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Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

- Summary of methodologies
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- Summary of all results
 - Data analysis result

Introduction

SpaceX is an American aerospace manufacturer, a provider of space transportation services, and a communications corporation headquartered in Hawthorne, California. SpaceX was founded in 2002 by Elon Musk with the goal of reducing space transportation costs to enable the colonization of Mars.^[1]

- The objectives:
 - Identify features influencing the landing outcomes
 - Seek the correlation between variables and outcomes
 - Optimize the outcomes

Section 1

Methodology

Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - Collecting Space X data from Wikipedia
 - Collecting Space X data with REST API
- 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

1. Through REST API, get request and data.
2. Decode the response content as Json and turn it into a pandas .
3. Pre-process data
 1. Check the data with describe()
 2. Replace or Drop the missing data
 3. One hot encoding
4. Use the BeautifulSoup to extract the launch records as HTML table, parse the table
5. Convert it to a pandas dataframe for further analysis

Data Collection - SpaceX API

```
spacex_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
```

```
response = requests.get(spacex_url)
```

```
# Use json_normalize meethod to convert the json result into a dataframe  
data = pd.json_normalize(response.json())
```

```
# Lets take a subset of our dataframe keeping only the features we want a  
nd the flight number, and date_utc.  
data = data[['rocket', 'payloads', 'launchpad', 'cores', 'flight_number',  
'date_utc']]
```

```
# We will remove rows with multiple cores because those are falcon rocket  
s with 2 extra rocket boosters and rows that have multiple payloads in a  
single rocket.  
data = data[data['cores'].map(len)==1]  
data = data[data['payloads'].map(len)==1]
```

```
# Since payloads and cores are lists of size 1 we will also extract the s  
ingle value in the list and replace the feature.  
data['cores'] = data['cores'].map(lambda x : x[0])  
data['payloads'] = data['payloads'].map(lambda x : x[0])
```

```
# We also want to convert the date_utc to a datetime datatype and then ex  
tracting the date leaving the time  
data['date'] = pd.to_datetime(data['date_utc']).dt.date
```

```
# Using the date we will restrict the dates of the launches  
data = data[data['date'] <= datetime.date(2020, 11, 13)]
```

Get request Space X data



Convert result to DataFrame



Pre – process

Data Collection - Scraping

```
# 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
```

Request Falcon9 Launch Wiki



Extract HTML data

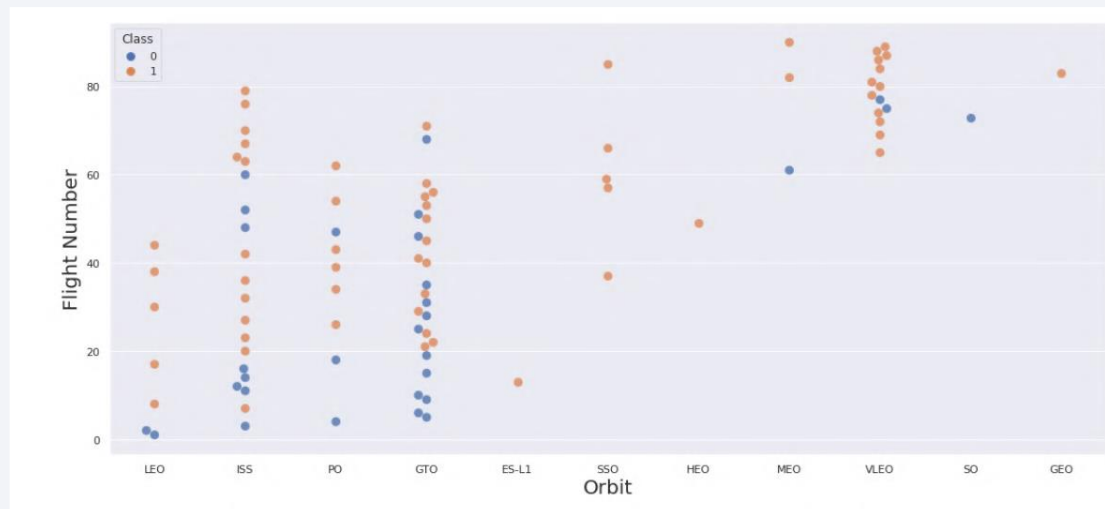
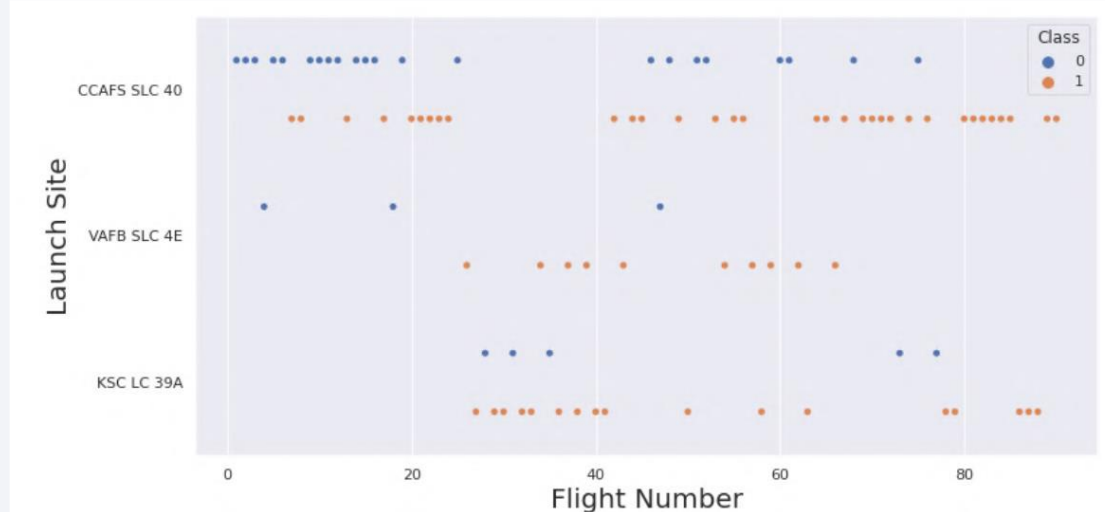


Convert to DataFrame

Data Wrangling



EDA with Data Visualization



With scatter plots, identify the relationships between attributes.

