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Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

Methodologies

Data Collection

- REST API
- Web Scraping

Data Wrangling

- Creation of binary Outcome Variable

Visualization

- Basic Graphs
- Maps using Folium
- Dashboard

Analysis

- Basic Analysis
- Predictive Models

Results

- Improved Success rate over the time
- KSC LC-39A is the most successful site
- ES-L1, GEO, HEO, and SSO have the highest success rate
- All sites are close to coastline
- Decision Trees model has the highest accuracy

Introduction

Project background and context

- SpaceX is a leader in the space industry. It has launched several missions in some of which first stage has been successful and unsuccessful in others. We need to analyze publicly available data for a competitor of SpaceX.

Specific questions

- How various factors (launch site, payload, orbit etc) affect success/failure of first stage landing?
- Is there any trend in success rate of first stage landings over time?
- What ML model best predicts success?



Section 1

Methodology

Methodology



Data collection:

Collected through REST API and
Web Scraping

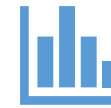


Perform data wrangling

Filtering, missing values handling,
one hot encode



Visualization and EDA with SQL



Visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash



Predictive Analytics

Various classification models
built and tested

Data Collection

1

Request/Fetch
Data

2

Convert to
Data Frame

3

Filter Data

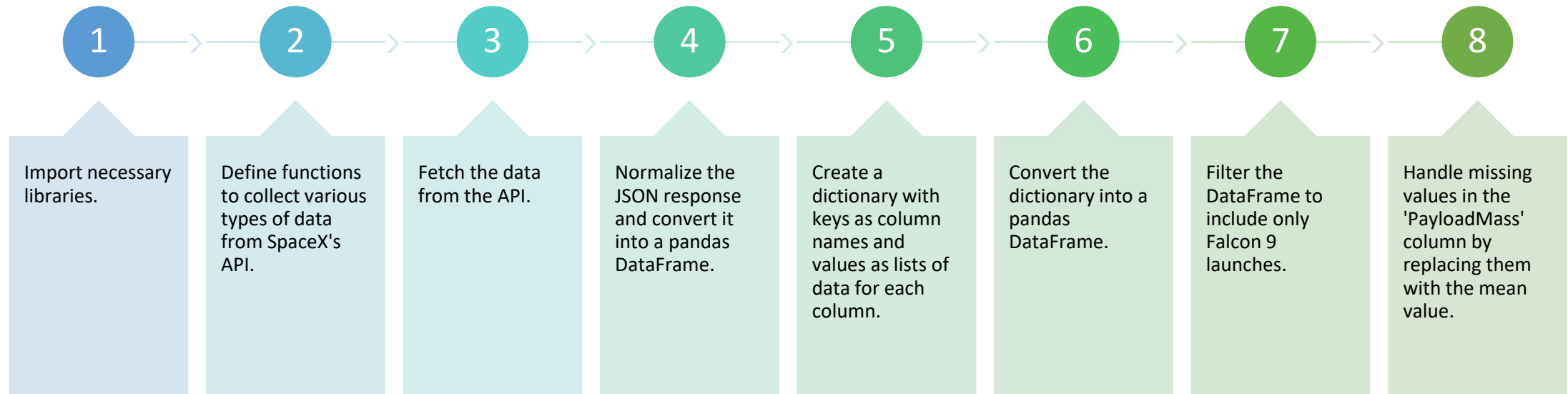
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Replace
missing values

5

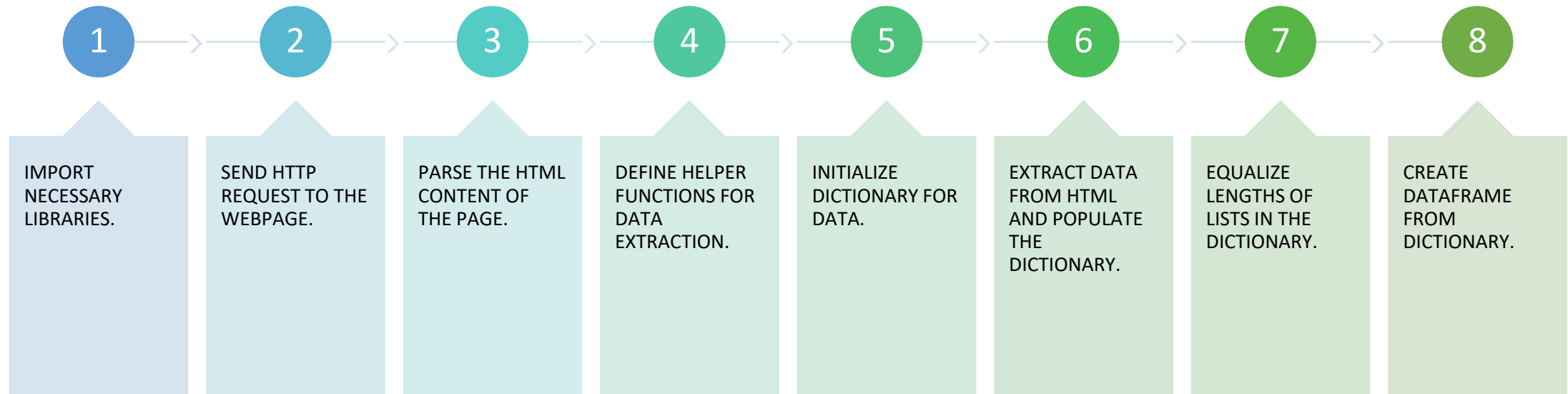
Export to csv

Data Collection – SpaceX API



Github Link: https://github.com/Atifhussain40/data_science_capstone/blob/main/api%20collection.ipynb

Data Collection - Scraping



Github Link: https://github.com/Atifhussain40/data_science_capstone/blob/main/web%20scraping.ipynb

Data Wrangling



Import necessary libraries (**numpy**, **pandas**)



Load the dataset



Data analysis:

Missing values percentage
Column types



Calculations:

Number of launches on each site
Number and occurrence of each orbit
Number and occurrence of mission outcome per orbit type
New variable 'Class'



