

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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#### **Executive Summary**

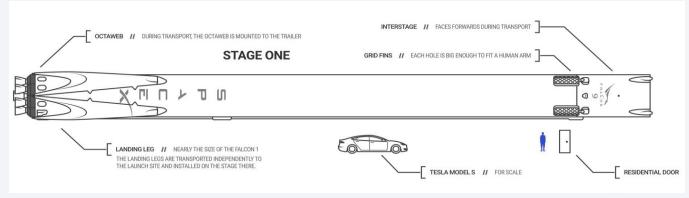
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  - ✓ The success rate of SpaceX successful landing kept increasing since 2013
  - ✓ We could predict the outcome of new with 83% accuracy

#### Introduction

#### Project background and context

Companies are making space travel affordable for everyone. Virgin Galactic is providing suborbital spaceflights. Rocket Lab is a small satellite provider. Blue Origin manufactures sub-orbital and orbital reusable rockets. Perhaps the most successful is SpaceX.

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



Problems we want to find answers for

If we can determine if the first stage will land, we can determine the cost of a launch. So we are going to predict whether the first stage lands.

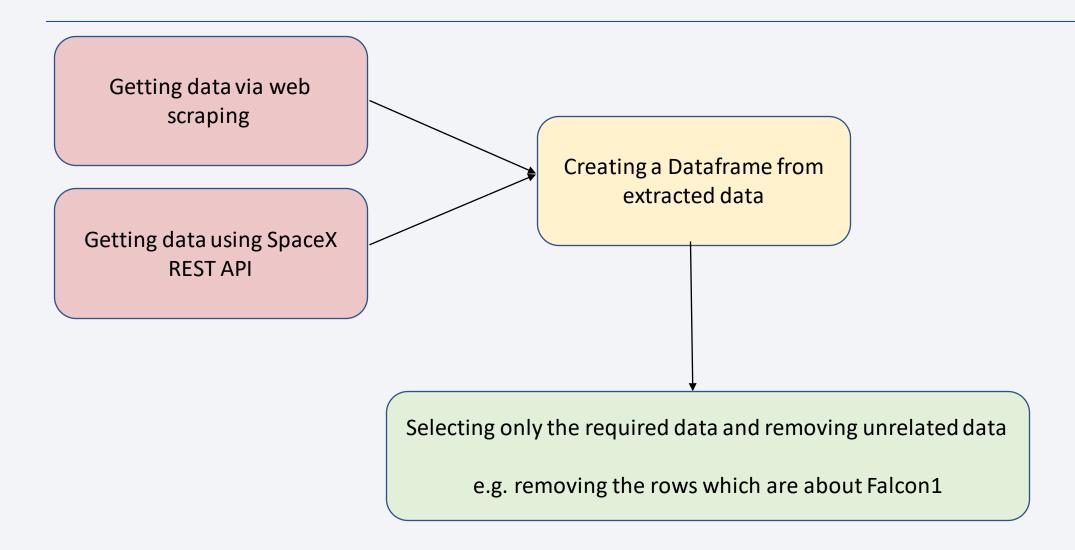


## Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

- Data collection methodology:
  - Using SpaceX Rest API with Python
  - Web scraping related Wiki pages Python
- Perform data wrangling
  - Using Python pandas and numpy libraries for Data Wrangling
- 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 Collection - SpaceX API

- 1. Request and parse the SpaceX launch data using the GET request
- 2. Filter the dataframe to only include **Falcon 9** launches
- 3. relace None values in the **PayloadMass** with the mean
- GitHub URL of the completed SpaceX API calls notebook:

https://github.com/Amorovati/IBM\_Data\_Science\_Capstone/blob/main/jupyter\_labs\_spacex\_

data\_collection\_api.ipynb

```
In [9]:

static_json_url='https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork/datasets/API_call_spacex_api.json'
response = requests.get(static_json_url)

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

In [10]:
response.status_code

Out[10]:

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

In [11]:
# Use json_normalize meethod to convert the json result into a dataframe
data=pd.json_normalize(response.json())

Using the dataframe_data_print the first 5 rows
```

# **Data Collection - Scraping**

Web scrap Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup:

- Extract a Falcon 9 launch records HTML table from Wikipedia
- Parse the table and convert it into a Pandas data frame

