



IBM Data Science Capstone Project – Space X

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INTRODUCTION

SpaceX is a revolutionary company who has disrupted the space industry by offering rocket launches specifically Falcon 9 as low as 62 million dollars; while other providers cost upward of 165 million dollars each. Most of this saving thanks to SpaceX's astounding idea to reuse the first stage of the launch by re-land the rocket to be used on the next mission. Repeating this process will make the price even further. As a data scientist of a startup rivaling SpaceX, the goal of this project is to create the machine learning pipeline to predict the landing outcome of the first stage in the future. This project is crucial in identifying the right price to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch.

The problems included:

- Identifying all factors that influence the landing outcome.
- The relationship between each variable and how it is affecting the outcome.
- The best condition needed to increase the probability of successful landing.

METHODOLOGY

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
Data was collected using SpaceX REST API and web scrapping from Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
Data was processed using one-hot encoding for categorical features
- 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 is the process of gathering and measuring information on targeted variables in an established system, which then enables one to answer relevant questions and evaluate outcomes. As mentioned, the dataset was collected by REST API and Web Scrapping from Wikipedia
- For REST API, its started by using the get request. Then, we decoded the response content as Json and turn it into a pandas dataframe using `json_normalize()`. We then cleaned the data, checked for missing values and fill with whatever needed.
- For web scrapping, we will use the BeautifulSoup to extract the launch records as HTML table, parse the table and convert it to a pandas dataframe for further analysis

Data Collection – SpaceX API

Get request for rocket launch data using API



Use json_normalize method to convert json result to dataframe



Performed data cleaning and filling the missing values

```
# use requests.get() method with the provided static_url
# assign the response to a object
data = requests.get(static_url).text
```

```
# Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
soup = BeautifulSoup(data, 'html.parser')
```

```
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
```

https://github.com/Bapreet/spacex_capstone/blob/main/jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb

Data Collection - Scraping

Request the Falcon9
Launch Wiki page from url



Create a BeautifulSoup
from the HTML response



Extract all column/variable
names from the HTML
header

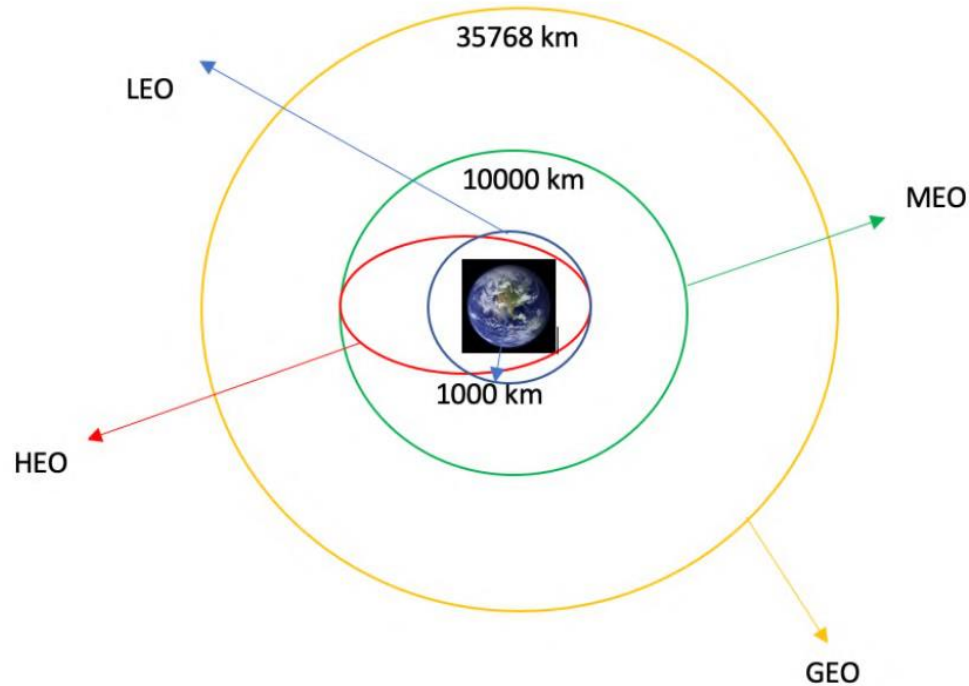
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Data Wrangling



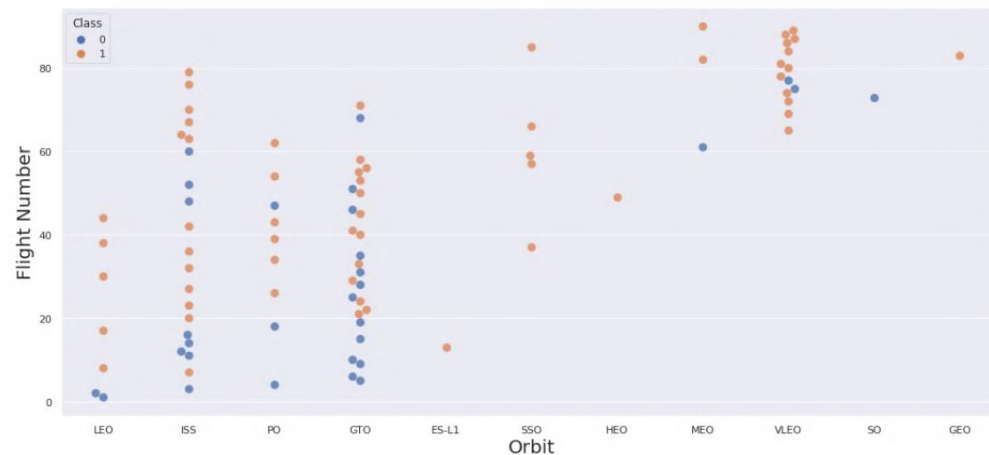
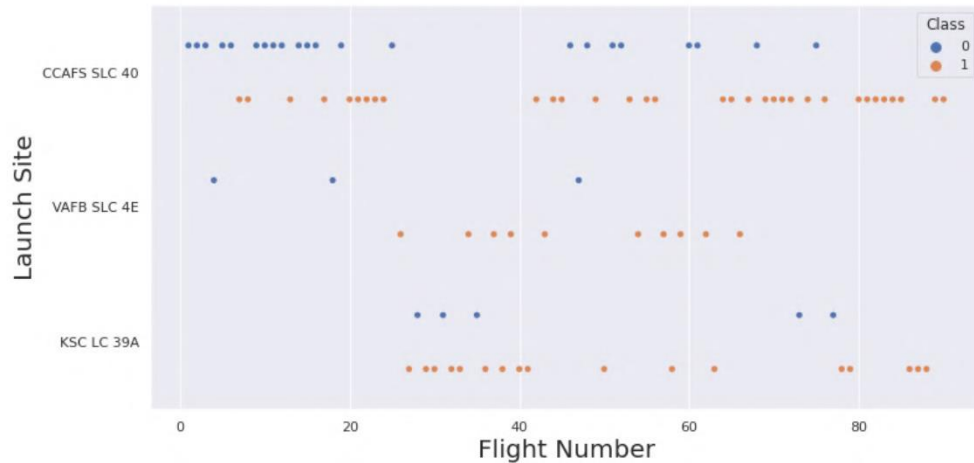
Data Wrangling is the process of cleaning and unifying messy and complex data sets for easy access and Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA).

We will first calculate the number of launches on each site, then calculate the number and occurrence of mission outcome per orbit type.