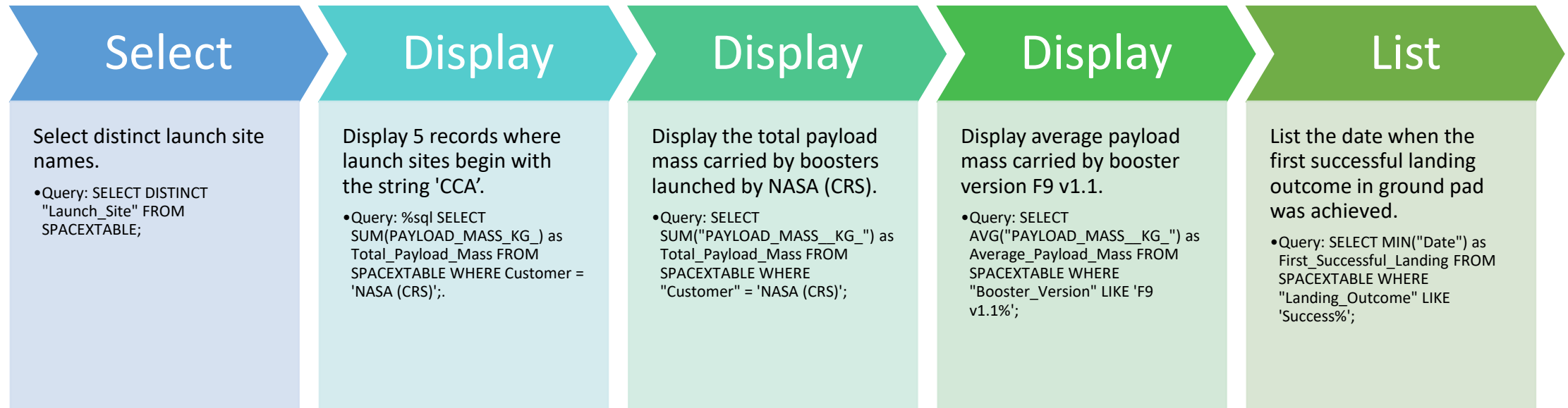
Export the dataframe to a CSV file

Github Link: https://github.com/Atifhussain40/data_science_capstone/blob/main/data%20wrangling.ipynb

EDA with Data Visualization

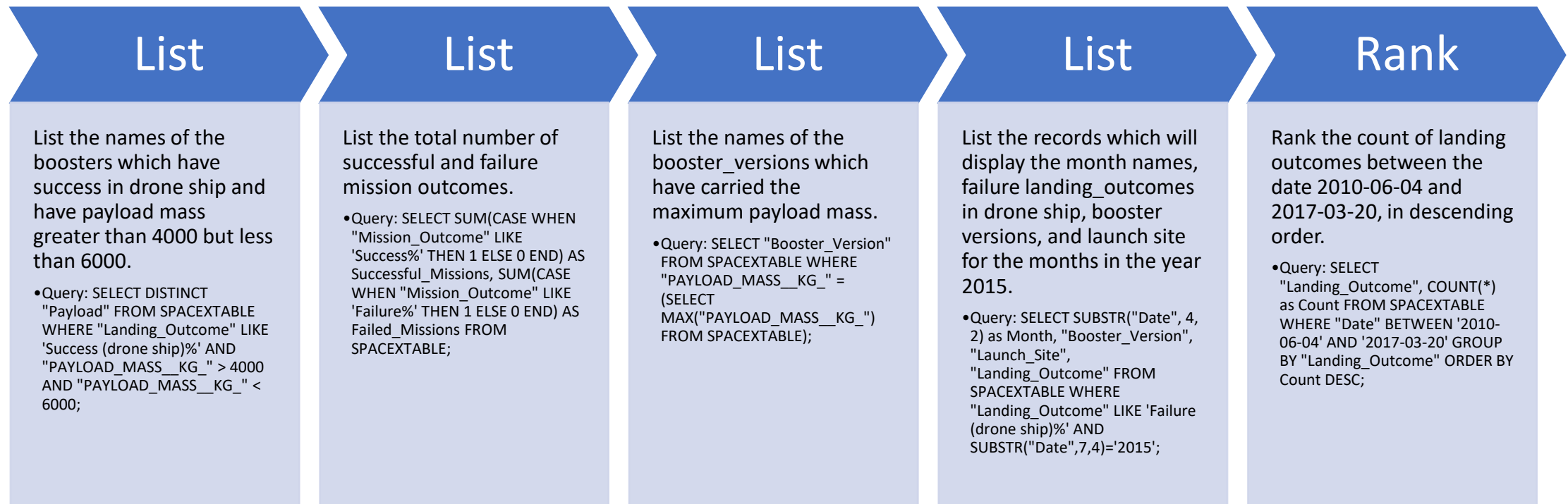
| Plot | Purpose |
|------------------------------|---|
| FlightNumber vs. PayloadMass | Investigate the impact of flight number and payload mass on landing success |
| FlightNumber vs. LaunchSite | Examine the influence of flight number and launch site on success rates |
| Payload vs. LaunchSite | Determine the relationship between payload mass and choice of launch site |
| Success Rate vs. Orbit Type | Identify which orbit types have higher success rates |
| FlightNumber vs. Orbit Type | Explore the correlation between flight number and orbit type |
| Payload vs. Orbit Type | Analyze how payload mass and orbit type affect landing success |
| Yearly Success Trend | Assess the trend of launch success rate over time |

EDA with SQL 1/2



Github Link: https://github.com/Atifhussain40/data_science_capstone/blob/main/sql%20analysis.ipynb

EDA with SQL 2/2



Build an Interactive Map with Folium

| Object Added | Purpose |
|--------------------------------|--|
| <code>folium.map.Marker</code> | Mark the exact location of each launch site with a text label marker. The marker has the launch site name. |
| <code>folium.PolyLine</code> | Draw a line from the launch site to the coastline. |
| <code>folium.PolyLine</code> | Draw a line from a nearby city to the launch site and display the distance. |
| <code>folium.PolyLine</code> | Draw a line from a nearby railway to the launch site and display the distance. |
| <code>folium.PolyLine</code> | Draw a line from a nearby highway to the launch site and display the distance. |

Github Link: https://github.com/Atifhussain40/data_science_capstone/blob/main/Folium.ipynb

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

| Chart | Purpose |
|---|--|
| Chart- Successful Launches by Site | To see which site has the highest share in the successful launches |
| Chart – KSC LC 39A Success Failure comparison | To see the percentage of successful launches from the site |
| Scatter Chart | To see correlation between payload and launch success |

