"
              AND Landing_Outcome LIKE "%Failure (drone ship)%"
         * sqlite:///my_data1.db
        Done.
Out[31]: Month Booster_Version Launch_Site
                 F9 v1.1 B1012 CCAFS LC-40
             04 F9 v1.1 B1015 CCAFS LC-40
```

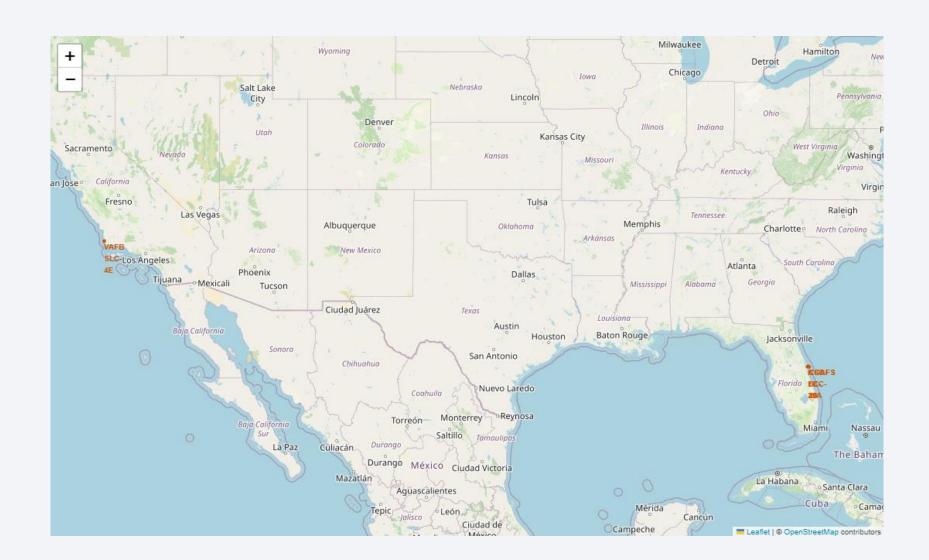
Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

 Rank 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

```
In [32]:
          %%sql
          SELECT
              Landing Outcome,
              COUNT(*) AS Outcome Count,
              RANK() OVER (ORDER BY COUNT(*) DESC) AS Outcome Rank
          FROM
              SPACEXTABLE
          WHERE
              Date BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20'