We then create a landing outcome label from the outcome column. This will make it easier for further analysis, visualization, and ML. Lastly, we will export the result to a CSV.

https://github.com/Bapreet/spacex_capstone/blob/main/labs-jupyter-spacex-data_wrangling_jupyterlite.jupyterlite.ipynb

EDA with Data Visualization

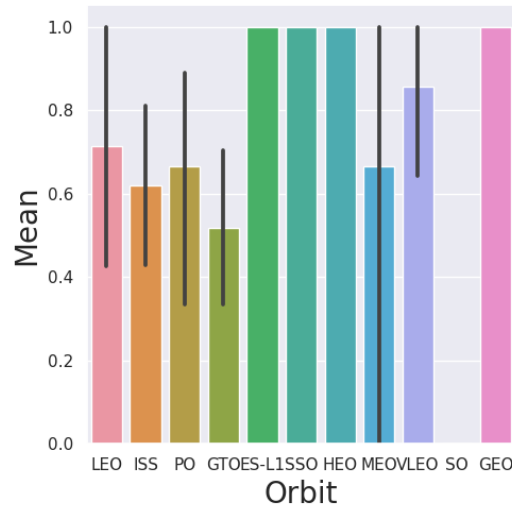


We first started by using scatter graph to find the relationship between the attributes such as between:

- Payload and Flight Number.
- Flight Number and Launch Site.
- Payload and Launch Site.
- Flight Number and Orbit Type.
- Payload and Orbit Type.

Scatter plots show dependency of attributes on each other. Once a pattern is determined from the graphs. It's very easy to see which factors affecting the most to the success of the landing outcomes.

EDA with Data Visualization

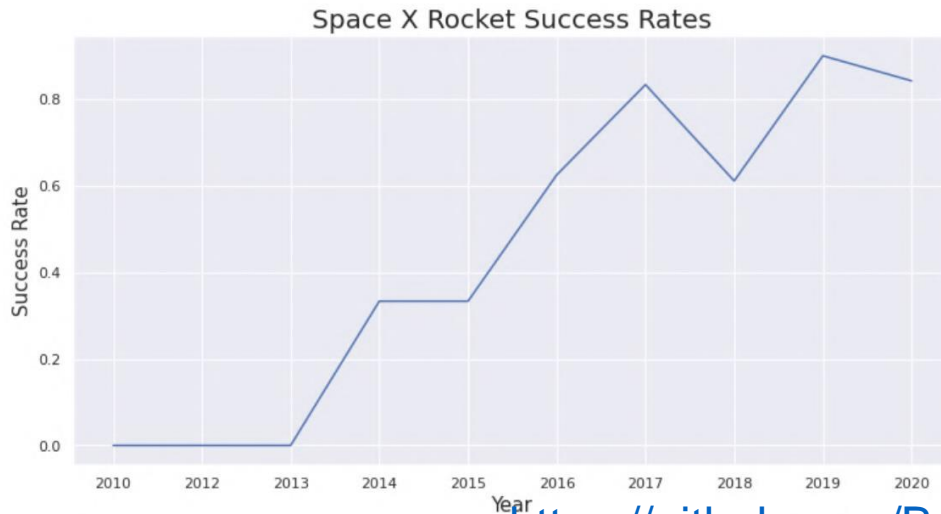


Once we get a hint of the relationships using scatter plot. We will then use further visualization tools such as bar graph and line plots graph for further analysis.

Bar graphs is one of the easiest way to interpret the relationship between the attributes. In this case, we will use the bar graph to determine which orbits have the highest probability of success.

We then use the line graph to show a trends or pattern of the attribute over time which in this case, is used for see the launch success yearly trend.

We then use Feature Engineering to be used in success prediction in the future module by created the dummy variables to categorical columns.



EDA with SQL

Using SQL, we had performed many queries to get better understanding of the dataset, Ex:

- Displaying the names of the launch sites.
- Displaying 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'.
- Displaying the total payload mass carried by booster launched by NASA (CRS).
- Displaying the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1.
- Listing the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved.
- Listing the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship 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 failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch sites names for in year 2015.
- Rank the count of landing outcomes or success 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 then assigned the dataframe `launch_outcomes(failure, success)` to classes 0 and 1 with Red and Green markers on the map in `MarkerCluster()`.

We then used the Haversine's formula to calculate the distance of the launch sites to various landmarks to find answers to the questions of:

- How close the launch sites with railways, highways and coastlines?
- How close the launch sites with nearby cities?

https://github.com/Bapreet/spacex_capstone/blob/main/lab_jupyter_launch_site_location.jupyterlite.ipynb

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- We built an interactive dashboard with Plotly dash which allowing the user to play around with the data as they need.
- We plotted pie charts showing the total launches by a certain sites.
- We then plotted scatter graph showing the relationship with Outcome and Payload Mass (Kg) for the different booster version.

https://github.com/Bapreet/spacex_capstone/blob/main/spacex_dash_app.py

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Building the Model

- Load the dataset into NumPy and Pandas
- Transform the data and then split into training and test datasets
- Decide which type of ML to use
- Set the parameters and algorithms to GridSearchCV and fit it to dataset.



Evaluating the Model

- Check the accuracy for each model
- Get tuned hyperparameters for each type of algorithms.
- Plot the confusion matrix.



Improving the Model

- Use Feature Engineering and Algorithm Tuning



Find the Best Model

The model with the best accuracy score will be the best performing model.

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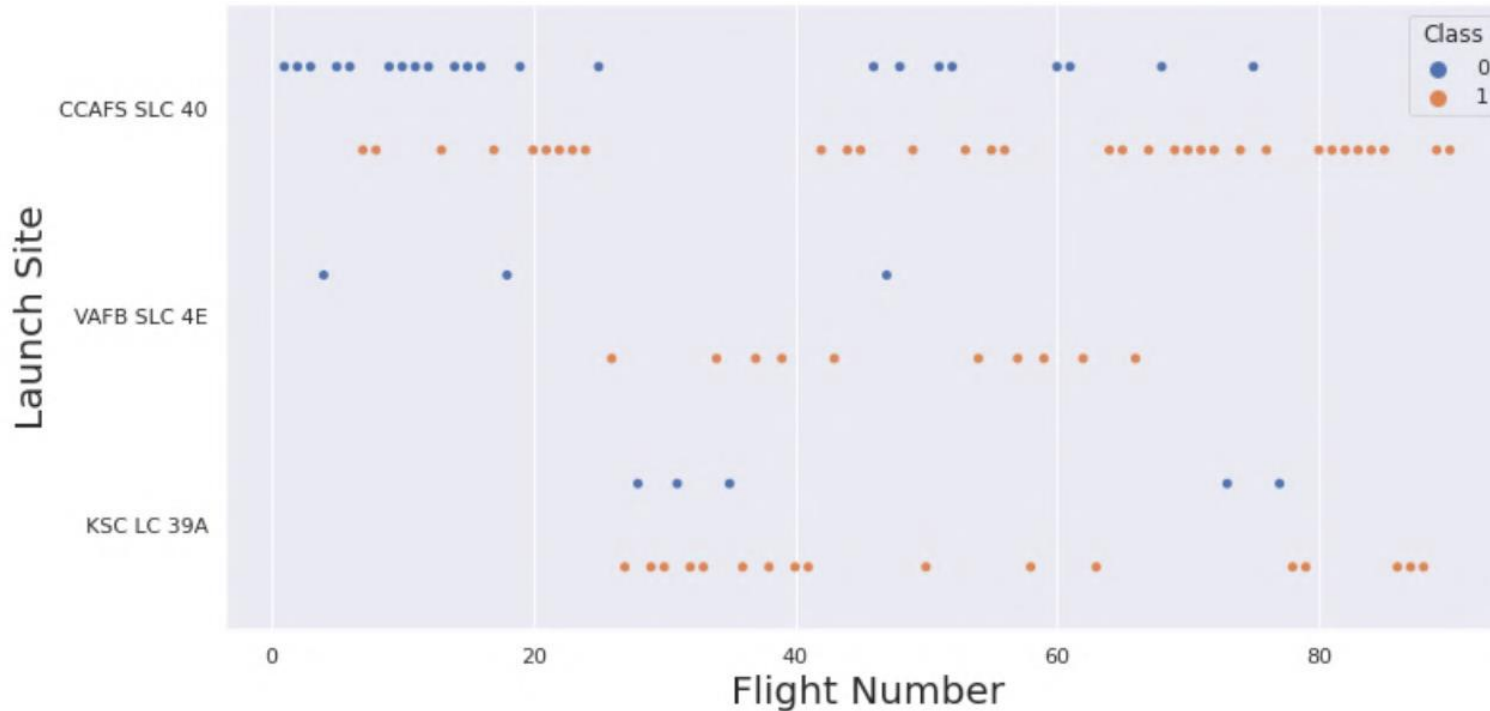
Results