Attributes:

1. Flight number
2. Launch site
3. Orbits
4. Payload

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

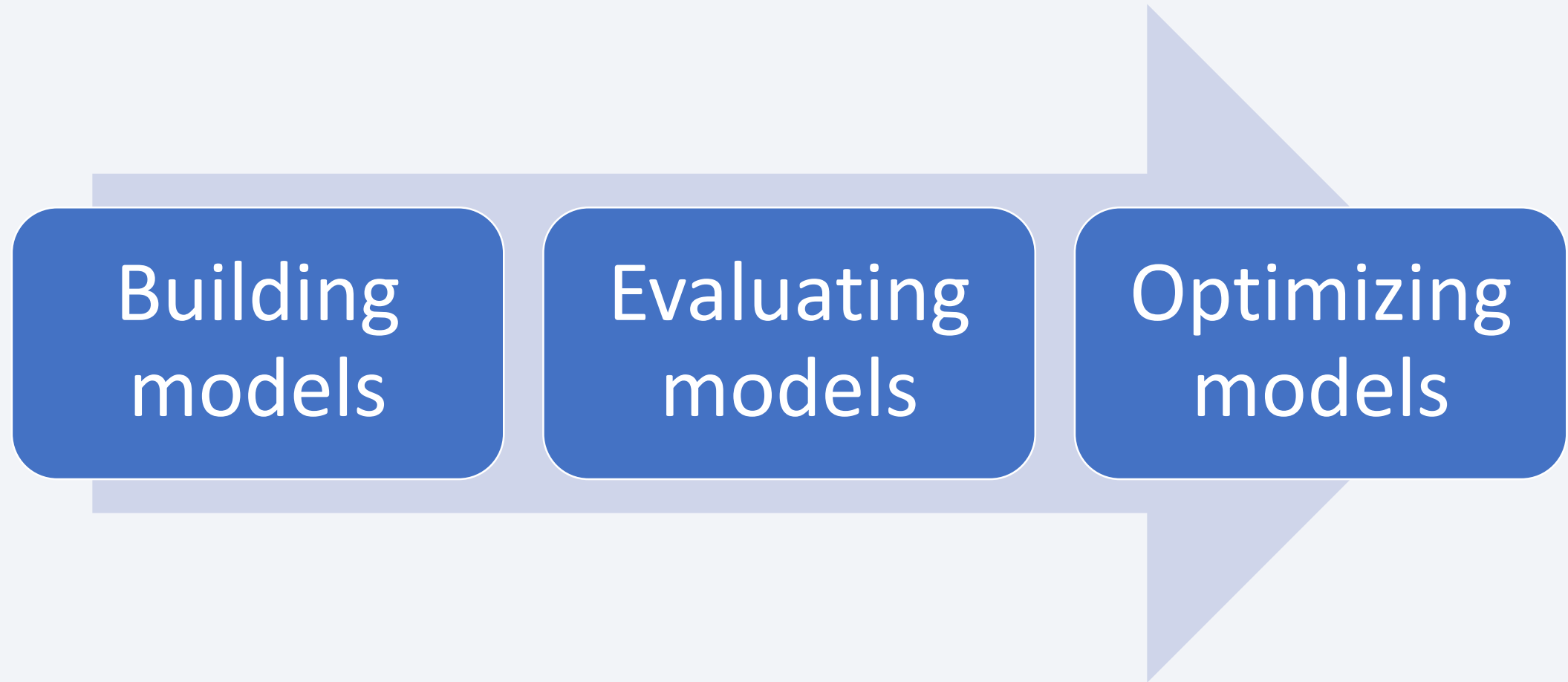
Visualise the launch data with folium map

- Markers as launch sites
- Circles as certain highlighted positions
- Marker clusters as groups of events in certain positions
- Lines as distances

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.

Predictive Analysis (Classification)



Results

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

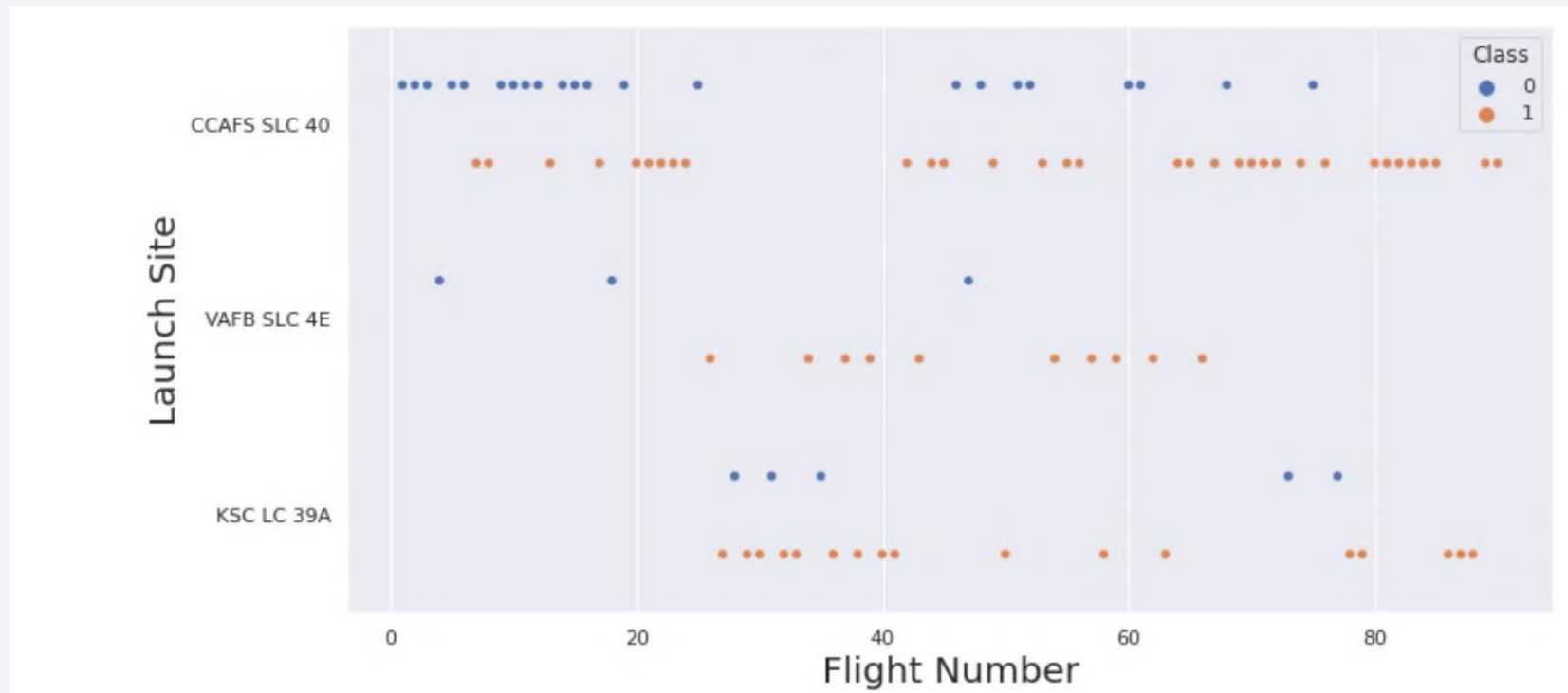
- Exploratory data analysis results
- Interactive analytics demo in screenshots
- Predictive analysis results

