

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

Methodologies

- Data Collection
 - API
 - Web Scrapping
- Data Wrangling
- Exploratory Data Analysis
 - SQL
 - Data Visualization (Pandas Matplotlib)
- Interactive Visual Analytics with Folium
- Predictive Analysis

Results

- Results of Predictive Analysis
- Results of Exploratory Data Analysis
- Interactive Data Visualization

Introduction

SPACE Y background and context

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. 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 SpaceX for a rocket launch. This projects goal is understand if SPACE Y can accurately predict if the first stage of the rocket launch will land successfully.

Problems you want to find answers

- What will cause the rocket to land successfully?
- How successful will the landing be?
- What conditions need to exist for a successful launch?
- What is the cost of a Launch?



Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - The data was collected from SpaceX API and web scraping from Wikipedia Pages
- Perform data wrangling
 - Data was collected and converted into Pandas data frame for visualization and analysis
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - Using machine learning to address if the first stage of Falcon 9 landing will be successful.

Data Collection

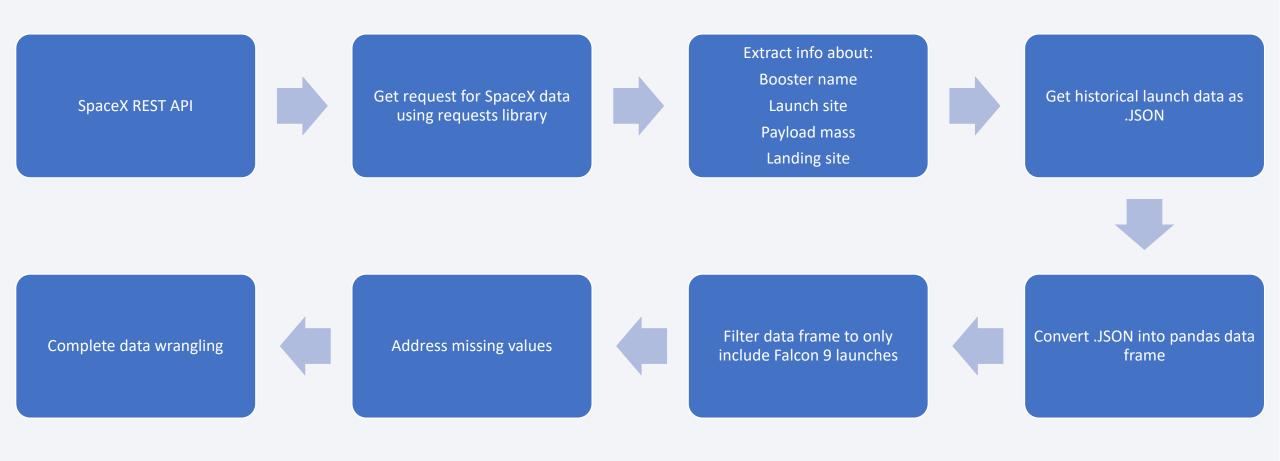
The data was collected from SpaceX REST API and web scrapped from Wikipedia