The results will be categorized to 3 main results which is:

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

Insights drawn from EDA

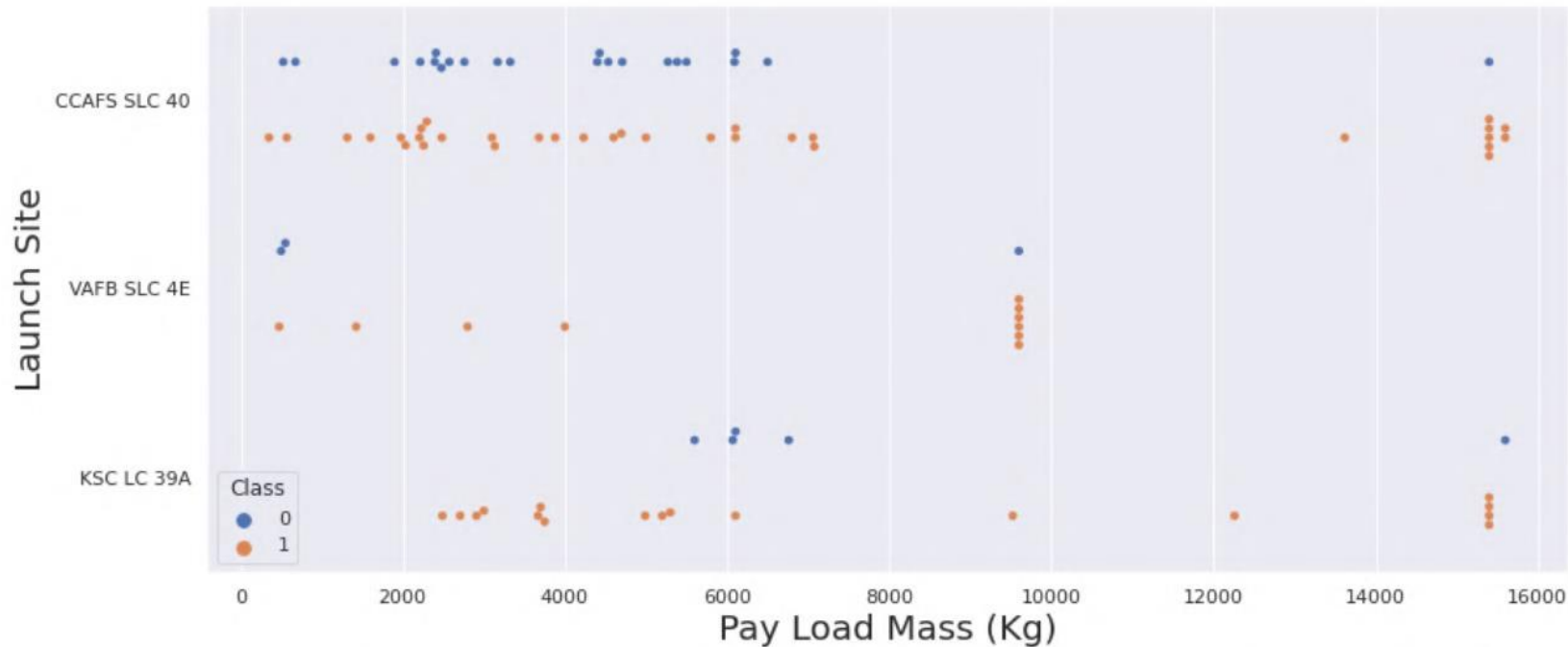
Flight Number vs. Launch Site



This scatter plot shows that the larger the flights amount of the launch site, the greater the success rate will be.

However, site CCAFS SLC40 shows the least pattern of this.

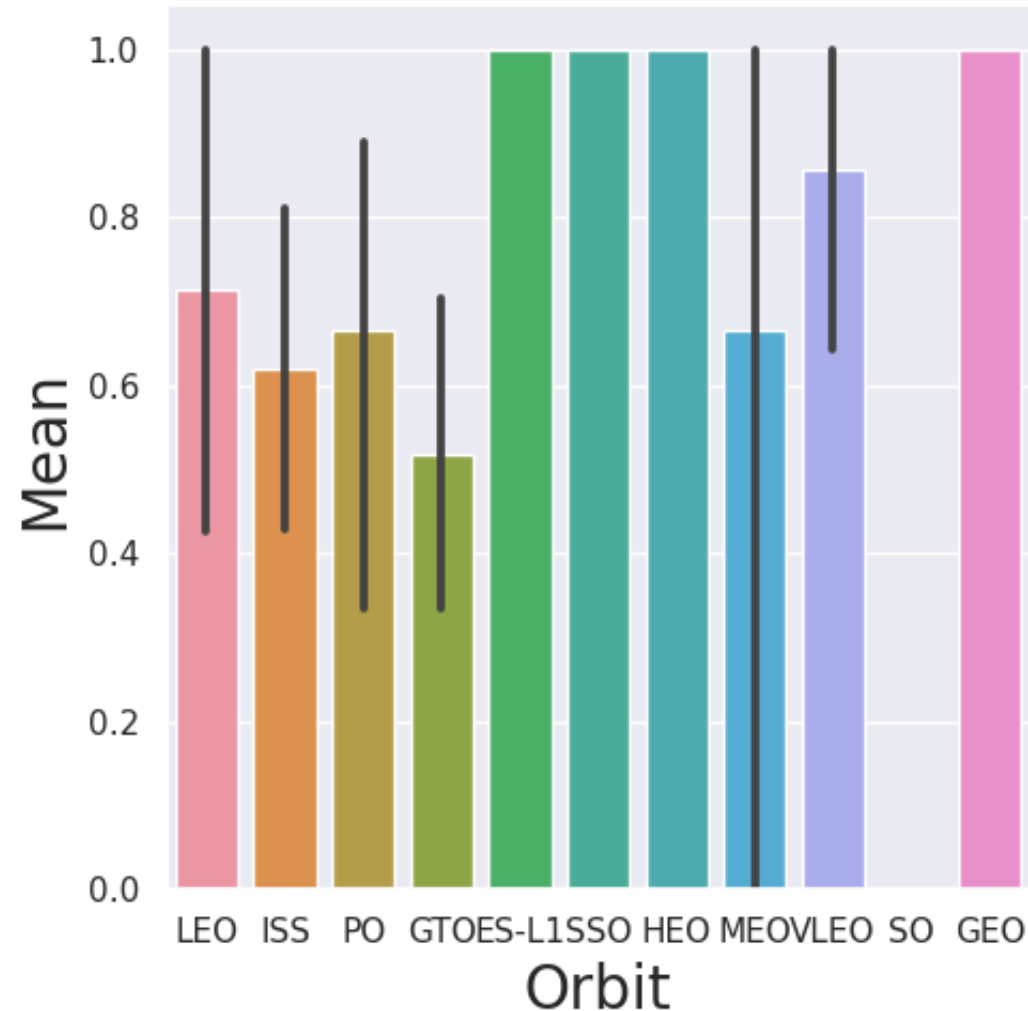
Payload vs. Launch Site



This scatter plot shows once the payload mass is greater than 7000kg, the probability of the success rate will be highly increased.

However, there is no clear pattern to say the launch site is dependent to the payload mass for the success rate.