The background of the slide is an abstract composition. It features a dark blue base color. Overlaid on this are numerous diagonal streaks in shades of red and cyan. A faint, light blue grid pattern is also visible, particularly in the lower half of the image. The overall effect is dynamic and technological.

Section 2

Insights drawn from EDA

Flight Number vs. Launch Site



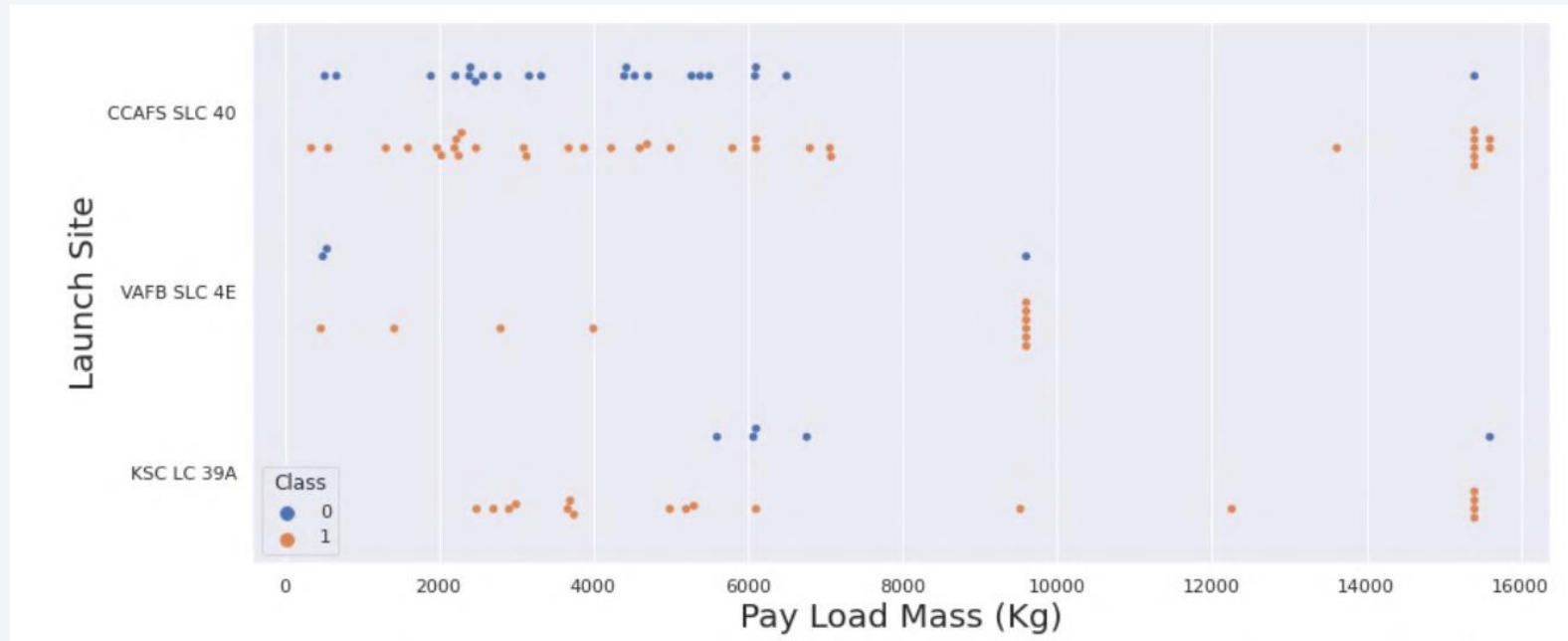
Top 3 launch sites:

1. CCAF5
2. VAFB SLC 4E
3. KSC LC 39A

Overview:

Higher amount of flights launched in larger launch sites had greater success rate.