              AND Landing_Outcome IN ('Failure (drone ship)', 'Success (ground pad)')
          GROUP BY
              Landing Outcome
          ORDER BY
              Outcome Count DESC
         * sqlite:///my data1.db
           Landing Outcome Outcome Count Outcome Rank
           Failure (drone ship)
         Success (ground pad)
```



All launch sites' location



Markers showing launch sites with color labels

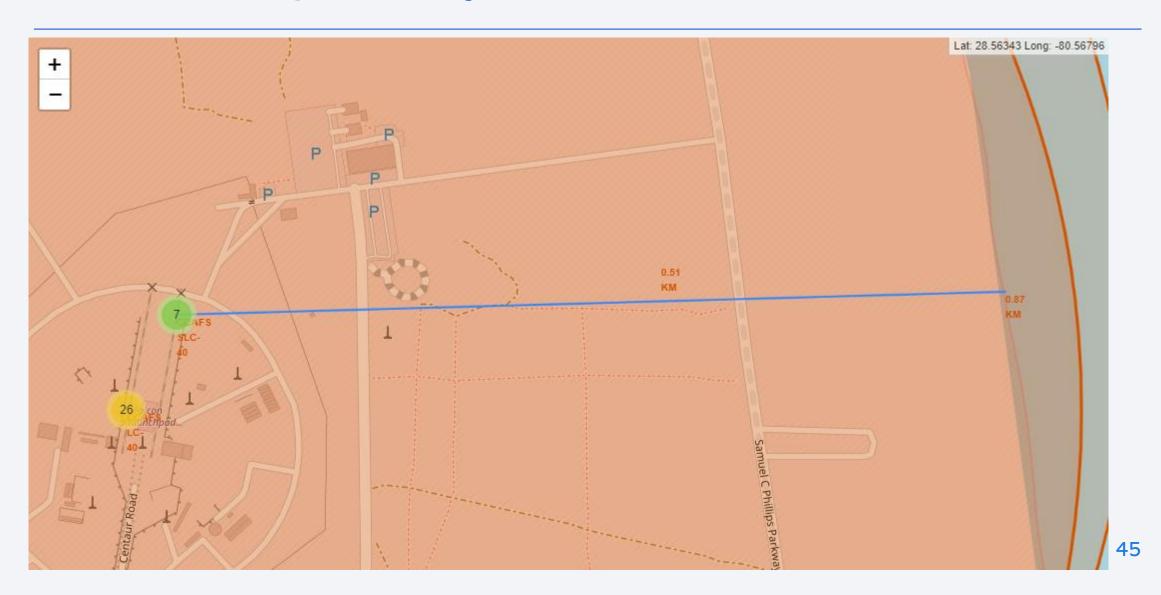


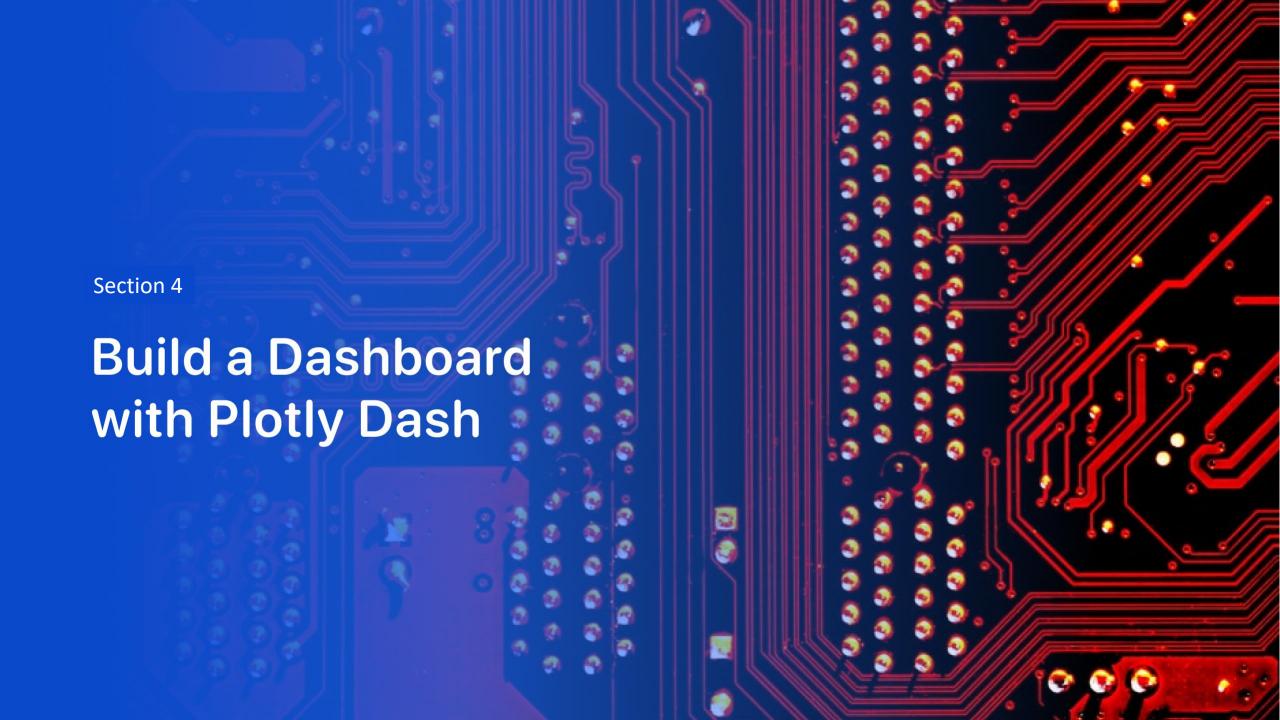
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Green Marker: Succesfull landing outcome.

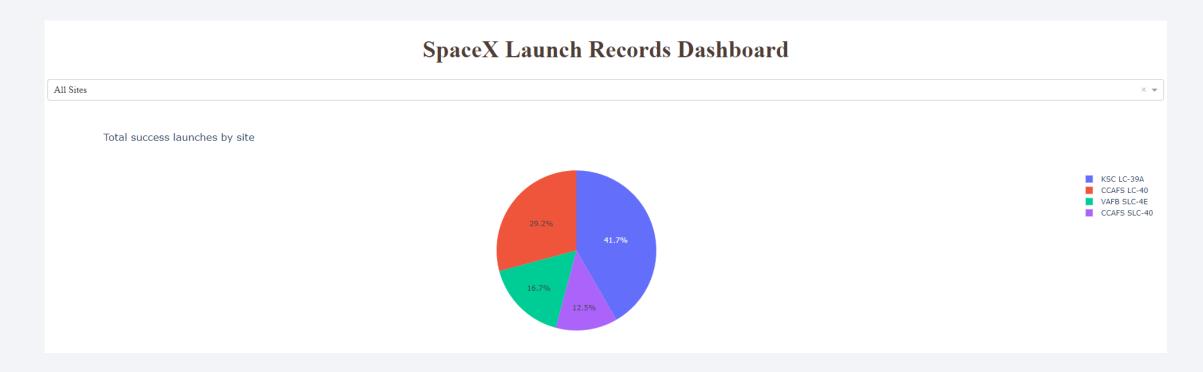
Red Marker: Unsuccesfull landing outcome.