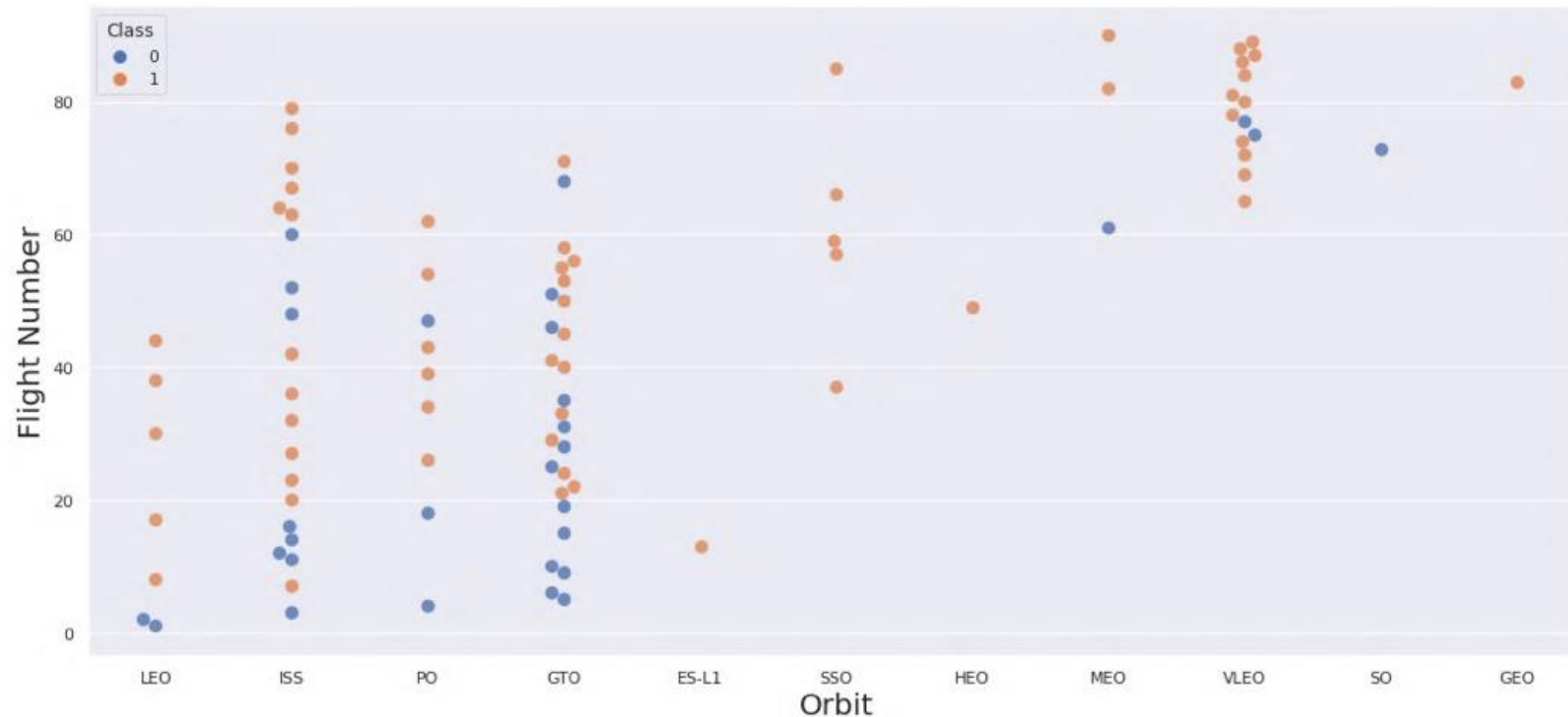
Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



This figure depicted the possibility of the orbits to influence the landing outcomes as some orbits have 100% success rate such as SSO, HEO, GEO AND ES-L1 while SO orbit produced 0% rate of success.

However, deeper analysis shows that some of these orbits have only 1 occurrence such as GEO, SO, HEO and ES-L1 which means this data needs more dataset to see pattern or trend before we draw any conclusion.

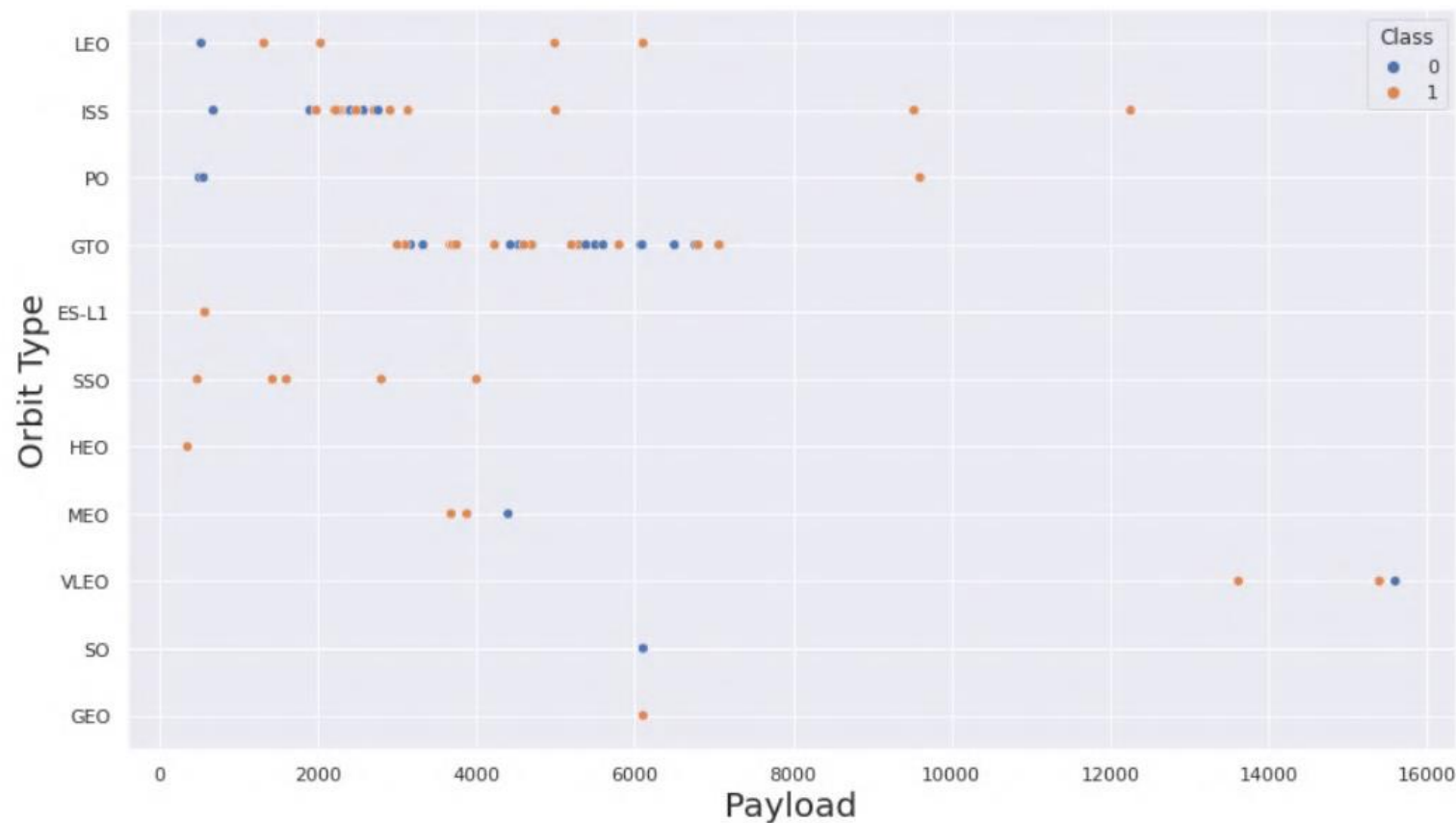
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



This scatter plot shows that generally, the larger the flight number on each orbits, the greater the success rate (especially LEO orbit) except for GTO orbit which depicts no relationship between both attributes.

Orbit that only has 1 occurrence should also be excluded from above statement as it's needed more dataset.