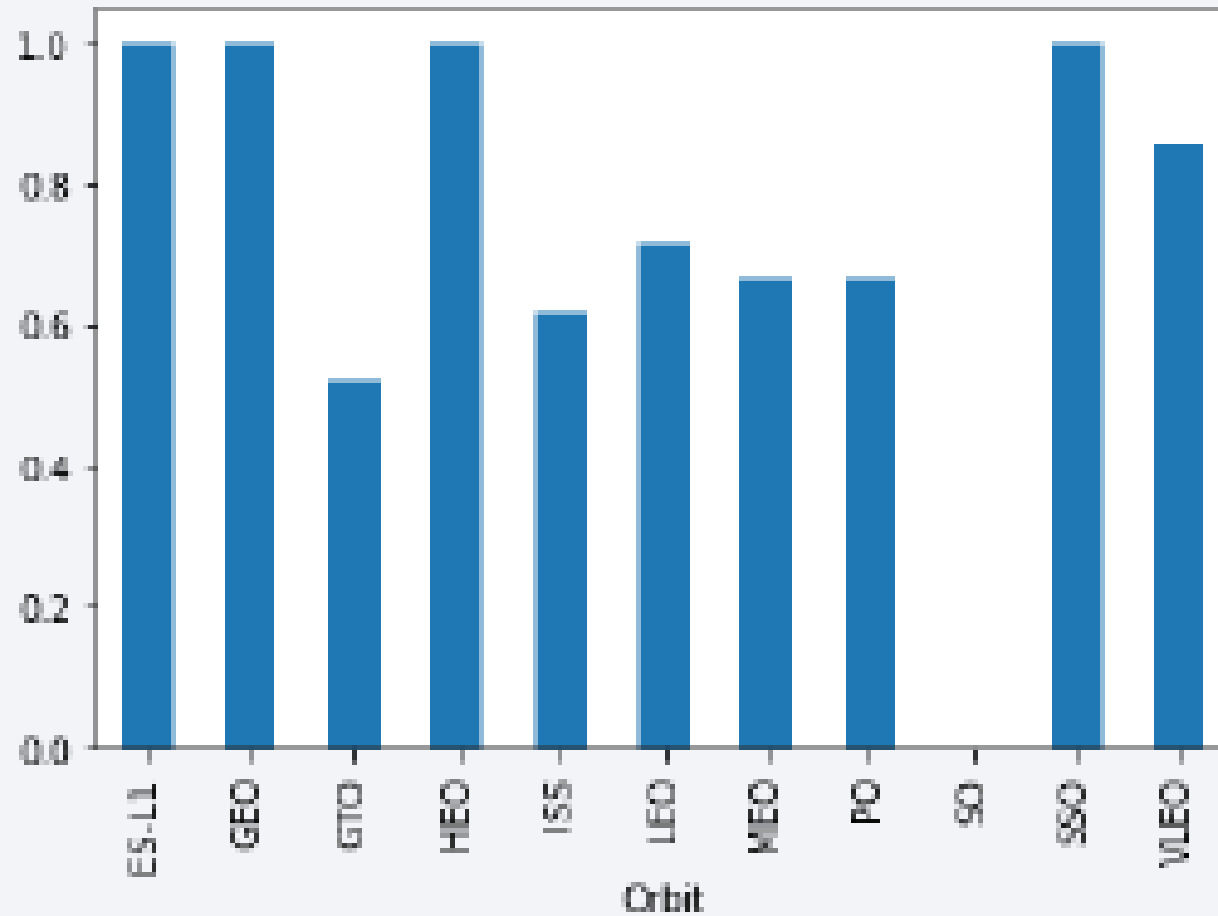
Payload vs. Launch Site



Overview:

This scatter plot shows once the pay load mass is over 9000kg, the probability of the success rate will be highly increased.

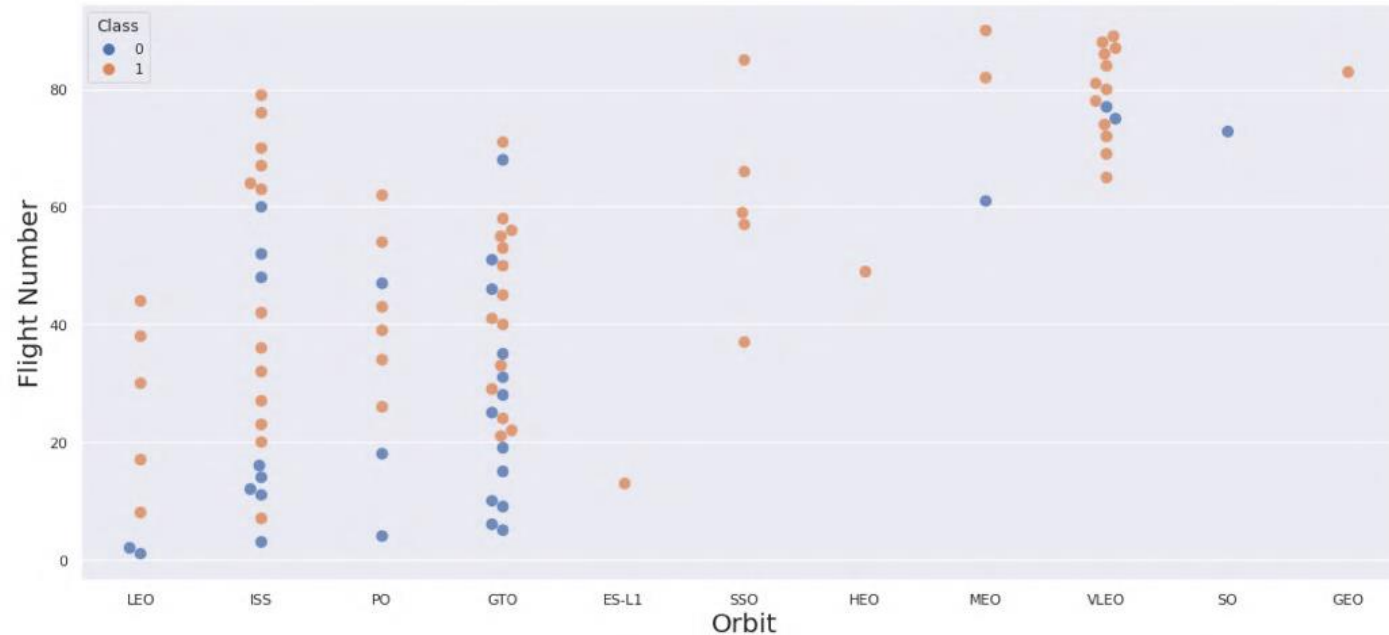
Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



Top 4 launch orbits:

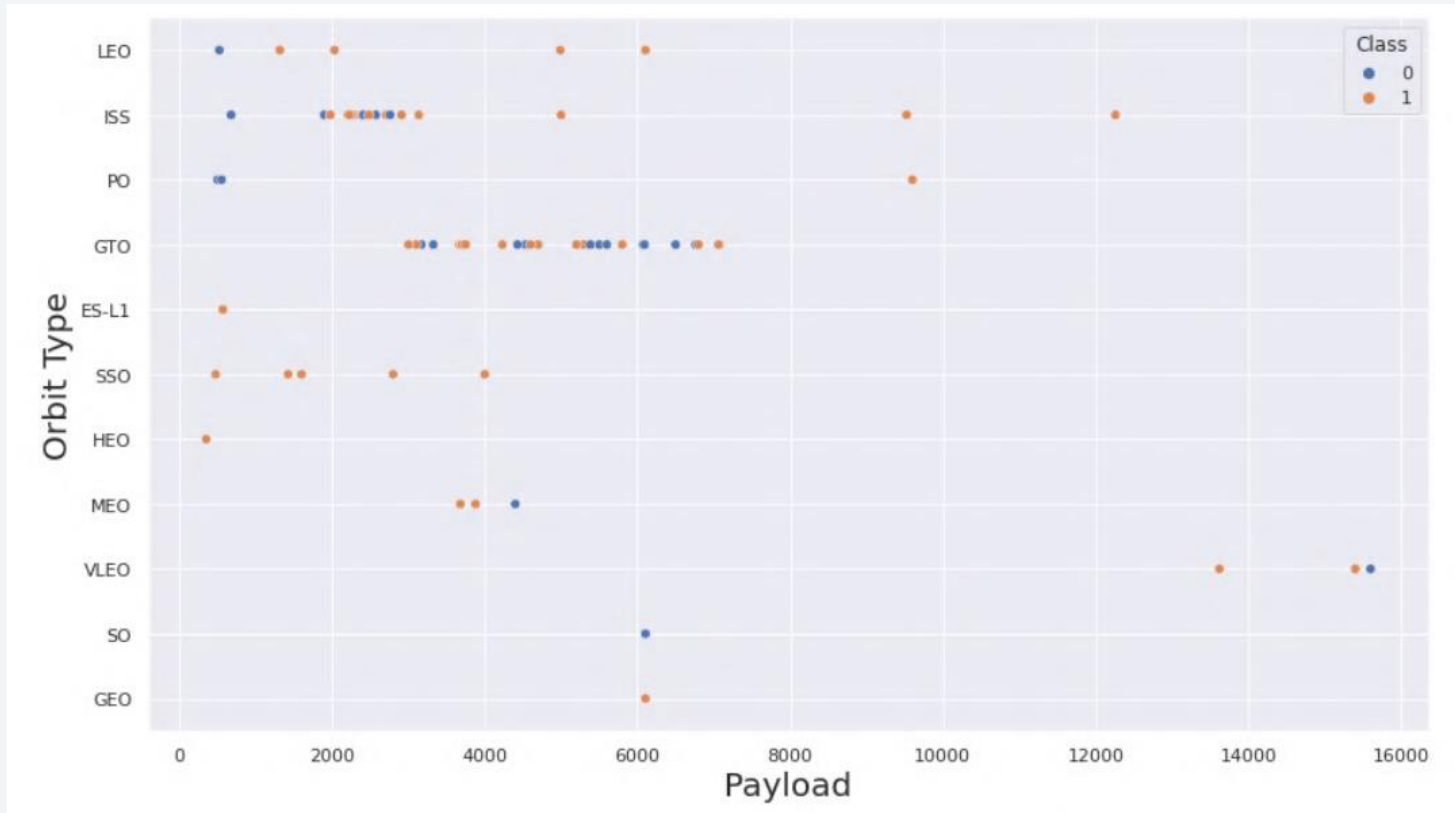
1. ES-L1
2. GEO
3. HEO
4. SSO

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.

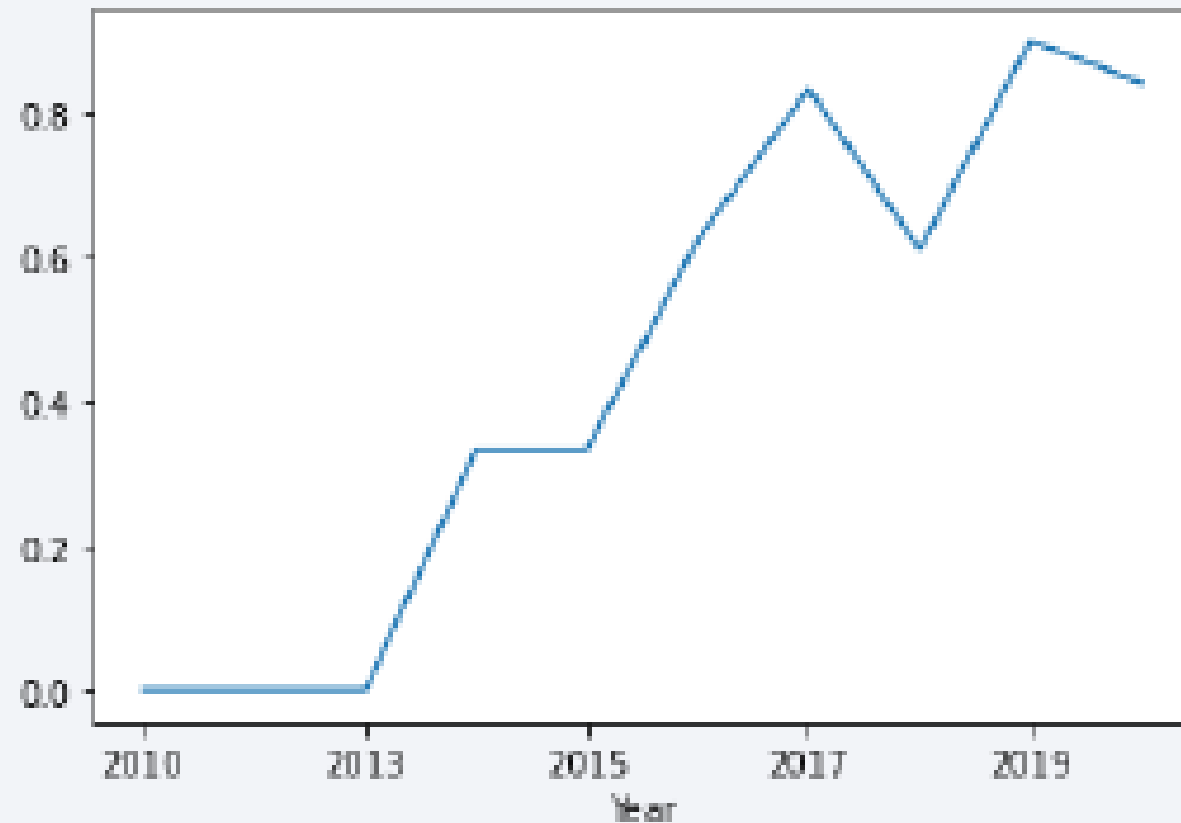
Payload vs. Orbit Type



- GTO orbit seem to depict no relation between the attributes
- There are few launches to SO and GEO
- ISS has the widest range of payload and success rate

Launch Success Yearly Trend

Overall, the success rate increased from 2013 to 2019



All Launch Site Names

- List all of lunch sites

```
In [5]: %sql SELECT DISTINCT LAUNCH_SITE as "Launch_Sites" FROM SPACEX;
```

* ibm_db_sa://zpw86771:***@fbd88901-ebdb-4a4f-a32e-9822b9fb237b.clogj3
sd0tgtu0lqde00.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'

- List 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

- Calculate the total payload carried by boosters from NASA

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

Total Payload Mass by NASA (CRS)

45596

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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

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

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

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

```
* ibm_db_sa://zpw86771:***@fbd88901-ebdb-4a4f-a32e-9822b9fb237b.clogj3  
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

- List the names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had 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;
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://zpw86771:***@fbd88901-ebdb-4a4f-a32e-9822b9fb237b.clogj3sd0tgtu01qde00.datab
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

- Calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

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%';
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://zpw86771:***@fbd88901-ebdb-4a4f-a32e-9822b9fb237b.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32731/bludb  
Done.
```