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- Data Loaded
 - Models Built
 - Models tuned using GridSearchCV
 - Models compared using accuracy score
 - Best model selected
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- Github Link: https://github.com/Atifhussain40/data_science_capstone/blob/main/Predictive.ipynb

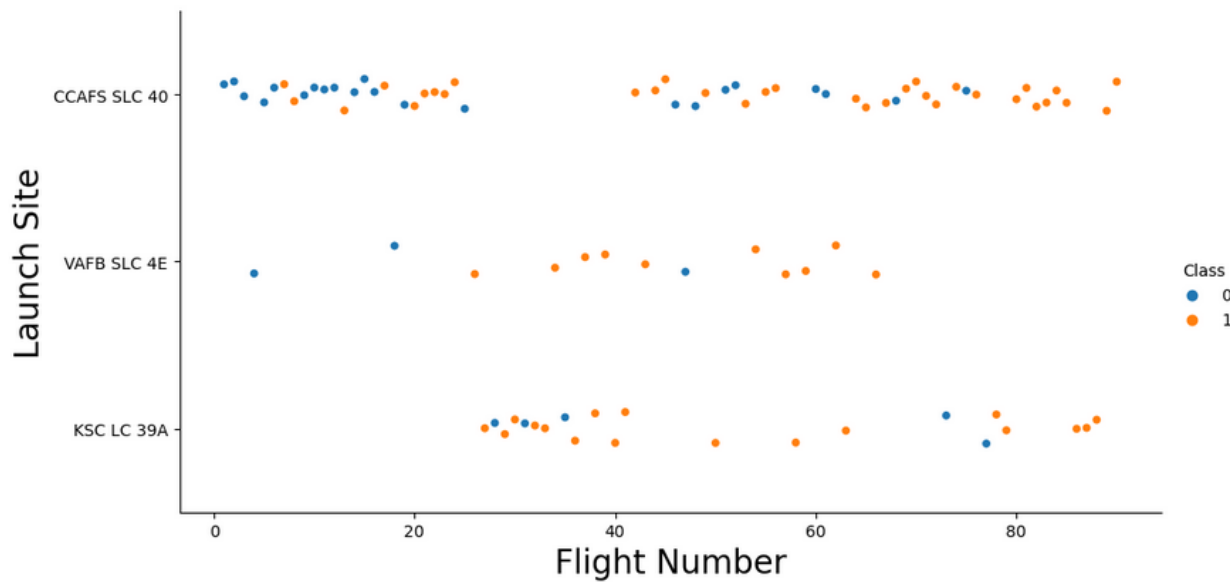
Main Results

- Success rate has improved over the time
- KSC LC 39A has the best success rate
- Decision Trees based model performs best in predicting outcome