Data Collection – SpaceX API

Here the data was collected, cleaned and formatted

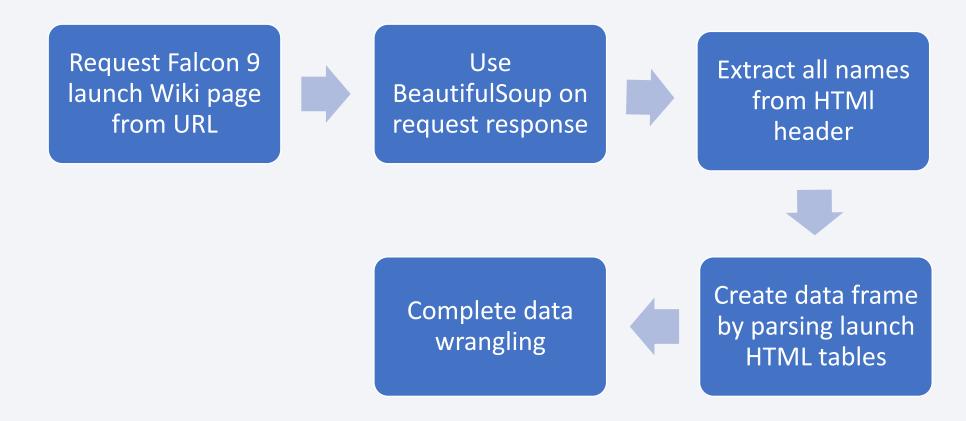
Collection API notebook



Data Collection - Scraping

Applied web scraping to collect Falcon 9 launch records from Wikipedia Pages

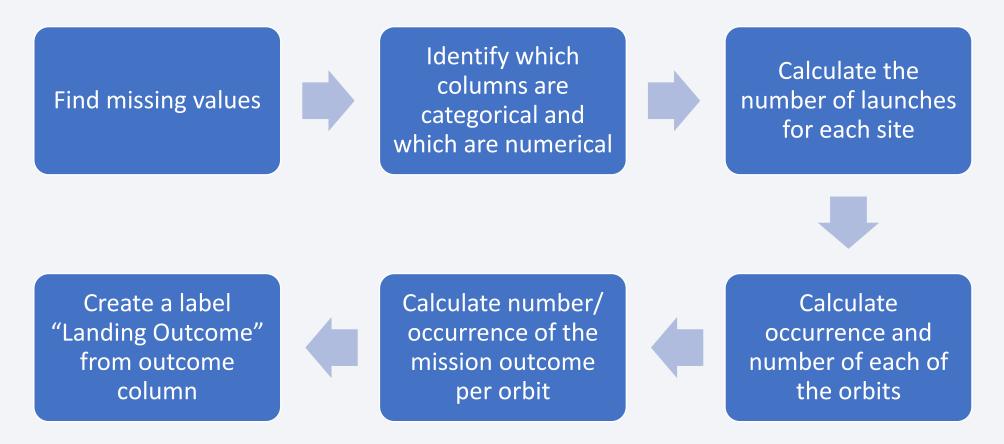
Web Scraping Notebook



Data Wrangling

Preformed Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) to determine the labels needed to train dataset and to find patterns

Data Wrangling Notebook



EDA with Data Visualization

What charts were plotted and why

Most of the charts plotted are Catplot(scatter plot) to help visualize the relationship between a numerical value and a categorical value

- · Flight number and Payload
- Flight number and Launch
- Payload and Launch Site
- Flight Number and Orbit Type
- · Payload and Orbit type

One chart plotted was a Bar chart used to show a distribution of data/compare values

• Success rate and Orbit type

One chart plotted was a Line chart used to track changes over time

Launch success yearly trend

EDA with Data Visualization Notebook

EDA with SQL

EDA was applied with SQL to help obtain information about the data.

- Launch sites starting with "CCA" were pulled out
- Total payload mass carried by boosters/boosters F9 v1.1were determined
- Successful landing(ground pad)/(drone ship) outcomes determined
- Total number of success and failures of missions
- The failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster version and launch site names

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

All launch sites were marked and map objects (markers, circles, and lines) were added to the map to mark the success or failures of each launch. Additional features were added to help address questions as well.

- A highlighted circle area with a text label on a specific coordinate for each launch site on the site map was added
- Cluster objects were added to simplify the map that had many markers having the same coordinate
- Mouse position was added to have a pointer show up when hovering over the map
- Line were drawn between each launch site and its closest city, railway and highway.

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

This dashboard was created to preform interactive analysis of SpaceX launch data in real time.