Successful Mission

100

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

```
* ibm_db_sa://zpw86771:***@fbd88901-ebdb-4a4f-a32e-9822b9fb237b.clogj3sd0tgtu0lqde00.databases.appdomain.cloud:32731/bludb  
Done.
```

Failure Mission

1

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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

```
%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);
```

```
* ibm_db_sa://zpw86771:***@fbd88901-ebdb-4a4f-a32e-9822b9fb237b.clogj3sd0tgtu01qde00.databases.appdomain.clou  
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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

2015 Launch Records

- List the failed landing_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in 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
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

```
%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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Done.
```

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

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

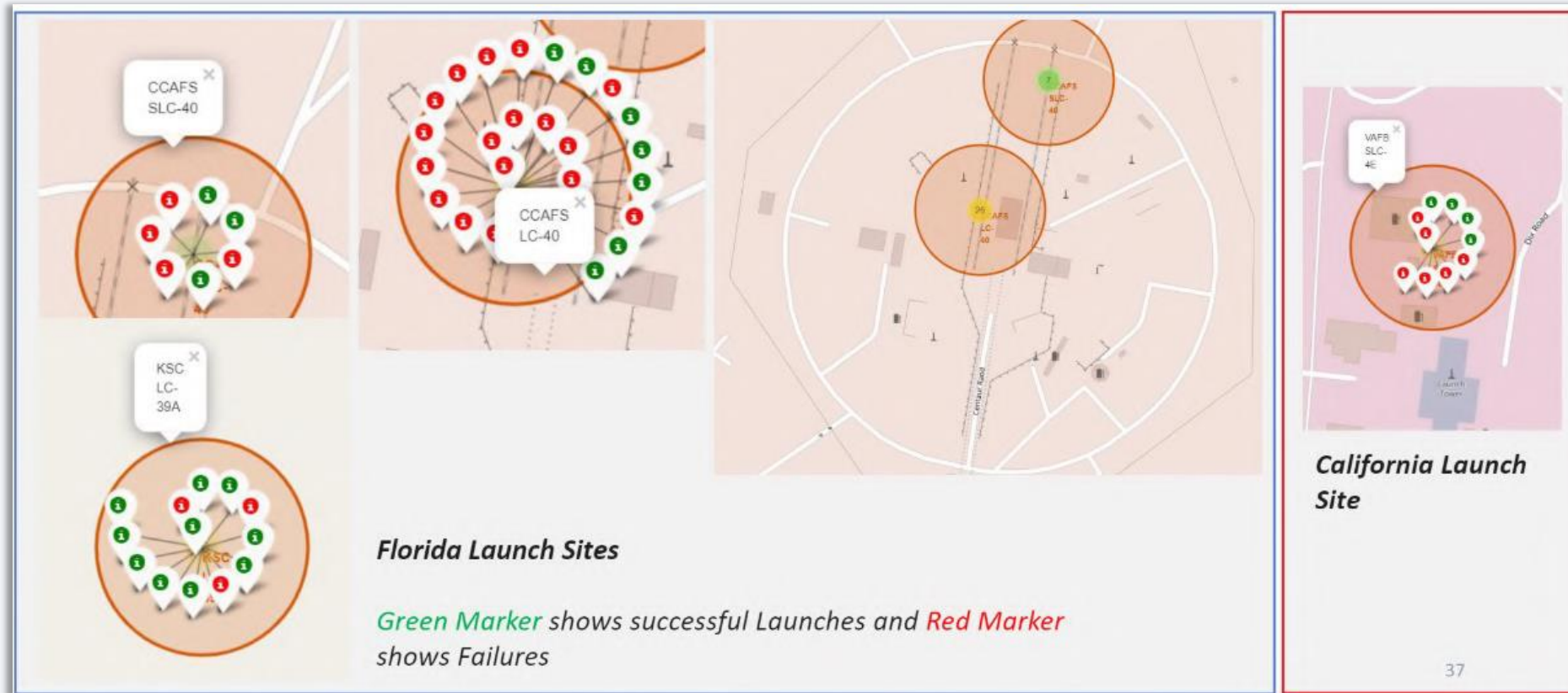
Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

All Launch Sites



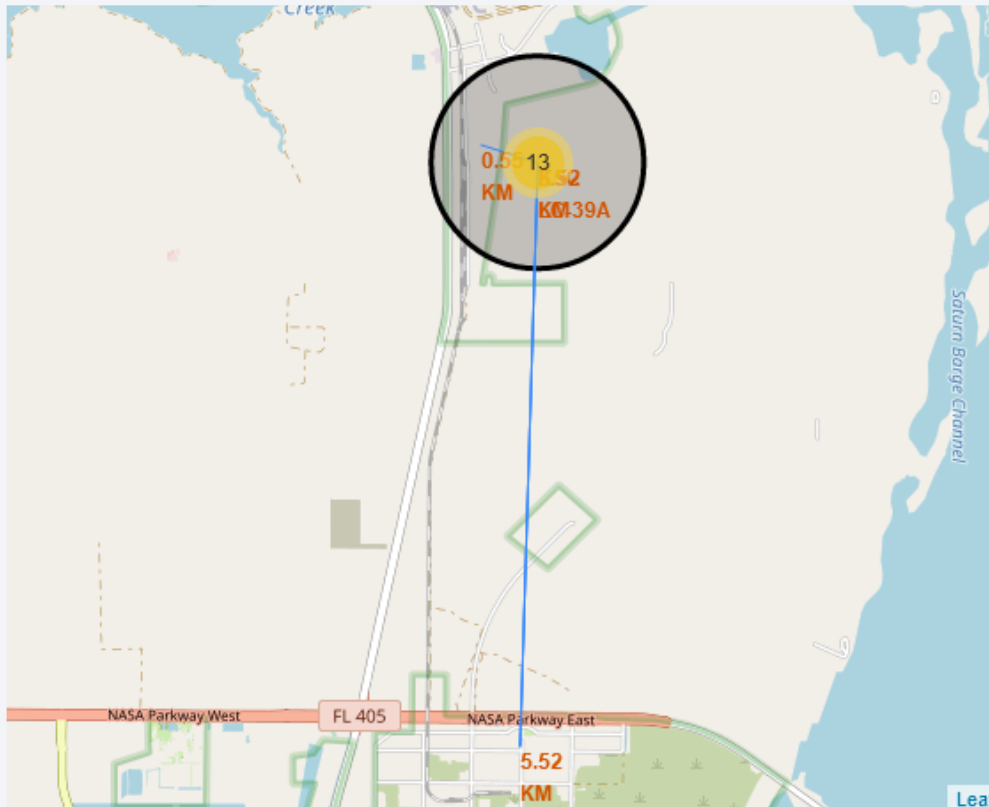
All the SpaceX launch sites are located inside the United States and near the sea

Markers showing launch sites with color labels



Logistics and Safety

Lunch site KSC LC-39A has good logistics aspects, being near railway and road.

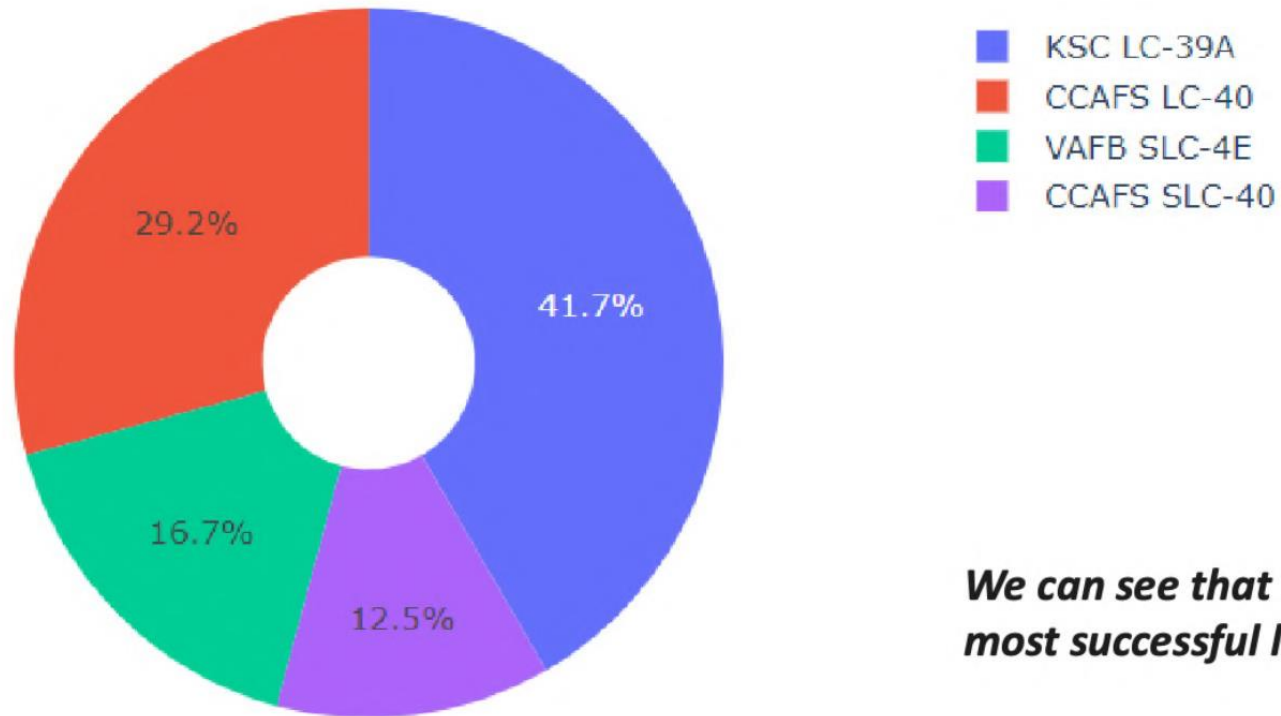




Section 4

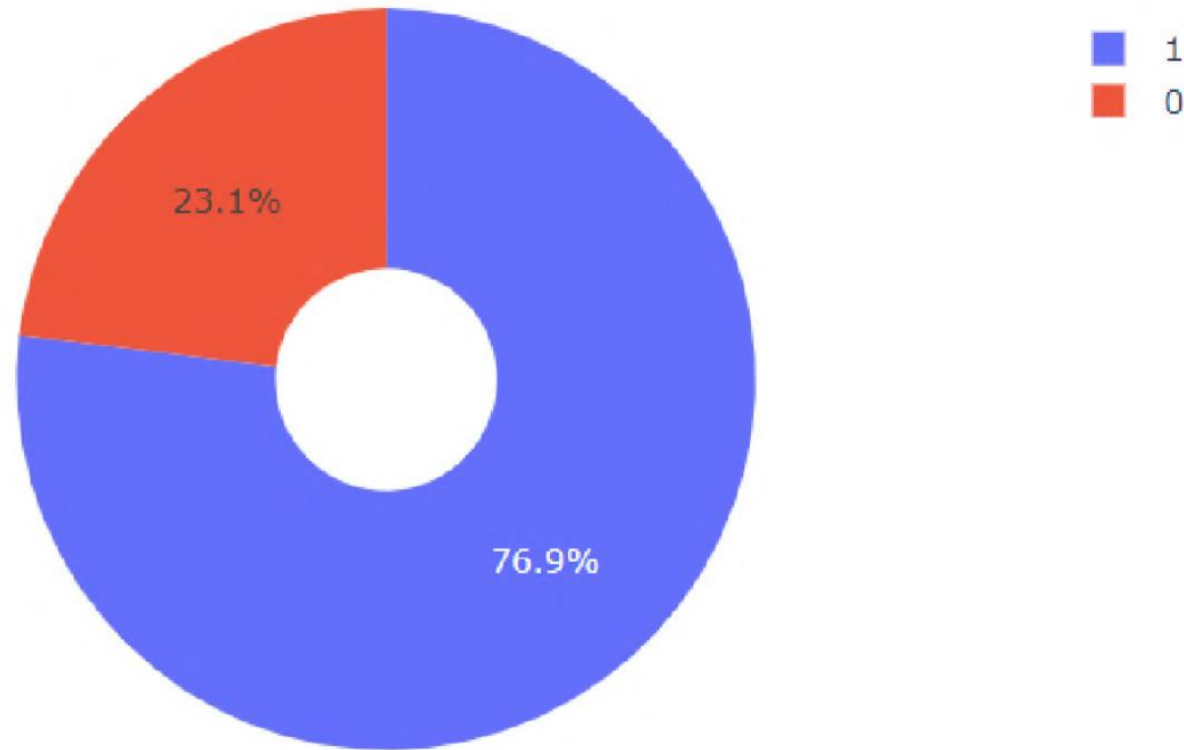
Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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



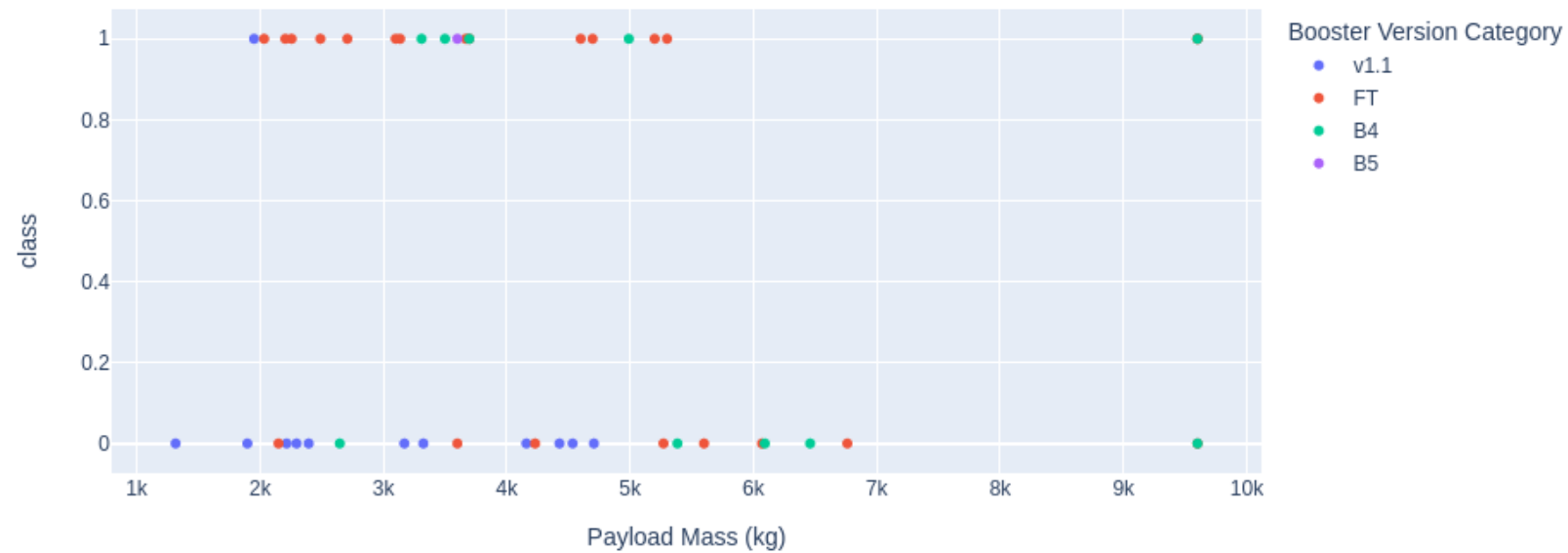
KSC LC-39A achieved a 76.9% success rate while getting a 23.1% failure rate

Payload vs Launch Outcome

Payload range (Kg):



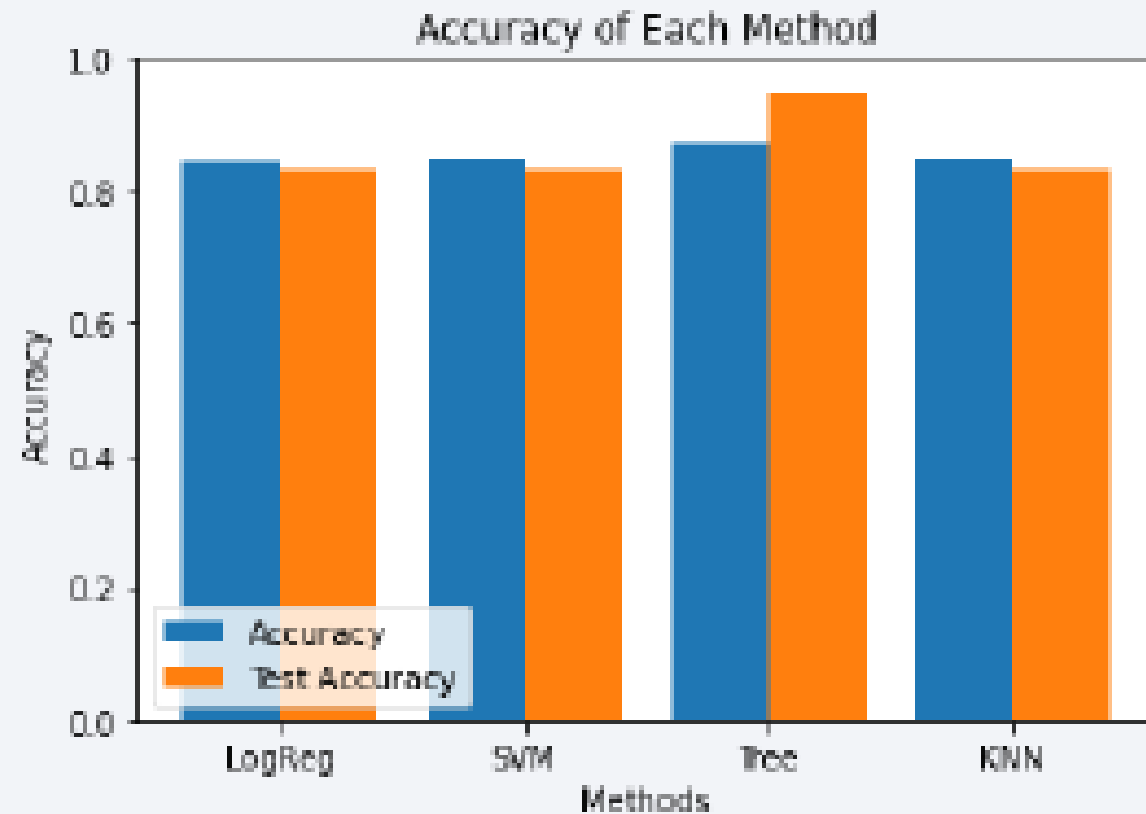
All sites - payload mass between 1,000kg and 10,000kg



Section 5

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Classification Accuracy



- Four classification models were tested, and their accuracies are plotted beside;
- The model with the highest classification accuracy is Decision Tree Classifier, which has accuracies over than 87%.

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.

Appendix

- [\[1\] Space X introduction](#)

Thank you!