 GitHub URL of the completed web scraping notebook:

https://github.com/Amorovati/IBM\_D ata\_Science\_Capstone/blob/main/jup yter\_labs\_webscraping.ipynb

```
static url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches&oldid=1027686922'
         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
          # assign the response to a object
          response=requests.get(static url)
          html=response.content
         Create a BeautifulSoup object from the HTML response
          # Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
          soup=BeautifulSoup(html, 'html.parser')
In [73]:
         Print the page title to verify if the BeautifulSoup object was created properly
In [74]:
          # Use soup.title attribute
          soup.title
         <title>List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches - Wikipedia</title>
```

### **Data Wrangling**

 We are going to get a better insight from our Data and finally convert the outcomes into Training Labels with 1 means the booster successfully landed and 0 means it was unsuccessful.

Calculate the number of launches on each site

Calculate the number and occurrence of each orbit

Calculate the number and occurrence of mission outcome per orbit type

Create a
landing
outcome label
from Outcome
column

•GitHub URL of the completed Data Wrangling notebook:

https://github.com/Amorovati/IBM Data Science Capstone/blob/main/labs jupyter spacex Data wrangling.ipynb

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

 We have plotted some charts as below to have a preliminary insights about how each important variable (feature) would affect the success rate. Then, we will select the features.

#### The charts are:

- 1- Relationship between Flight Number and Launch Site,
- 2- Relationship between Payload and Launch Site
- 3- success rate of each orbit type
- 4- Relationship between Flight Number and Orbit type
- 5- Relationship between Payload and Orbit type
- 6- launch success yearly trend
- •GitHub URL of the completed EDA with data visualization notebook:

#### **EDA** with SQL

#### Performed SQL queries

- select distinct (LAUNCH\_SITE) from SPACEXTBL
- select \* from SPACEXTBL where LAUNCH SITE LIKE 'CCA%' limit 5
- select SUM(payload mass kg ) from SPACEXTBL where customer='NASA (CRS)'
- select AVG(payload\_mass\_kg\_) from SPACEXTBL where booster\_version='F9 v1.1';
- select min(DATE) from SPACEXTBL where landing\_outcome='Success (ground pad)'
- select booster\_version, payload\_mass\_\_kg\_ from SPACEXTBL where landing\_\_outcome='Success (drone ship)' and payload\_mass\_\_kg\_ between 4000 and 6000;
- select mission\_outcome, count(mission\_outcome) as total\_number from SPACEXTBL group by (mission\_outcome)
- select booster\_version, payload\_mass\_\_kg\_ from SPACEXTBL where payload\_mass\_\_kg\_=(select max(payload\_mass\_\_kg\_) from SPACEXTBL)
- select substr(DATE,6,2) as month, landing\_\_outcome, booster\_version, launch\_site from SPACEXTBL where substr(DATE,1,4)='2015' and landing\_\_outcome='Failure (drone ship)'
- select count(landing\_\_outcome) as Number\_of\_Successful\_Landing from SPACEXTBL where landing\_\_outcome in ('Success','Success (drone ship)','Success (ground pad)') and DATE between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20' group by landing\_\_outcome order by Number\_of\_Successful\_Landing DESC

#### •GitHub URL of the completed EDA with SQL notebook:

### Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- We have added a circle for each launch site
- We have marked the success/failed launches for each site on the map using MarkerCluster

Note that a launch only happens in one of the four launch sites, which means many launch records will have the exact same coordinate. Marker clusters can be a good way to simplify a map containing many markers having the same coordinate.

• We have Calculated the distances between a launch site to its proximities and drawn a line between them

GitHub URL of the completed interactive map with Folium map

https://github.com/Amorovati/IBM\_Data\_Science\_Capstone/blob/main/lab\_jupyter\_launch\_site\_loca\_tion.ipynb