Launch site proximity to coastline



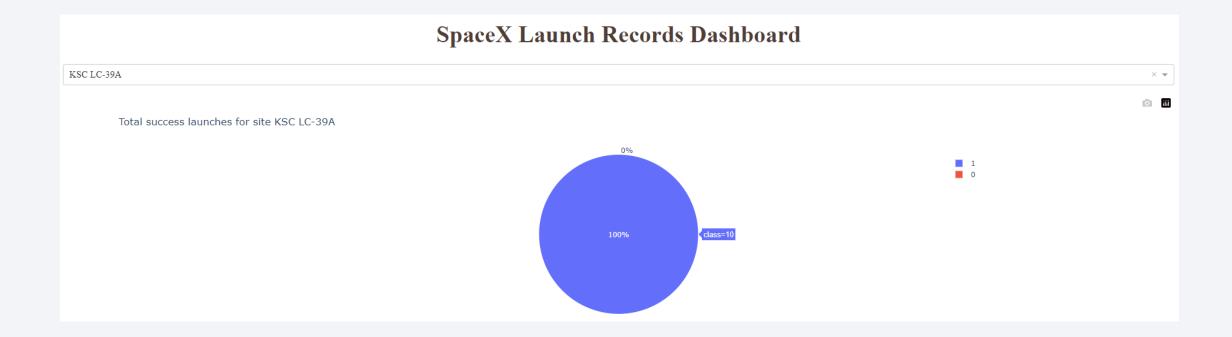


Launch success count for all sites piechart



KSC LC-39A has the highest success rate of all launch sites with 41.7%

Piechart for the launch site with the highest launch success ratio



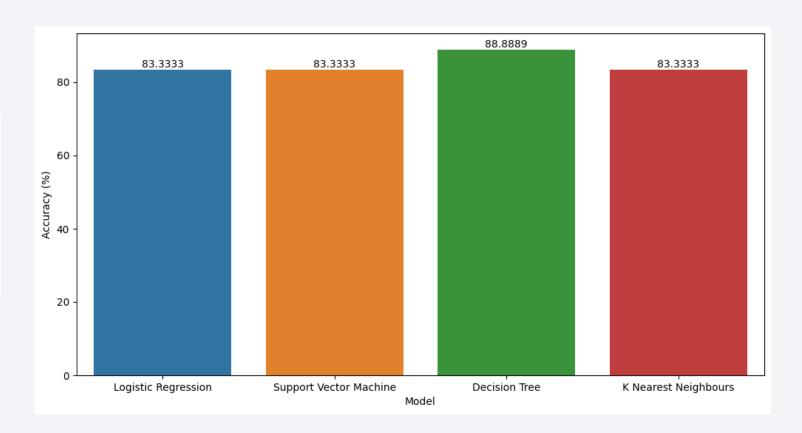
Payload vs. Launch Outcome scatter plot for all sites, with different payload ranges



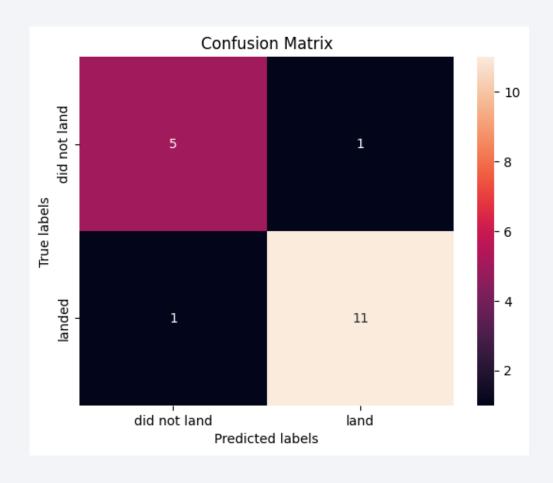


Classification Accuracy

	Model	Accuracy (%)
0	Logistic Regression	83.333333
1	Support Vector Machine	83.333333
2	Decision Tree	88.888889
3	K Nearest Neighbours	83.333333



Confusion Matrix



```
Tuned hyperparameters
(best parameters):
'criterion': 'entropy',
'max_depth': 4,
'max_features': 'sqrt',
'min_samples_leaf': 4,
'min_samples_split': 2,
'splitter': 'random'}
accuracy: 88.93 %
```

The confusion matrix for the decision tree classifier shows that the classifier can distinguish between the different classes.

Conclusions

- 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.
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