This dashboard contains various inputs

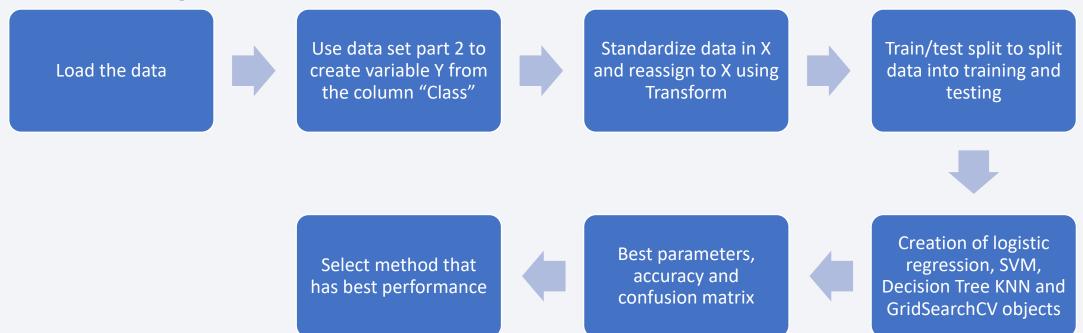
- Launch site drop down
- Callback function this renders a success pie chart based on the selected site drop down.
- A range slider used to select payload

Interactive Plotly Dashboard

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Through the machine learning process the best hyperparameters for logistic regression, SVM, Decision Trees and KNN classifiers were able to be determined

Machine Learning Prediction Notebook



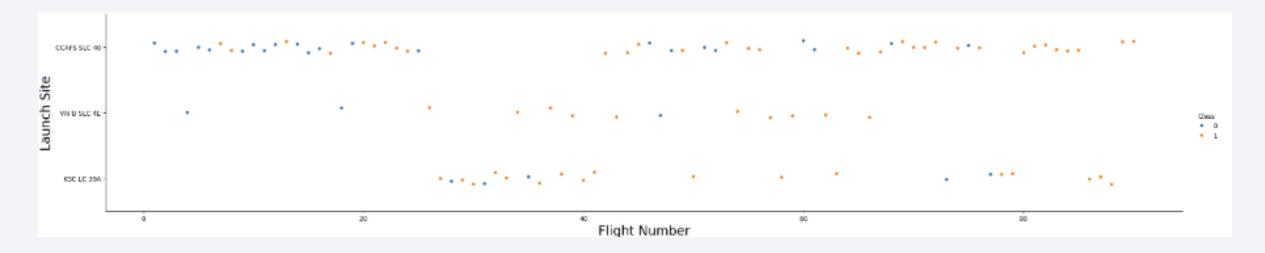
Results

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



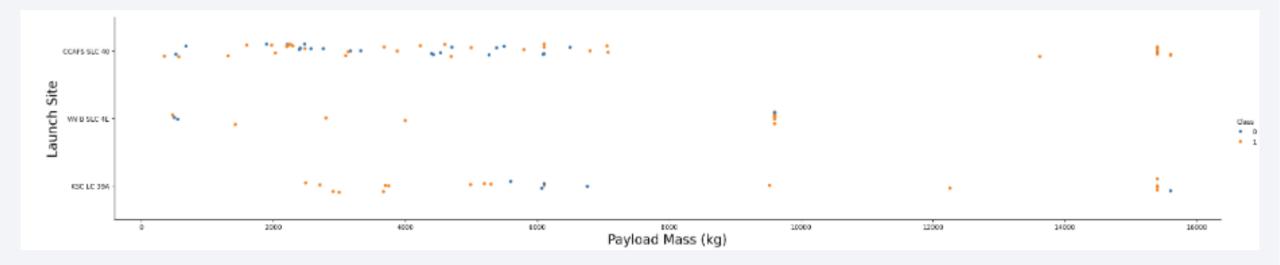
Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- Over time the success of the launch rates have increased at every launch site. Most notably at CCAFS SLC-40 where most launches take place
- VAFB and KSC represent 1/3 of the total launches