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Section 2

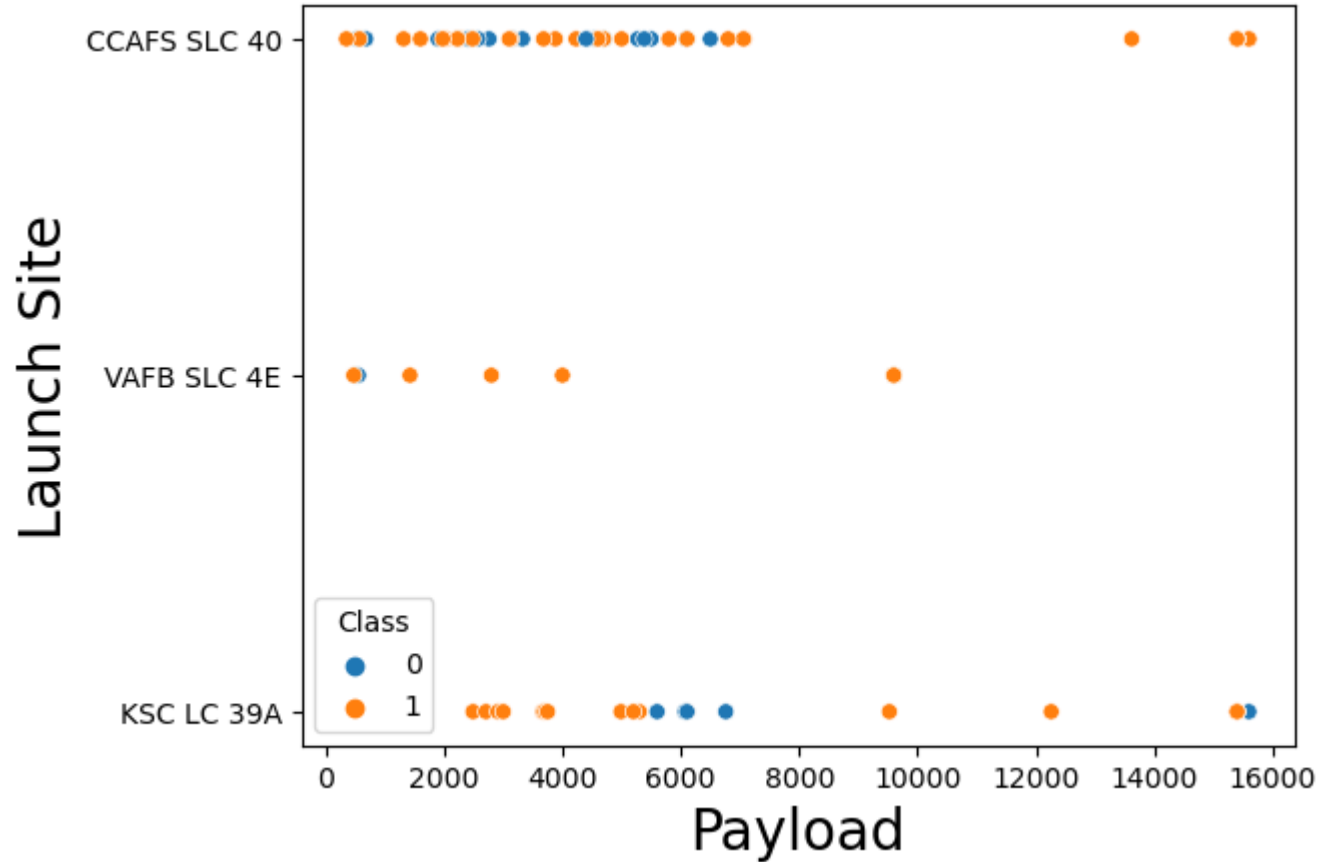
Insights drawn from EDA



Flight Number vs. Launch Site

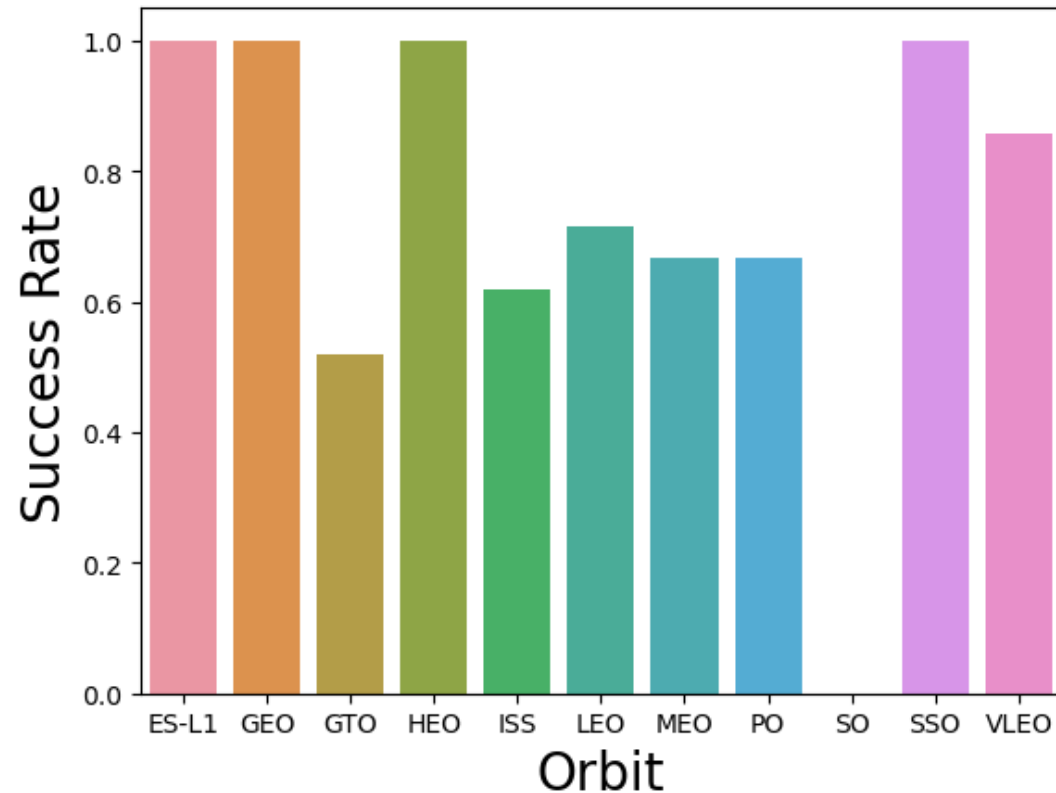
- CCAFS SLC 40 has the highest number of flights, however, many of those have been unsuccessful
- KSC LC 39A has very few unsuccessful flights

Payload vs. Launch Site



- CCAFS SLC 40 has more success with greater mass loads
- KSC LC 39A also has greater success with small mass loads

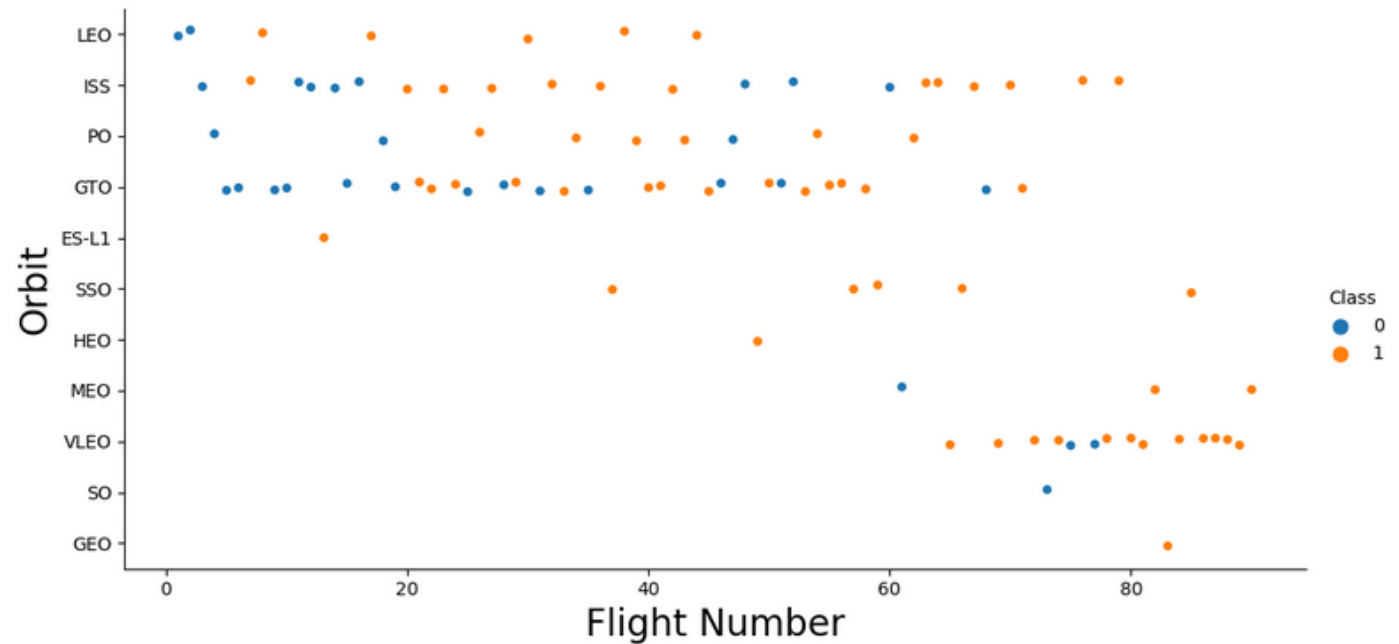
Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



- ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO have the highest success rates
- GTO orbit has the lowest success rate