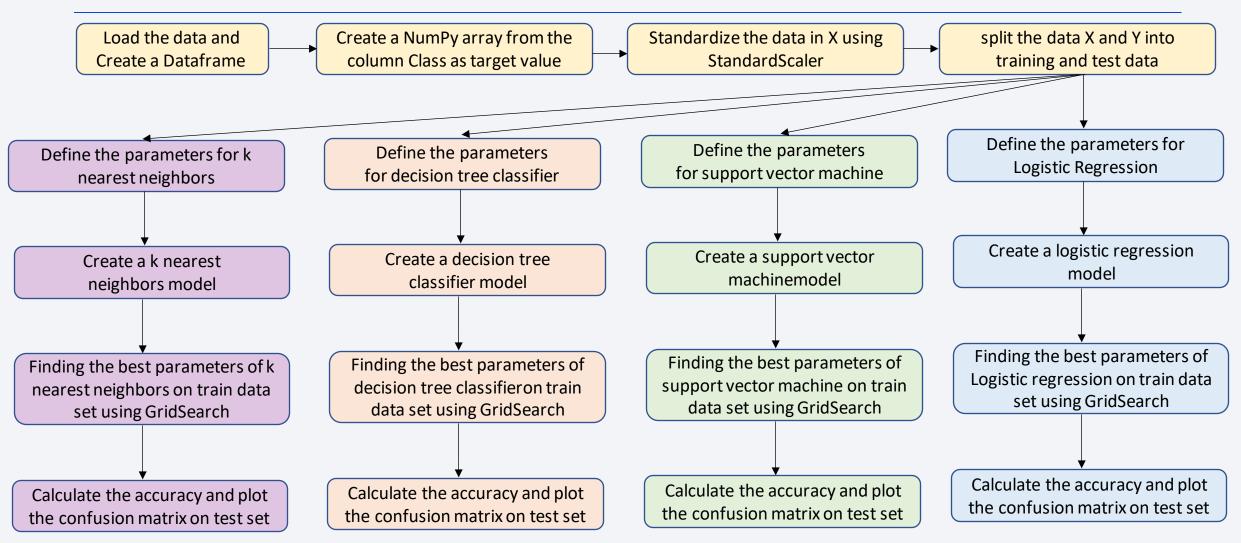
### Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- We have added a Launch Site Drop-down Input Component
- We have added a callback function to render success-pie-chart based on selected site dropdown
- We have added a Range Slider to Select Payload
- We have added a callback function to render the success-payload-scatter-chart scatter plot

With these interactive visualization, one should be able to obtain some insights to answer the following five questions:

- 1. Which site has the largest successful launches?
- 2. Which site has the highest launch success rate?
- 3. Which payload range(s) has the highest launch success rate?
- 4. Which payload range(s) has the lowest launch success rate?
- 5. Which F9 Booster version (v1.0, v1.1, FT, B4, B5, etc.) has the highest
- GitHub URL of the completed Plotly Dash lab:

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)



•GitHub URL of the completed Plotly Dash lab:

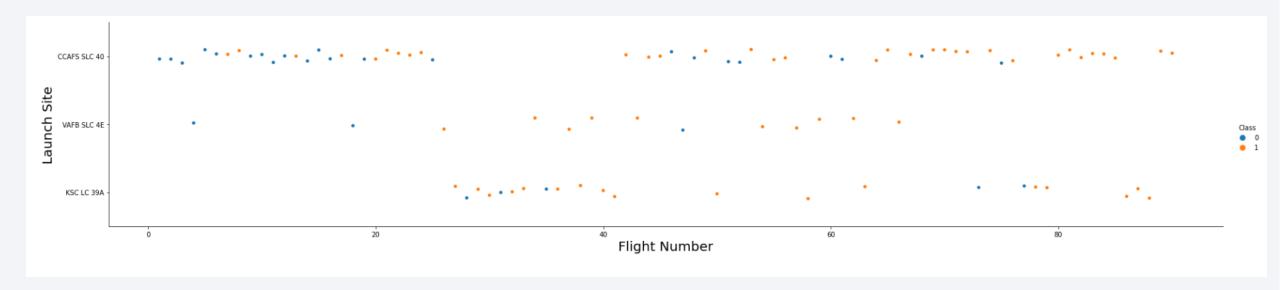
https://github.com/Amorovati/IBM Data Science Capstone/blob/main/SpaceX Machine Learning Prediction Part 5.ipynb