Payload vs. Orbit Type



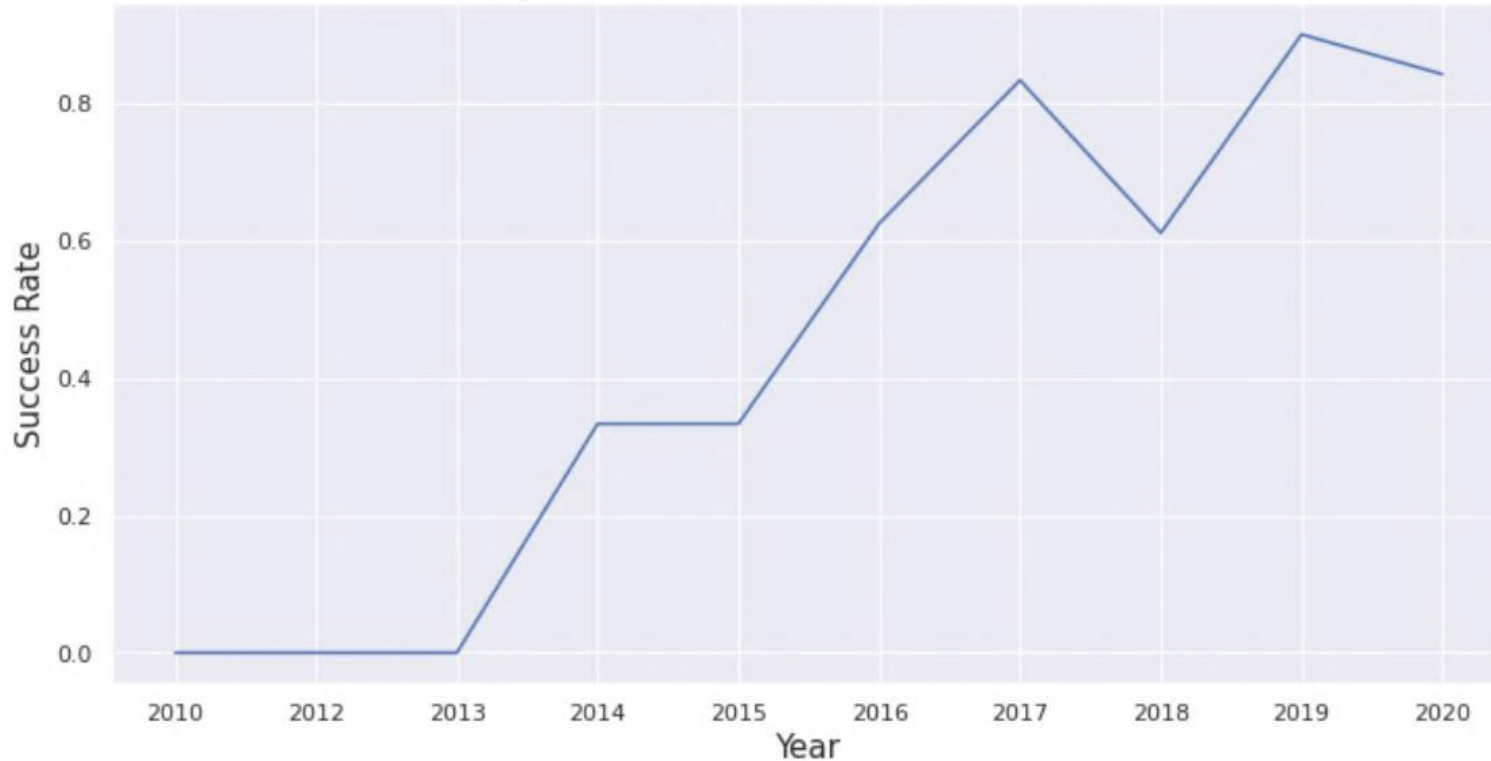
Heavier payload has positive impact on LEO, ISS and PO orbit. However, it has negative impact on MEO and VLEO orbit.

GTO orbit seem to depict no relation between the attributes.

Meanwhile, again, SO, GEO and HEO orbit need more dataset to see any pattern or trend.

Launch Success Yearly Trend

Space X Rocket Success Rates



This figures clearly depicted and increasing trend from the year 2013 until 2020.

If this trend continue for the next year onward. The success rate will steadily increase until reaching 1/100% success rate.

All Launch Site Names

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

In [5]:

```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT LAUNCH_SITE as "Launch_Sites" FROM SPACEX;
```

```
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sd0tgtu01qde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32731/bludb
Done.
```

Out[5]:

Launch_Sites

CCAFS LC-40

CCAFS SLC-40

KSC LC-39A

VAFB SLC-4E

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

We used the query above to display 5 records where launch sites begin with 'CCA'

Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'

```
In [11]: task_2 = '''
        SELECT *
        FROM SpaceX
        WHERE LaunchSite LIKE 'CCA%'
        LIMIT 5
        '''
        create_pandas_df(task_2, database=conn)
```

```
Out[11]:
```

	date	time	boosterversion	launchsite	payload	payloadmasskg	orbit	customer	missionoutcome	landingoutcome
0	2010-04-06	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
1	2010-08-12	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of...	0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	Failure (parachute)
2	2012-05-22	07:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
3	2012-08-10	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
4	2013-01-03	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

Total Payload Mass

We calculated the total payload carried by boosters from NASA as 45596 using the query below

Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)

```
%sql SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS "Total Payload Mass by NASA (CRS)"
```

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sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32731/bludb  
Done.
```

Total Payload Mass by NASA (CRS)

45596

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

We calculated the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 as 2928.4

Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

```
%sql SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS "Average Payload Mass by Booster  
WHERE BOOSTER_VERSION = 'F9 v1.1';
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://zpw86771:***@fbd88901-ebdb-4a4f-a32e-9822b9fb237b.clogj3  
sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32731/bludb  
Done.
```

Average Payload Mass by Booster Version F9 v1.1

2928

First Successful Ground Landing Date

- We use the min() function to find the result
- We observed that the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad was 22nd December 2015

```
%sql SELECT MIN(DATE) AS "First Successful Landing Outcome in Ground Pad"  
WHERE LANDING__OUTCOME = 'Success (ground pad)';
```

```
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sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32731/bludb  
Done.
```

First Successful Landing Outcome in Ground Pad

2015-12-22

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

We used the WHERE clause to filter for boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and applied the AND condition to determine successful landing with payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

```
%sql SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION FROM SPACEX WHERE LANDING__OUTCOME = 'Success (drone ship)' \
AND PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ > 4000 AND PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ < 6000;
```

```
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ases.appdomain.cloud:32731/bludb
Done.
```

```
booster_version
```

```
F9 FT B1022
```

```
F9 FT B1026
```

```
F9 FT B1021.2
```

```
F9 FT B1031.2
```

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

- We used wildcard like '%' to filter for WHERE MissionOutcome was a success or a failure.

List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

```
%sql SELECT COUNT(MISSION_OUTCOME) AS "Successful Mission" FROM SPACEX WHERE MISSION_OUTCOME LIKE 'Success%';
```

```
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Done.
```

Successful Mission

100

```
%sql SELECT COUNT(MISSION_OUTCOME) AS "Failure Mission" FROM SPACEX WHERE MISSION_OUTCOME LIKE 'Failure%';
```

```
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Done.
```

Failure Mission

1

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT BOOSTER_VERSION AS "Booster Versions which carried the Maximum Payload Mass" FROM SPACEX  
WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_=(SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) FROM SPACEX);
```

```
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Done.
```

Booster Versions which carried the Maximum Payload Mass

F9 B5 B1048.4

F9 B5 B1048.5

F9 B5 B1049.4

F9 B5 B1049.5

F9 B5 B1049.7

F9 B5 B1051.3

F9 B5 B1051.4

F9 B5 B1051.6

F9 B5 B1056.4

F9 B5 B1058.3

F9 B5 B1060.2

F9 B5 B1060.3

We determined the booster that have carried the maximum payload using a subquery in the WHERE clause and the MAX() function.