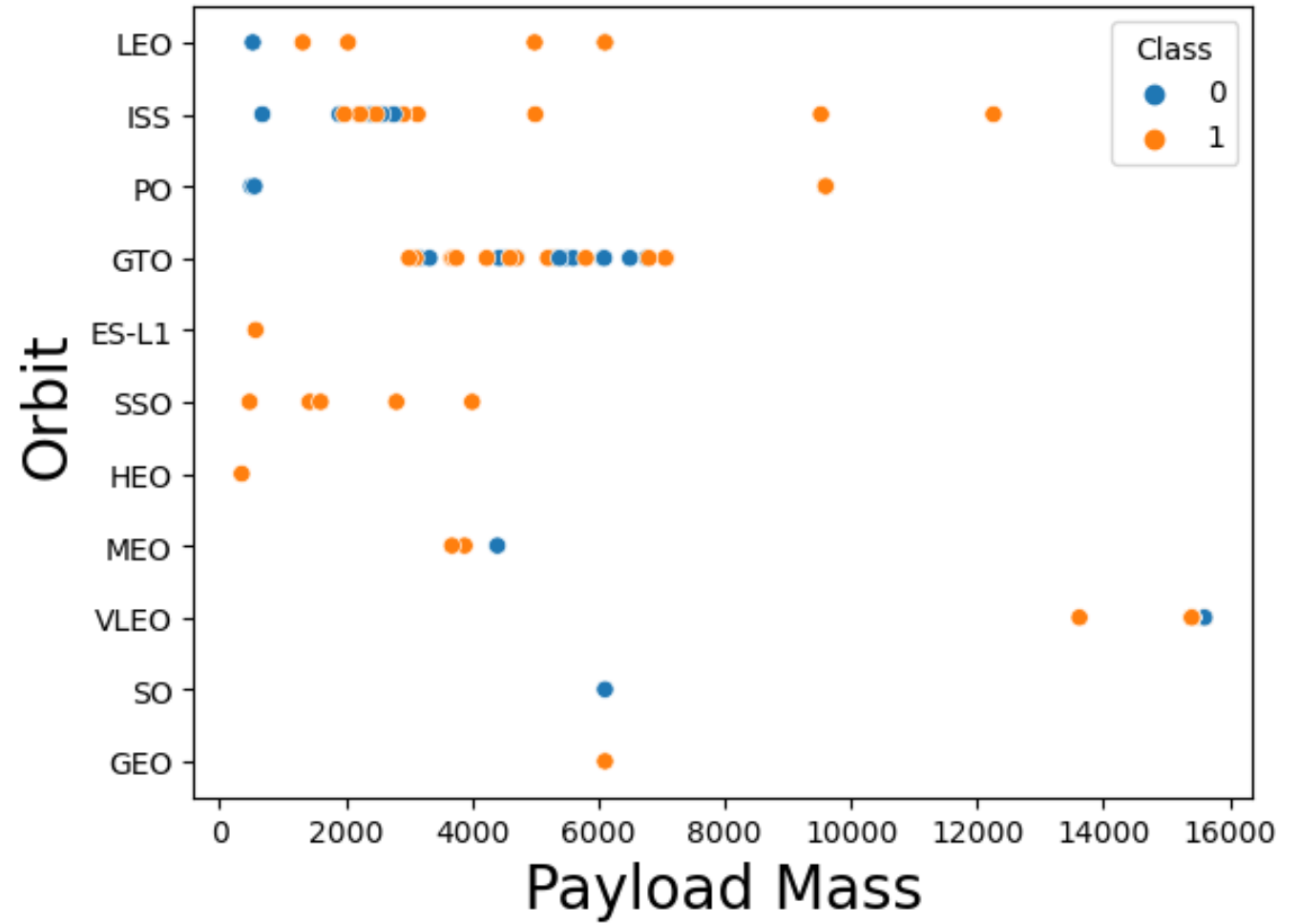
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- LEO orbit, success is related to the flight number whereas
- In the GTO orbit, there is no relationship between flight number and the success



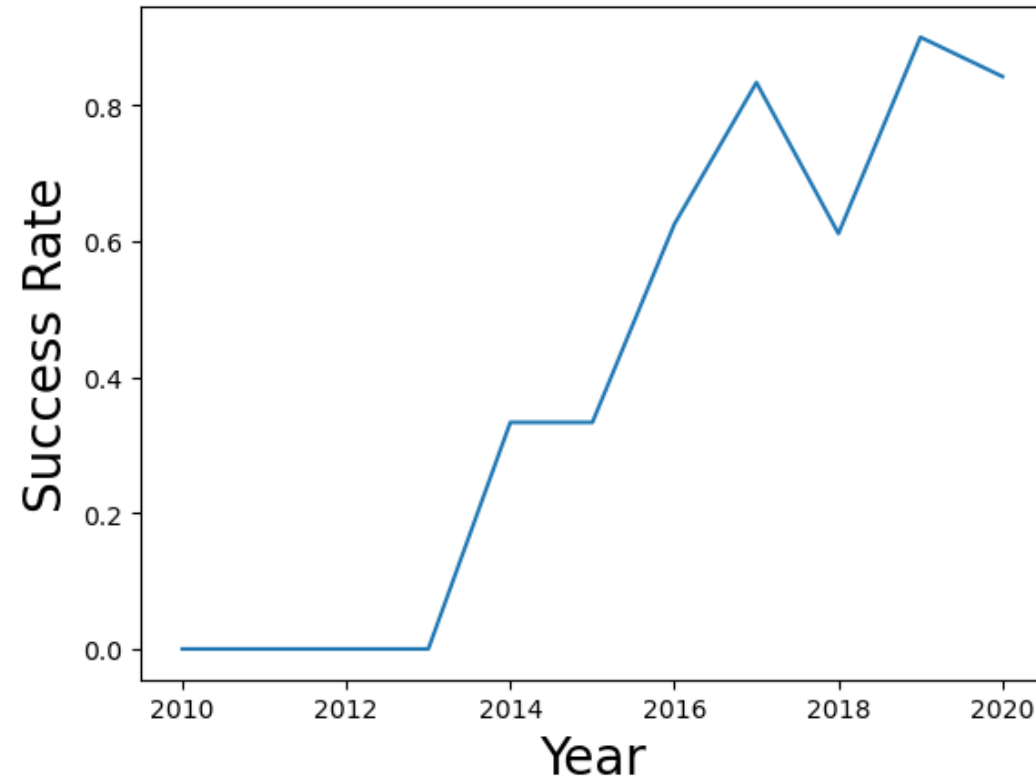
Payload vs. Orbit Type

In ISS orbit, success is associated with higher payloads



Launch Success Yearly Trend

Success rate has generally increased over the years.