#### Results

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

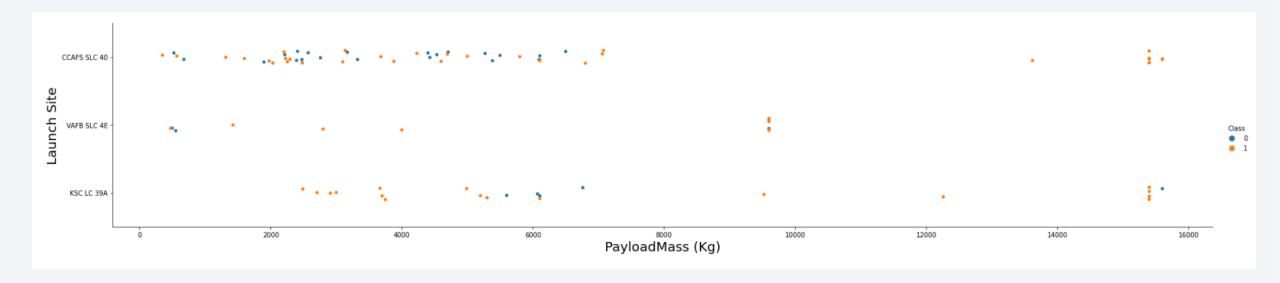


### Flight Number vs. Launch Site



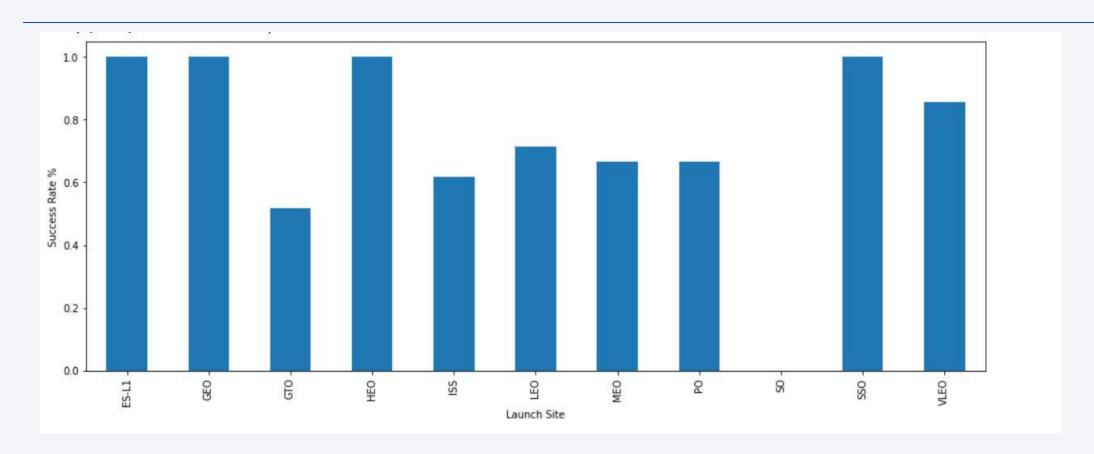
We see that different launch sites have different success rates. CCAFS LC-40, has a success rate of 60 %, while KSC LC-39A and VAFB SLC 4E has a success rate of 77%. It is also clear that by increasing the flight number, we have more successful landing.

#### Payload vs. Launch Site



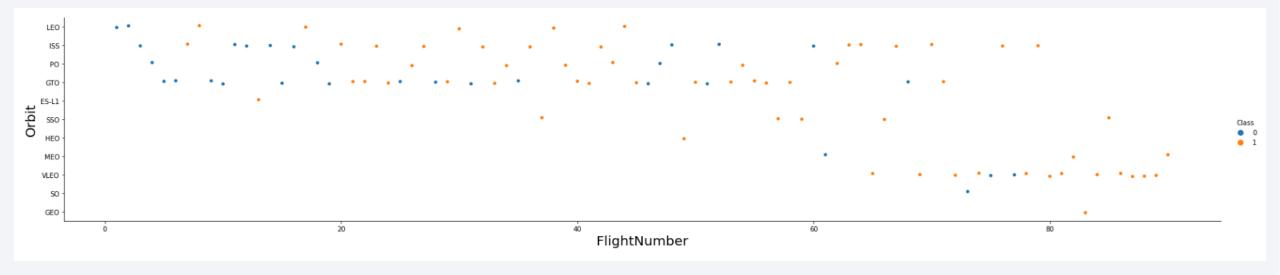
- Now if we observe Payload Vs. Launch Site scatter point chart you will find for the VAFB-SLC launch site there are no rockets launched for heavy payload mass(greater than 10000)
- We can see that with so heavy payload (greater than 10000), the chance of successful landing is very high.
- For the KSC LC 39A Launch Site with payload less than 5500 Kg we have a very good chance of successful landing

## Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



We can see the ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO orbit types have the 100% success rate and SO orbit type has 0% success rate. It is clear that VLEO orbit type has also good success rate (greater than 80%)

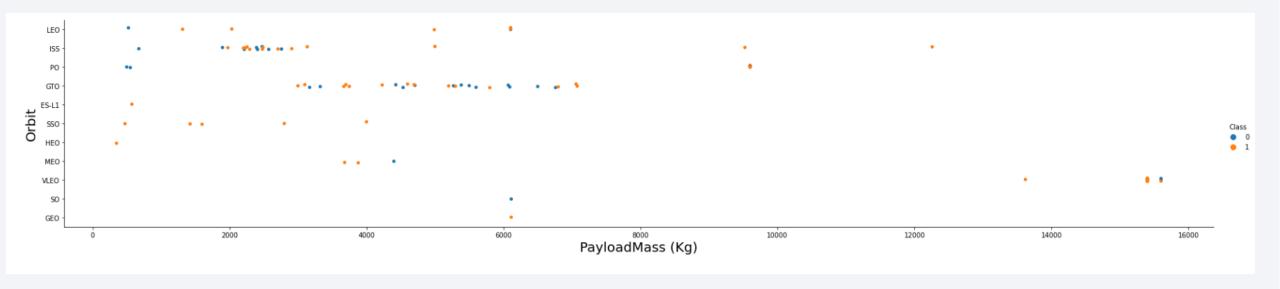
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



We can see that in the LEO and VLEO orbit the Success appears related to the number of flights (the more the flight number is, the more success appears); on the other hand, there seems to be no relationship between flight number when in GTO orbit and ISS orbit.

Although we see the ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO orbits have the 100% success, there are few number of test in these orbits.

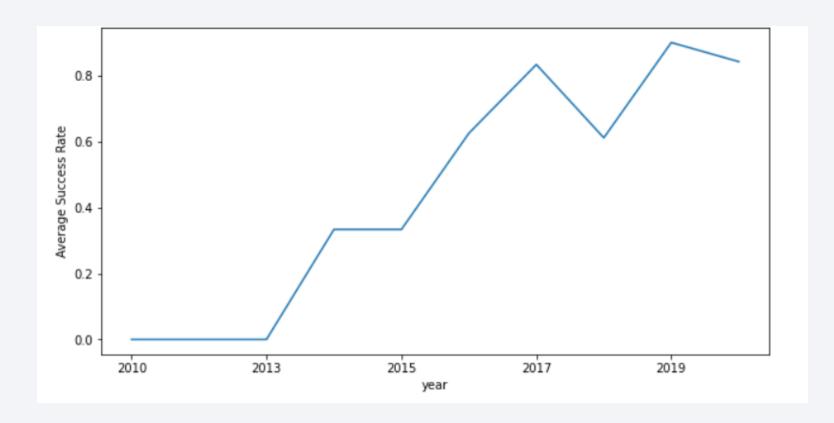
### Payload vs. Orbit Type



With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Polar, LEO and ISS.

However for GTO we cannot distinguish this well as both positive landing rate and negative landing (unsuccessful mission) are both there.

# Launch Success Yearly Trend



We can observe that the sucess rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020

#### All Launch Site Names

- Names of the unique launch sites
- We use distinct function to specify unique values (here launch site)

```
[ ] %sql select distinct (LAUNCH_SITE) from SPACEXTBL

* ibm_db_sa://tst71274:***@9938aec0-8105-433e-8bf9
Done.
    launch_site
    CCAFS LC-40
    CCAFS SLC-40
    KSC LC-39A
    VAFB SLC-4E
```