2015 Launch Records

We used a combinations of the WHERE clause, LIKE, AND, and BETWEEN conditions to filter for failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for year 2015

```
%sql SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION, LAUNCH_SITE FROM SPACEX WHERE DATE LIKE '2015-%' AND \
LANDING__OUTCOME = 'Failure (drone ship)';
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://zpw86771:***@fbd88901-ebdb-4a4f-a32e-9822b9fb237b.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.
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Done.
```

booster_version	launch_site
-----------------	-------------

F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40
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F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40
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Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

```
%sql SELECT LANDING__OUTCOME as "Landing Outcome", COUNT(LANDING__OUTCOME) AS "Total Count" FROM SPACEX \
WHERE DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20' \
GROUP BY LANDING__OUTCOME \
ORDER BY COUNT(LANDING__OUTCOME) DESC ;
```

```
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```

Landing Outcome	Total Count
No attempt	10
Failure (drone ship)	5
Success (drone ship)	5
Controlled (ocean)	3
Success (ground pad)	3
Failure (parachute)	2
Uncontrolled (ocean)	2
Precluded (drone ship)	1

We selected Landing outcomes and the COUNT of landing outcomes from the data and used the WHERE clause to filter for landing outcomes BETWEEN 2010-06-04 to 2017-03-20.