All Launch Site Names

Query has selected
distinct/unique launch site
names from SPACEXTABLE

In [16]:

```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT "Launch_Site" FROM SPACEXTABLE;
```

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

Out[16]:

| Launch_Site |
|-------------|
|-------------|

| |
|-------------|
| CCAFS LC-40 |
|-------------|

| |
|-------------|
| VAFB SLC-4E |
|-------------|

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|------------|
| KSC LC-39A |
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|--------------|
| CCAFS SLC-40 |
|--------------|

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

Selected records where
launch sites began
with `CCA` using LIKE

| Date | Time (UTC) | Booster_Version | Launch_Site | Payload | PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ | Orbit | Customer | Mission |
|------------|---------------|-----------------|----------------|---|------------------|--------------|-----------------------|---------|
| 06/04/2010 | 18:45:00 | F9 v1.0 B0003 | CCAFS LC-40 | Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit | 0.0 | LEO | SpaceX | |
| 12/08/2010 | 15:43:00 | F9 v1.0 B0004 | CCAFS LC-40 | Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of Brouere cheese | 0.0 | LEO (ISS) | NASA (COTS) NRO | |
| 22/05/2012 | 7:44:00 | F9 v1.0 B0005 | CCAFS LC-40 | Dragon demo flight C2 | 525.0 | LEO (ISS) | NASA (COTS) | |
| | | | CCAFS | SpaceX | | LEO | NASA | |

Total Payload Mass

```
In [22]: %sql SELECT SUM("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_") as Total_Payload_Mass FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Customer" = 'NASA (CRS)';  
* sqlite:///my_data1.db  
Done.
```

```
Out[22]: Total_Payload_Mass  
         45596.0
```

Total payload carried by boosters from NASA is 45,596 Kgs

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

```
In [12]: %sql SELECT AVG("PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_") FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Booster_Version" = 'F9 v1.1';
```

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

```
Done.
```

```
Out[12]: AVG("PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_")
```

```
2928.4
```

Average Payload Mass carried by F9 v1.1 is 2534.67 Kgs

First Successful Ground Landing Date

```
: %sql SELECT MIN("Date") FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Landing_Outcome" = 'Success (ground pad)';
```

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

```
Done.
```

```
: MIN("Date")
```

```
01/08/2018
```

The first successful ground landing was on 01/07/2020

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

```
In [27]: %sql SELECT DISTINCT "Payload" FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Landing_Outcome" LIKE 'Success (drone ship)%' AND "PAY
```

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

```
Done.
```

```
Out[27]:
```

| Payload |
|-----------------------|
| JCSAT-14 |
| JCSAT-16 |
| SES-10 |
| SES-11 / EchoStar 105 |

Names of the boosters with payloads between 4000 and 6000 and successful landing are JCSAT-14, JCSAT-16, SES-10, SES-11/EchoStar 105

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

```
In [28]: %sql SELECT SUM(CASE WHEN "Mission_Outcome" LIKE 'Success%' THEN 1 ELSE 0 END) AS Successful_Missions, SUM(CA
```

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

```
Out[28]: Successful_Missions Failed_Missions
```

100

1

100 missions have been successful and 1
unsuccessful

Boosters Carried Maximum Pa yload

```
In [15]: %sql SELECT "Booster_Version", "PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_" FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_" = (SELECT MAX("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_"
```

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

```
Done.
```

```
Out[15]:
```

| Booster_Version | PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ |
|-----------------|------------------|
| F9 B5 B1048.4 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1049.4 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1051.3 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1056.4 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1048.5 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1051.4 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1049.5 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1060.2 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1058.3 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1051.6 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1060.3 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1049.7 | 15600.0 |

| Booster_Version | PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ |
|-----------------|------------------|
| F9 B5 B1048.4 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1049.4 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1051.3 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1056.4 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1048.5 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1051.4 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1049.5 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1060.2 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1058.3 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1051.6 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1060.3 | 15600.0 |
| F9 B5 B1049.7 | 15600.0 |

**Boosters carrying the
maximum payload**

2015 Launch Records

```
In [36]: %sql SELECT SUBSTR("Date", 4, 2) as Month, "Booster_Version", "Launch_Site", "Landing_Outcome" FROM SPACEXTAB
```

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

```
Done.
```

```
Out[36]:
```

| Month | Booster_Version | Launch_Site | Landing_Outcome |
|-------|-----------------|-------------|----------------------|
| 10 | F9 v1.1 B1012 | CCAFS LC-40 | Failure (drone ship) |
| 04 | F9 v1.1 B1015 | CCAFS LC-40 | Failure (drone ship) |

Two Boosters in 2015 failing in drone ship

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and city lights at night. The background is a deep blue gradient.