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- Find 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`
- We use select with like 'CCA%' function. Please note that the % sign must be placed after the CCA.

```
[ ] %sql select * from SPACEXTBL where LAUNCH SITE LIKE 'CCA%' limit 5;
      * ibm_db_sa://tst71274:***@9938aec0-8105-433e-8bf9-0fbb7e483086.c1ogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32459/bludb
     Done.
        DATE time_utc_booster_version launch_site
                                                                                                            payload_mass__kg_ orbit
                                                                                                                                                          mission_outcome landing__outcome
                                                                             payload
                                                                                                                                            customer
     2010-06-04 18:45:00 F9 v1.0 B0003
                                         CCAFS LC-40 Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit
                                                                                                                               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)
                                                                                                                               LEO (ISS) NASA (COTS)
     2012-05-22 07:44:00
                         F9 v1.0 B0005
                                         CCAFS LC-40 Dragon demo flight C2
                                                                                                                                                          Success
                                                                                                                                                                          No attempt
     2012-10-08 00:35:00
                         F9 v1.0 B0006
                                         CCAFS LC-40 SpaceX CRS-1
                                                                                                            500
                                                                                                                               LEO (ISS) NASA (CRS)
                                                                                                                                                          Success
                                                                                                                                                                          No attempt
                                         CCAFS LC-40 SpaceX CRS-2
                                                                                                                               LEO (ISS) NASA (CRS)
     2013-03-01 15:10:00
                         F9 v1.0 B0007
                                                                                                            677
                                                                                                                                                          Success
                                                                                                                                                                          No attempt
```

### **Total Payload Mass**

- Calculate the total payload carried by boosters from NASA
- We use SUM function and where clause

```
[ ] %sql select SUM(payload_mass__kg_) from SPACEXTBL where customer='NASA (CRS)';
    * ibm_db_sa://tst71274:***@9938aec0-8105-433e-8bf9-0fbb7e483086.c1ogj3sd0tgtu0lqd
    Done.
    1
45596
```

### Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

- Calculate the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- We use AVG(average) function and where clause

```
[ ] %sql select AVG(payload_mass__kg_) from SPACEXTBL where booster_version='F9 v1.1';

* ibm_db_sa://tst71274:***@9938aec0-8105-433e-8bf9-0fbb7e483086.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde0
Done.

1
2928
```

### First Successful Ground Landing Date

- Find the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad
- · We use min function and where clause

#### 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

We use select and where clause with function between

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

- Calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- We use count function and group by clause

```
[ ] %sql select mission_outcome, count(mission_outcome) as total_number from SPACEXTBL group by (mission_outcome)

* ibm_db_sa://tst71274:***@9938aec0-8105-433e-8bf9-0fbb7e483086.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32459/bludb
Done.

* mission_outcome total_number

Failure (in flight) 1
Success 99
Success (payload status unclear) 1

* Success (payload status unclear) 1

* ibm_db_sa://tst71274:***@9938aec0-8105-433e-8bf9-0fbb7e483086.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32459/bludb
Done.

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Done.

* ibm_db_sa://tst71274:***@9938aec0-8105-433e-8bf9-0fbb7e483086.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32459/bludb
Done.

* paid * ibm_db_sa://tst71274:****@9938aec0-8105-433e-8bf9-0fbb7e483086.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32459/bludb
Done.

* paid * ibm_db_sa://tst71274:****

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* paid * ibm_db_sa://tst71274:**

* paid * ibm_db_sa://tst7127
```

### **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

- List the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass
- We use a subquery with max function and where clause

```
%sql select booster_version, payload_mass__kg_ from SPACEXTBL where payload_mass__kg_=(select max(payload_mass__kg_) from SPACEXTBL)
* ibm db sa://tst71274:***@9938aec0-8105-433e-8bf9-0fbb7e483086.c1ogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32459/bludb
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
```

#### 2015 Launch Records

- List the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015
- We use substr function to get the month and year from the Date and where clause