We applied the GROUP BY clause to group the landing outcomes and the ORDER BY clause to order the grouped landing outcome in descending order.

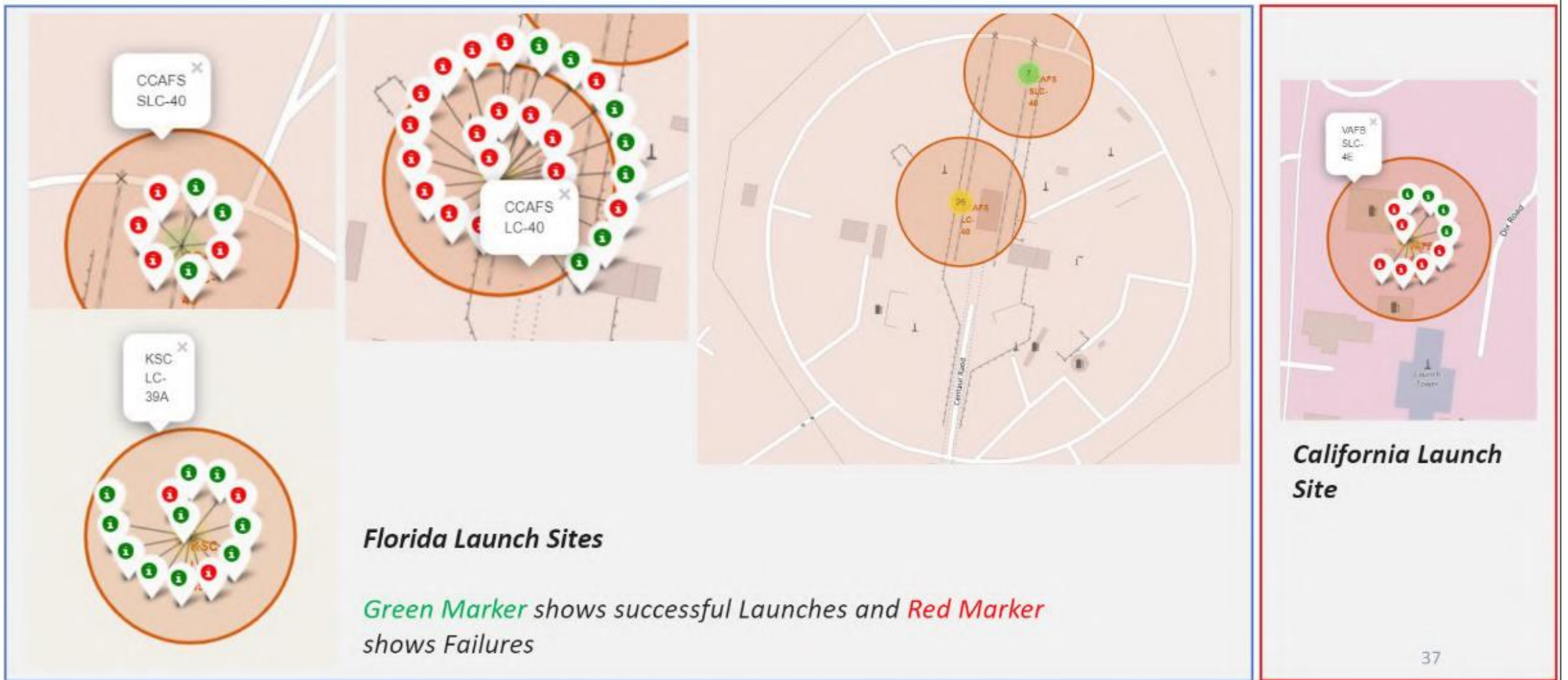
Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

Location of all the Launch Sites

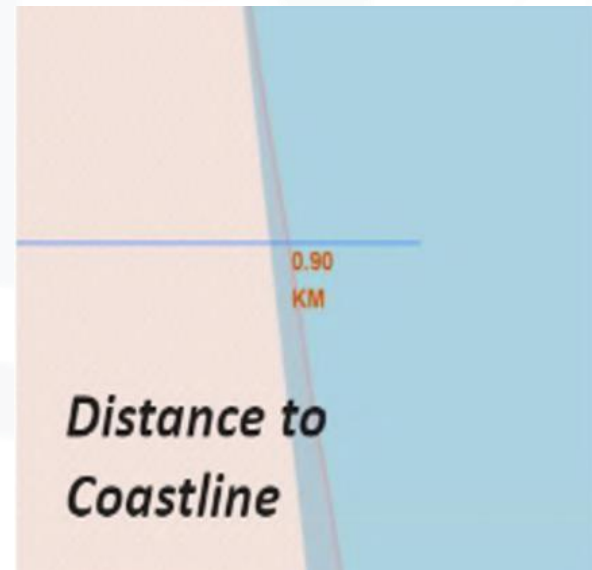
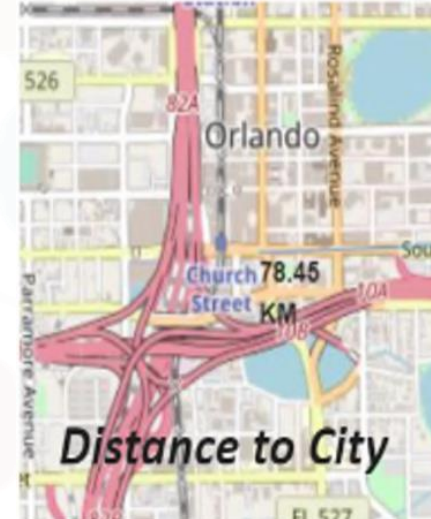
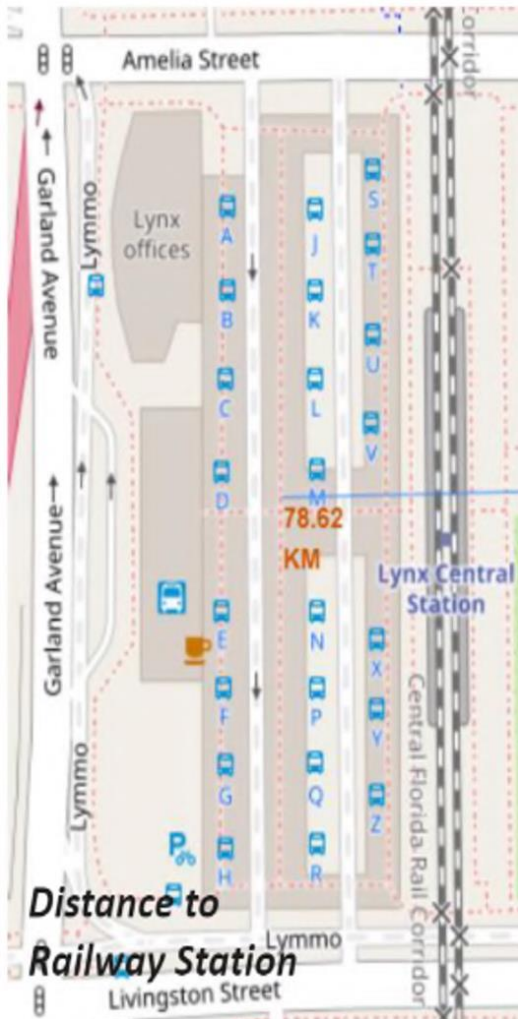


We can see that all the SpaceX launch sites are located inside the United States

Markers showing launch sites with color labels



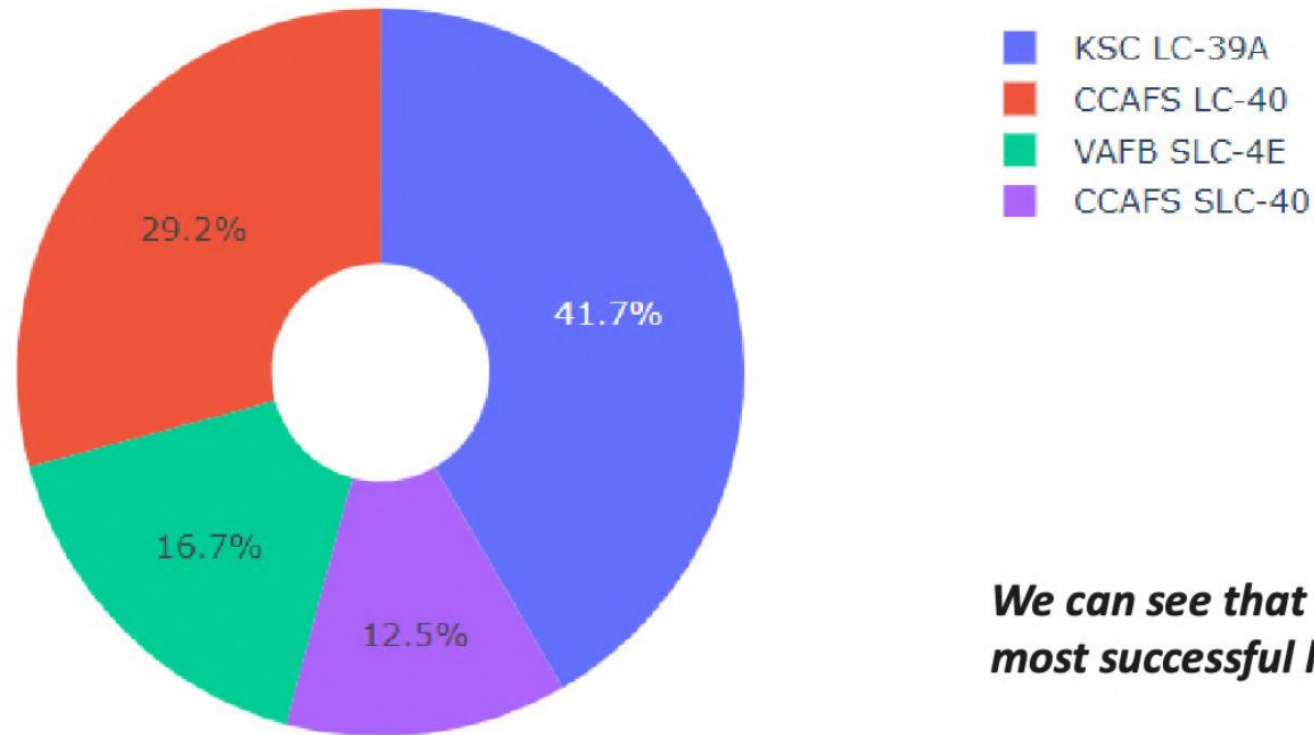
Launch Sites Distance to Landmarks



- 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

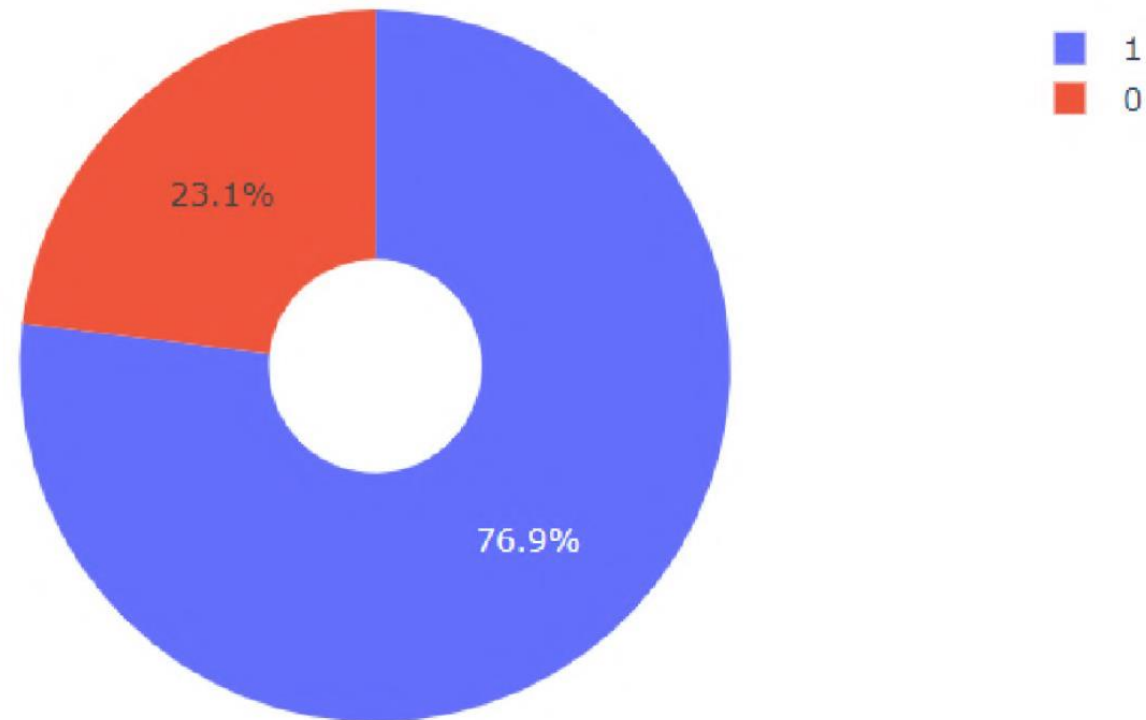
Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

The success percentage by each sites



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

The highest launch-success ratio: KSC LC-39A

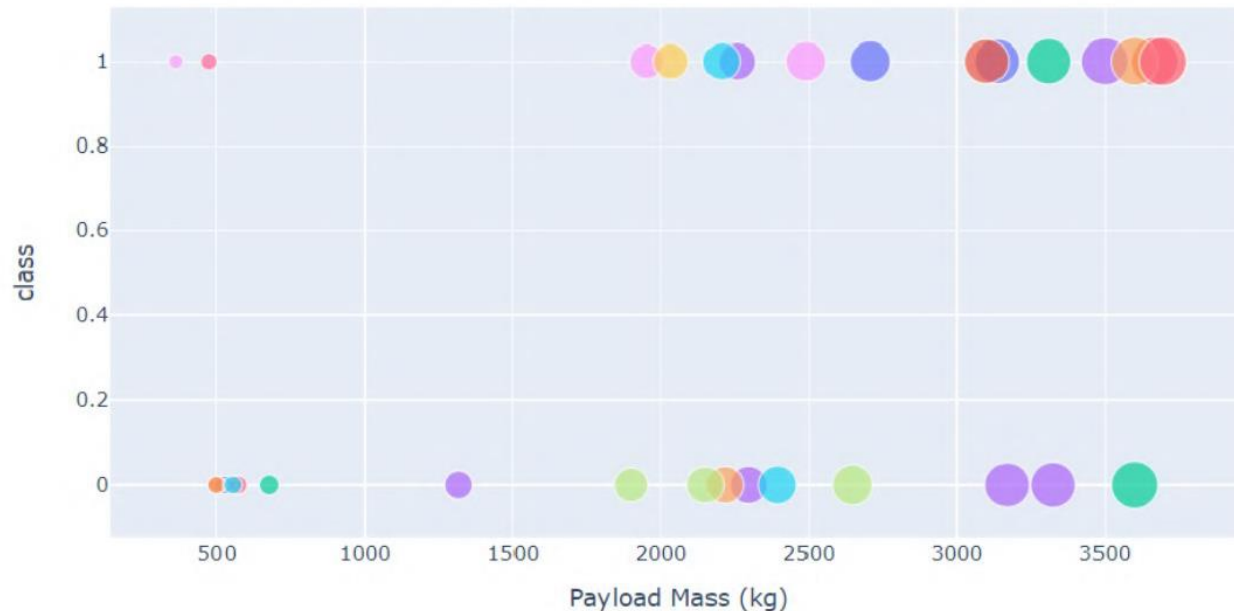


KSC LC-39A achieved a 76.9% success rate while getting a 23.1% failure rate

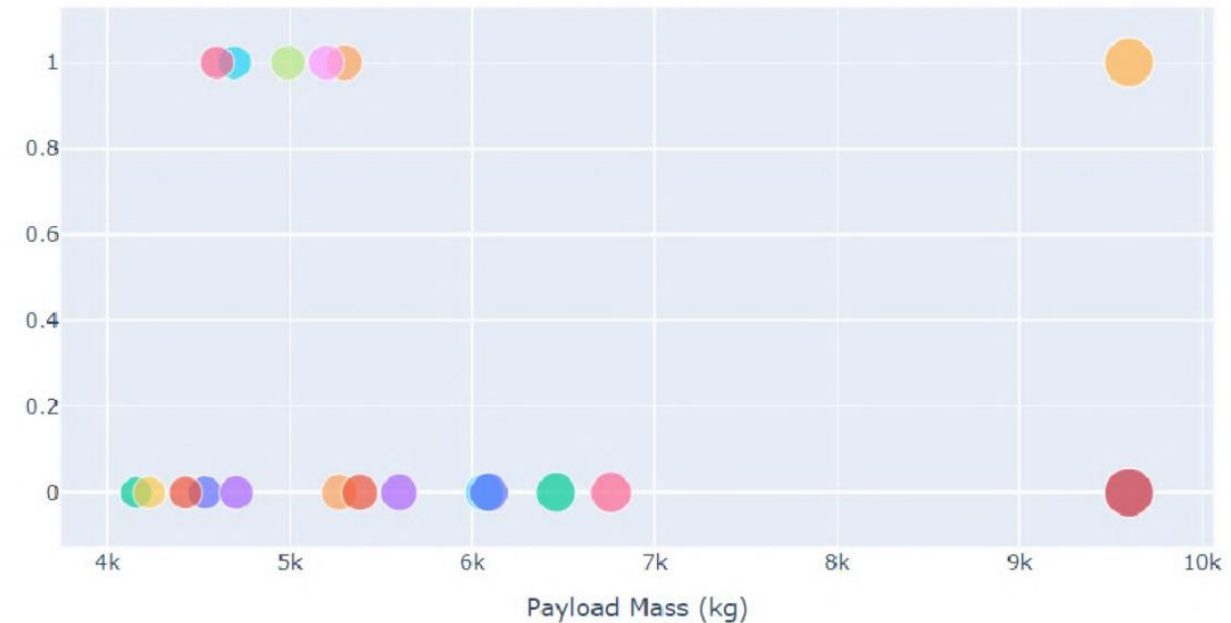
Payload vs Launch Outcome Scatter Plot

We can see that all the success rate for low weighted payload is higher than heavy weighted payload

Low Weighted Payload 0kg – 4000kg



Heavy Weighted Payload 4000kg – 10000kg



Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Classification Accuracy

As we can see, by using the code as below: we could identify that the best algorithm to be the Tree Algorithm which have the highest classification accuracy.

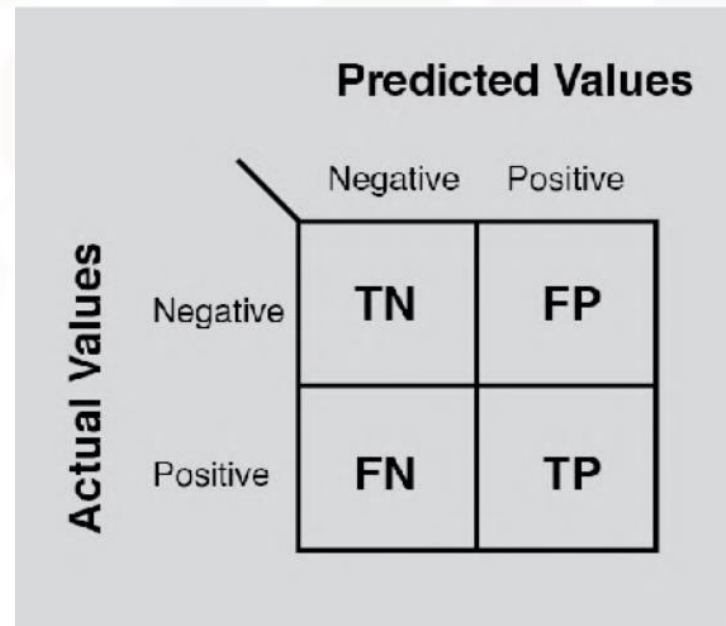
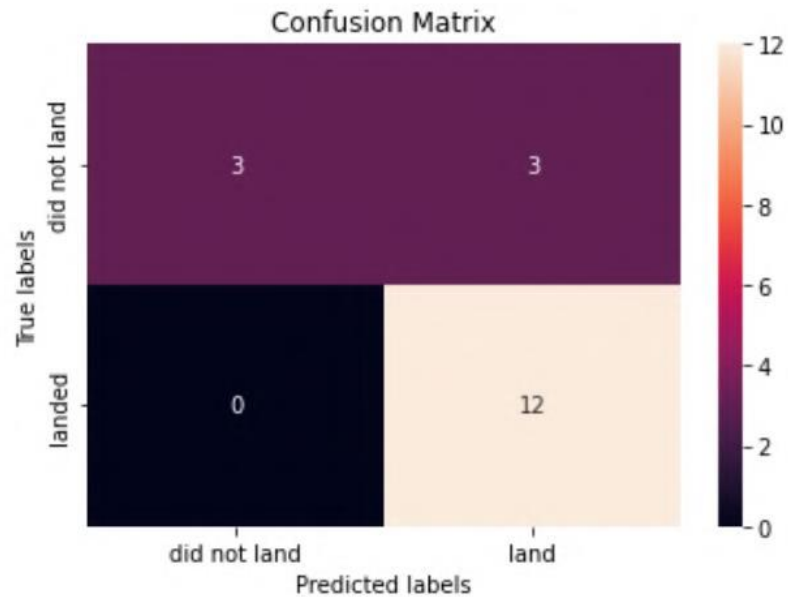