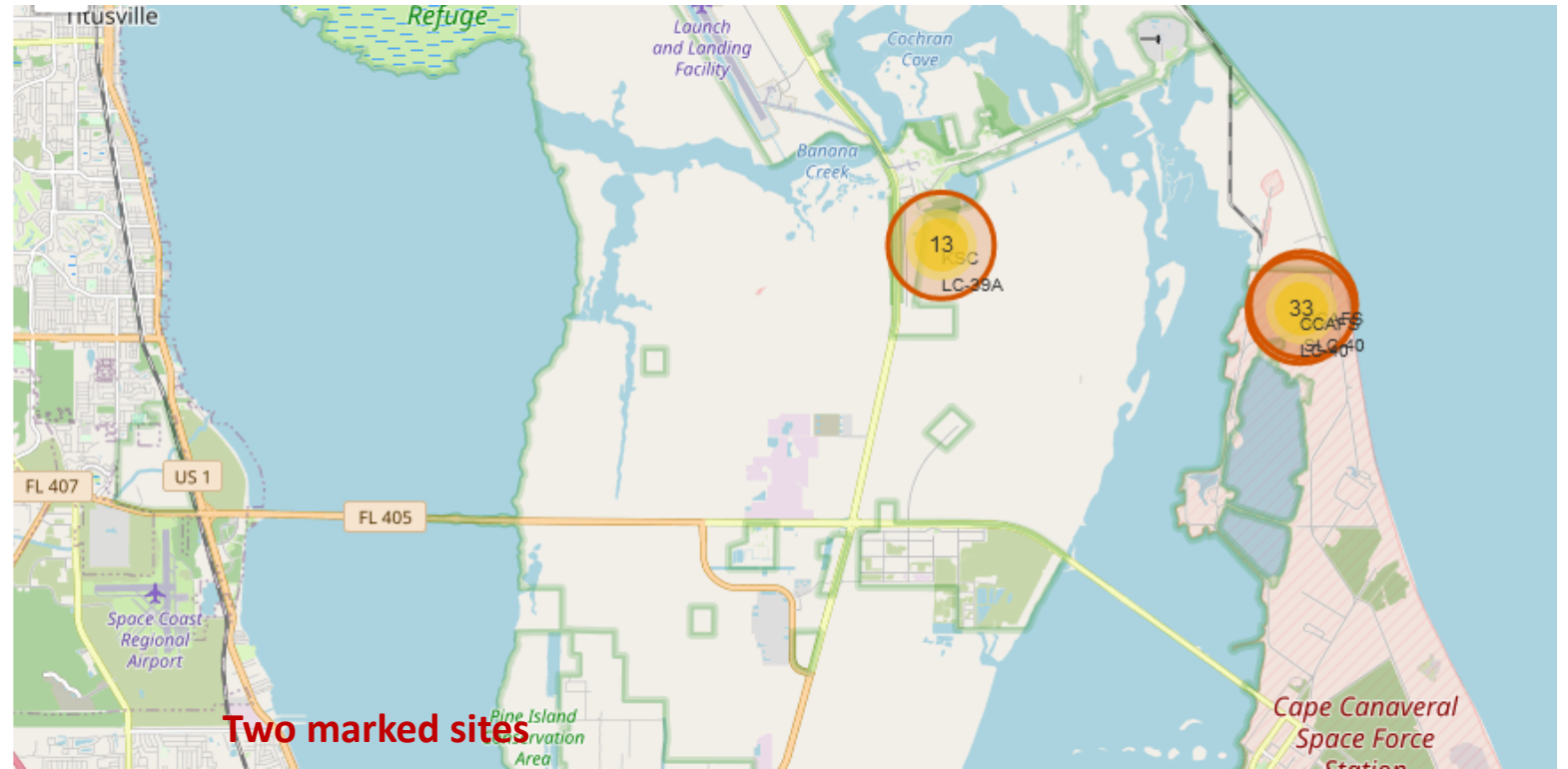
Section 3

Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

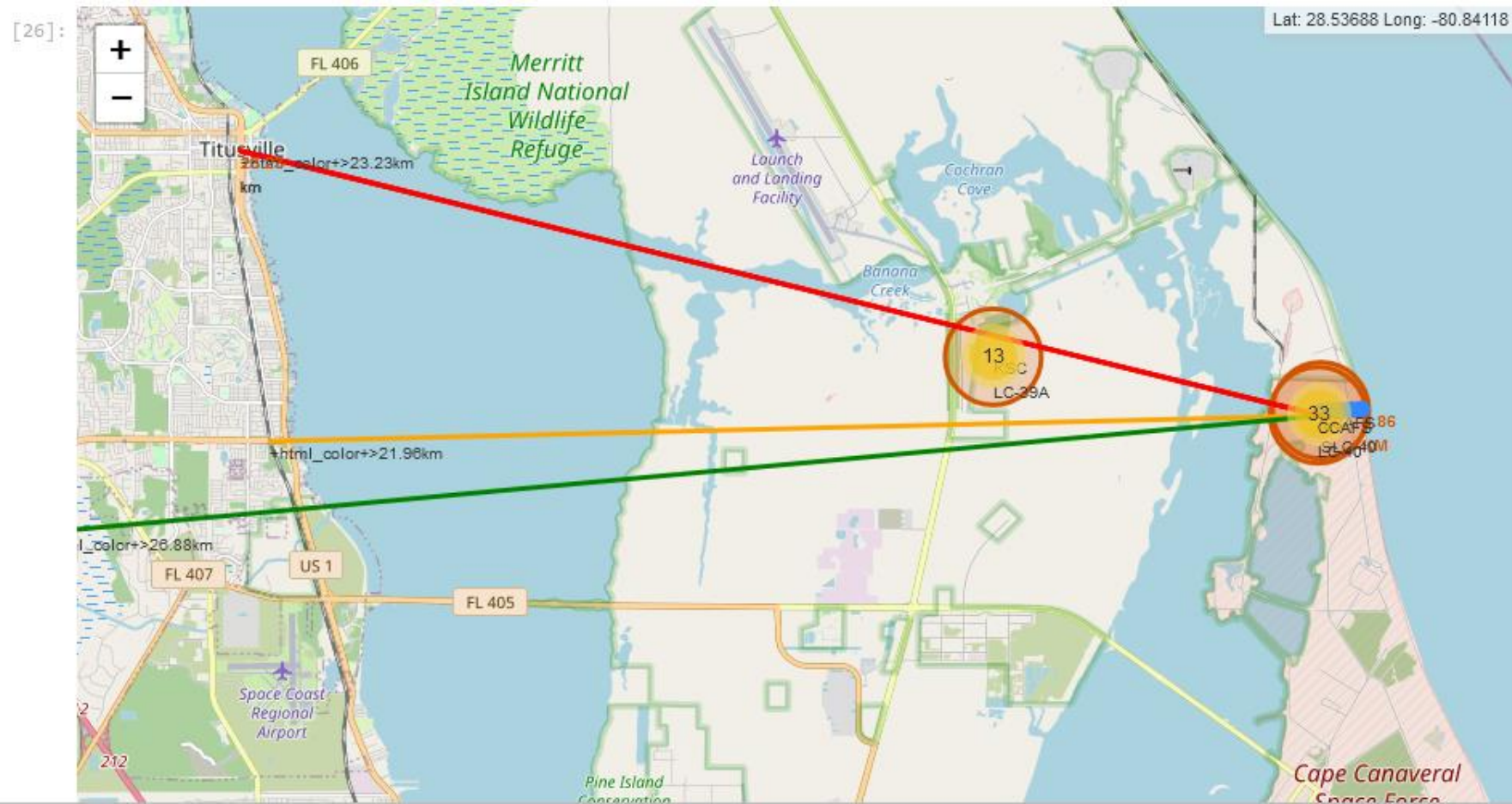
Launch Sites in USA



Marked Sites



Distances from city, railway, and highway





Section 4

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Successful Launches by site

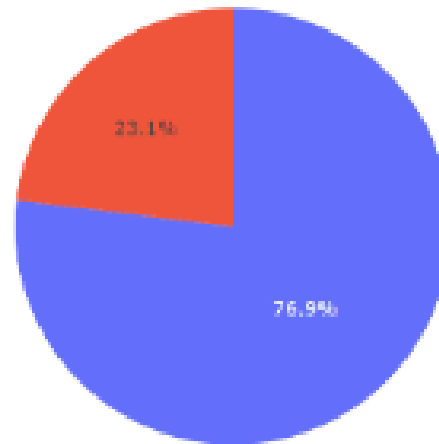
Total Success Launches by Site



KSC LC 39A has the highest successful launches

KSC LC 39A Success vs Failure

Total Success Launches for Site KSC LC-39A



■ 0
■ 1

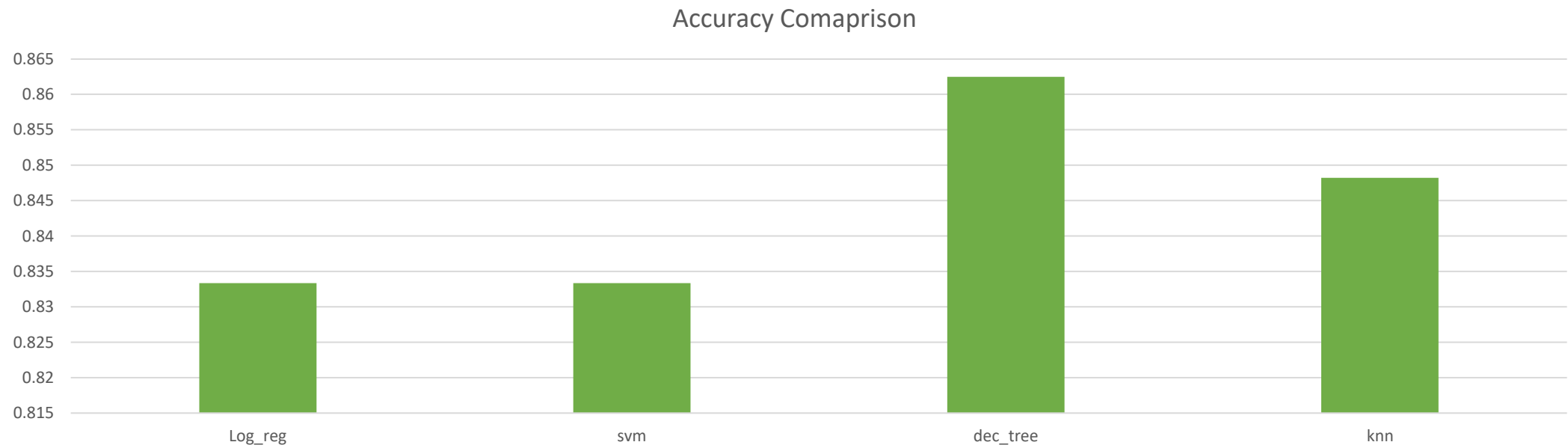
Class 0 = Fail
Class 1 = Success