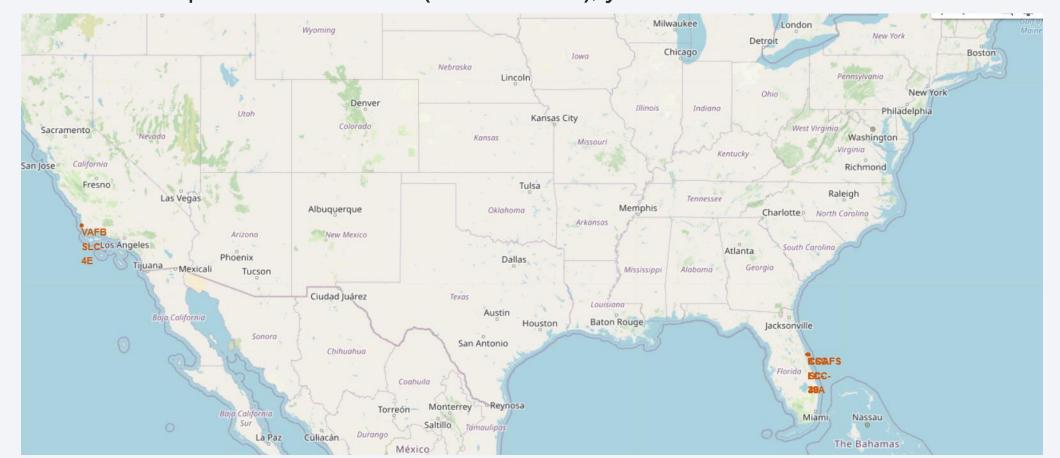
#### Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

- 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
- We use count function and where clause, group by clause, order by clause and DESC (for descending order)



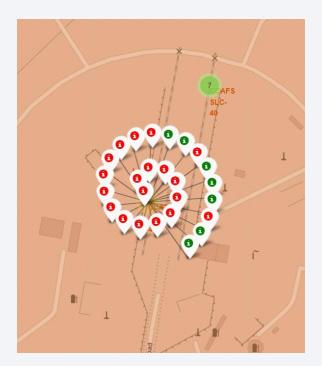
#### Launch Site Locations on the Map

• In the following map you can see the locations of the four launch sites. Three of them (CCAFS LC-40, CCAFS SLC-40, KSC LC-39A) are very close to each other at the right side of the map and the other one (VAFB SLC-4E), you can find at the left side.



### Illustration of different launch site landing records

• You can see the different launch site landing records on the map. By clicking and zooming on the popup icon, you can see the landing results (green: successful and red: unsuccessful)





### Distance of a Launch Site to its Proximity

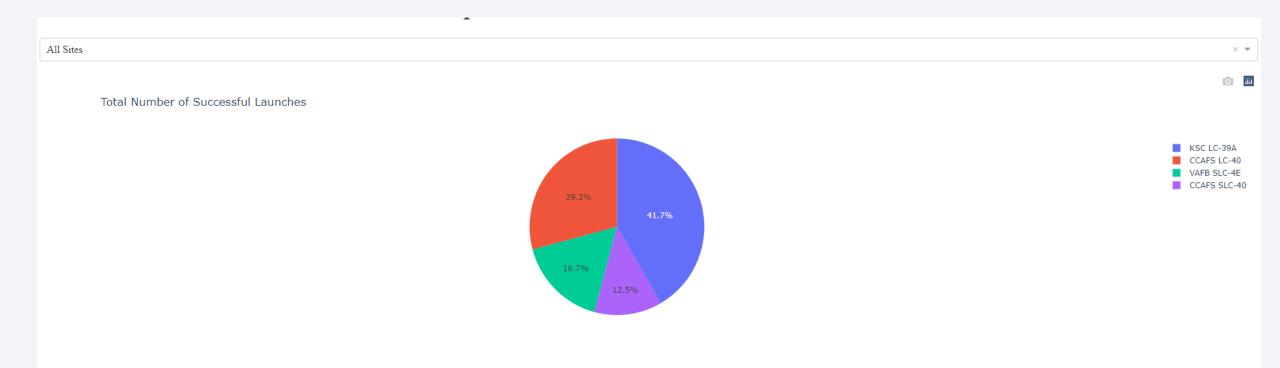
• Here we have calculated the distance of the launch site CCAFS LC-40 to the coastline, which is 910 m, and drawn a line between them