```
algorithms = {'KNN':knn_cv.best_score_, 'Tree':tree_cv.best_score_, 'LogisticRegression':logreg_cv.best_score_}
bestalgorithm = max(algorithms, key=algorithms.get)
print('Best Algorithm is',bestalgorithm,'with a score of',algorithms[bestalgorithm])
if bestalgorithm == 'Tree':
    print('Best Params is :',tree_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'KNN':
    print('Best Params is :',knn_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'LogisticRegression':
    print('Best Params is :',logreg_cv.best_params_)
```

Best Algorithm is Tree with a score of 0.9017857142857142

Best Params is : {'criterion': 'entropy', 'max_depth': 10, 'max_features': 'auto', 'min_samples_leaf': 2, 'min_samples_split': 10, 'splitter': 'random'}

Confusion Matrix

The confusion matrix for the decision tree classifier shows that the classifier can distinguish between the different classes. The major problem is the false positives .i.e., unsuccessful landing marked as successful landing by the classifier.



Conclusions

We can conclude that:

- The Tree Classifier Algorithm is the best Machine Learning approach for this dataset.
- The low weighted payloads (which define as 4000kg and below) performed better than the heavy weighted payloads.
- Starting from the year 2013, the success rate for SpaceX launches is increased, directly proportional time in years to 2020, which it will eventually perfect the launches in the future.
- KSC LC-39A have the most successful launches of any sites; 76.9%
- SSO orbit have the most success rate; 100% and more than 1 occurrence.

THANK
you