KSC LC 39A has had more success than failure

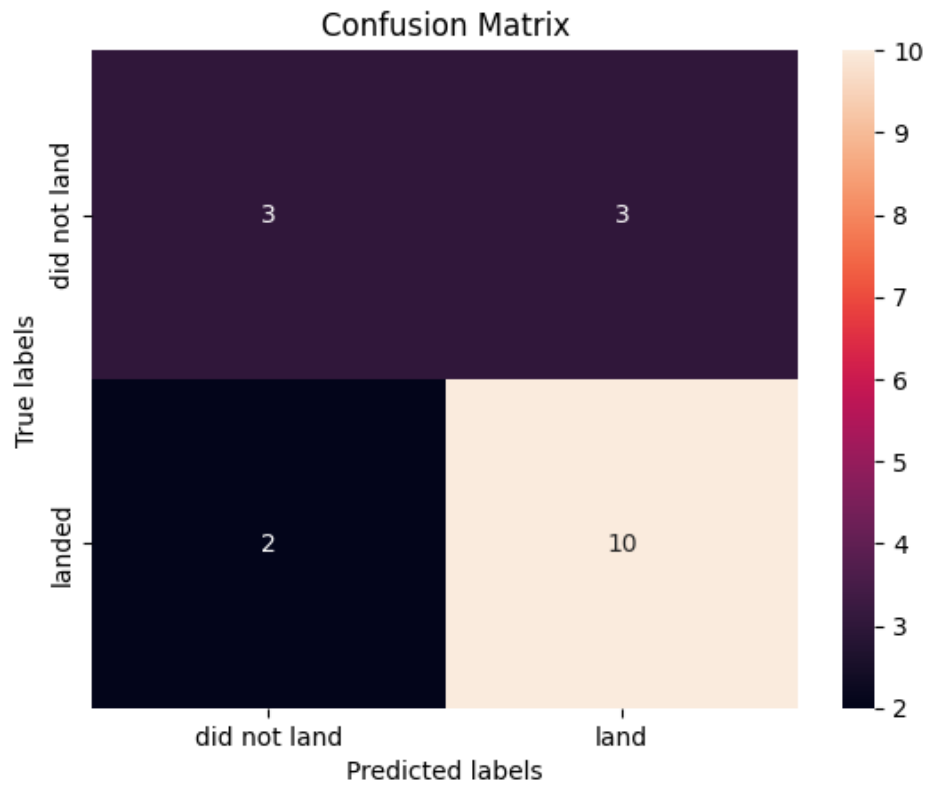
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Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Classification Accuracy



Confusion Matrix of Decision Tree



The matrix shows that the classifier misclassified 3 failed landings as successful

Conclusions



Launch success rate has generally increased over the time.



Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success



KSC LC-39A has enjoyed the most success.



The Decision tree classifier is the best classifier in the current context

Thank you!