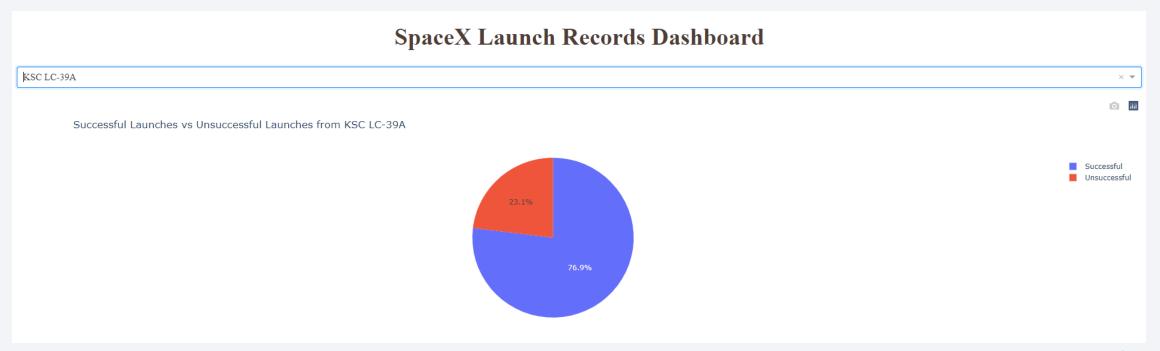
#### Dashboard- Success at Different Launch Sites

- You can select All Sites to see the successful launches of each site (percent in the piechart means the total number of successful launches of distinct site to the total number of successful launches) or select a launch site to compare the successful with unsuccessful launches
- In the piechart below, you see the launch site with the best success rate is KSC LC-39A



#### Dashboard- Launch Site with best Success Rate

You can observe the best launch site according to success rate has 76.9% success rate



#### Dashboard- Payload vs Launch Outcome

• You can see that the booster versions FT and B4 have the most successful outcomes for the different Payloads and booster versions v1 and v1.1 have the lowest successful outcomes for the different Payloads.

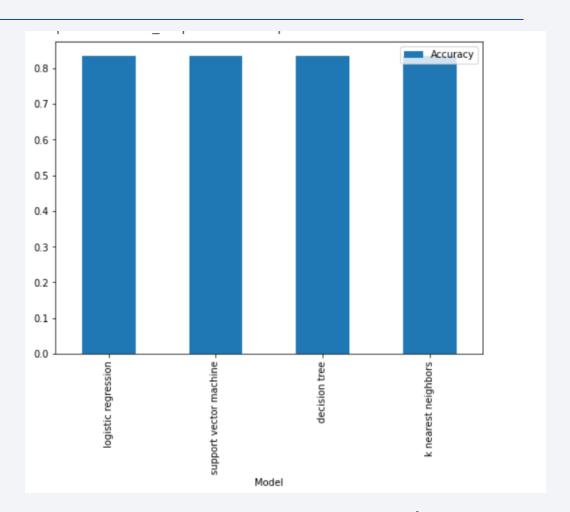




### Classification Accuracy

We have used four different model for prediction as follows:

- logistic regression
- support vector machine
- decision tree
- k nearest neighbors



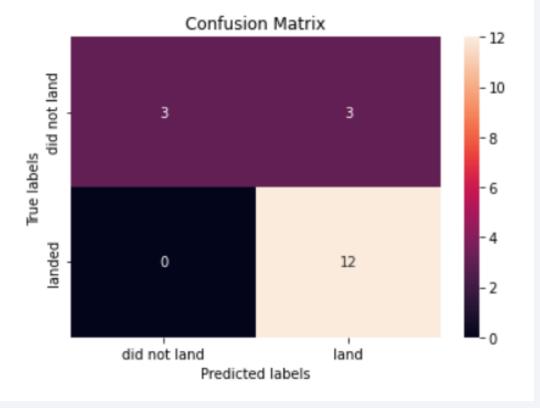
As you can observe in bar chart, all models have the same accuracy equal to 83%.

#### **Confusion Matrix**

• Since all models have the same accuracy and all confusion matrixes are the same, we illustrate just one confusion matrix as follows.

Confusion matrix shows that in our dataset there are 12 successful landing and 6 unsuccessful landing. Our model has predicted:

- 12 successful landing correctly (true positive)
- 3 unsuccessful landing incorrectly (true negative)
- 3 unsuccessful landing incorrectly as successful landing (false positive)



#### Conclusions

- Sucess rate kept increasing since 2013 till 2020
- Generally speaking, the more the payload is, the more the chance of successful landing is
- KSC LC-39A launch site has the best success rate
- We can now predict the outcome (successful or unsuccessful landing) with four different models with the accuracy of 83%

# Appendix

• Through the Github link below, you can reach the all relevant files and notebooks of the project

https://github.com/Amorovati/IBM\_Data\_Science\_Capstone