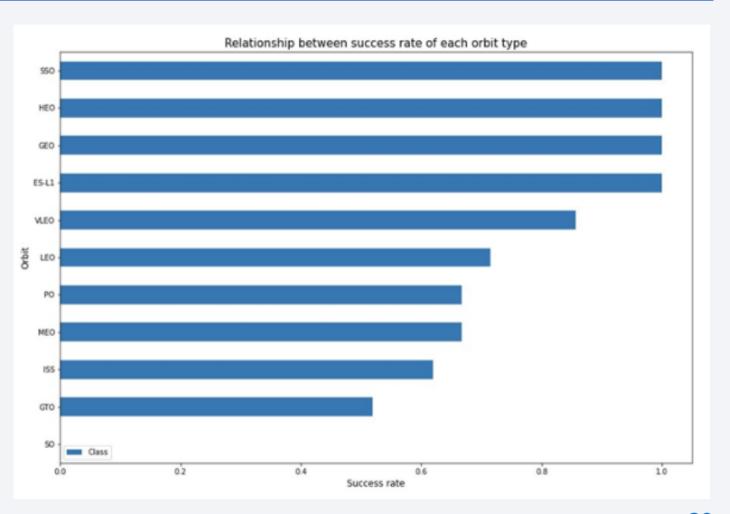
Payload vs. Launch Site

- VAFB does not launch rockets with a heavy payload mass (greater than 10000 kg)
- KSC does not launch rockets with a lower payload mass (less than 2500 kg)
- CCAFS has launched rockets less than 7500kg and more than 13000kg but does not launch rockets in-between that range



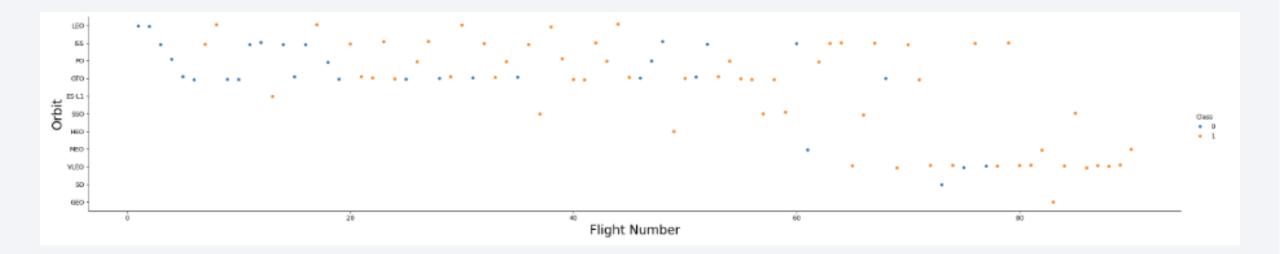
Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

 The first four (SSO, HEO, GEO, ES-L1) have the best success rate



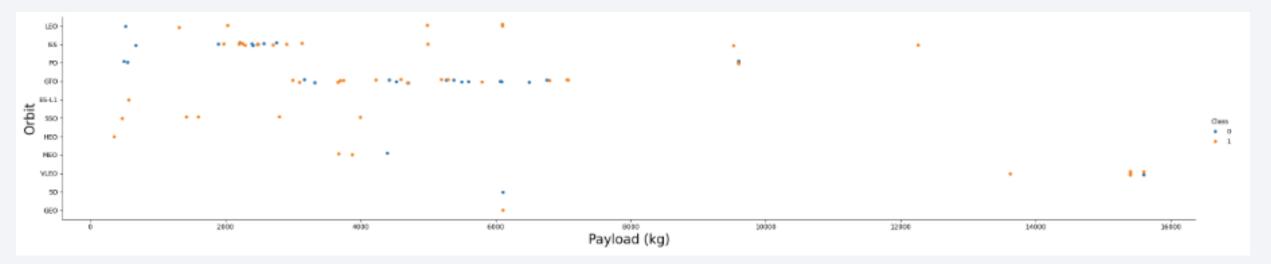
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- There are more failures at the beginning of launch series but as more progress the ratio improvs by the number of unsuccessful landings reducing
- GTO and ISS orbits have the highest concentration of launches with the lowest ratio of successful landings
- The orbits with a higher success rate have an overall fewer launches made



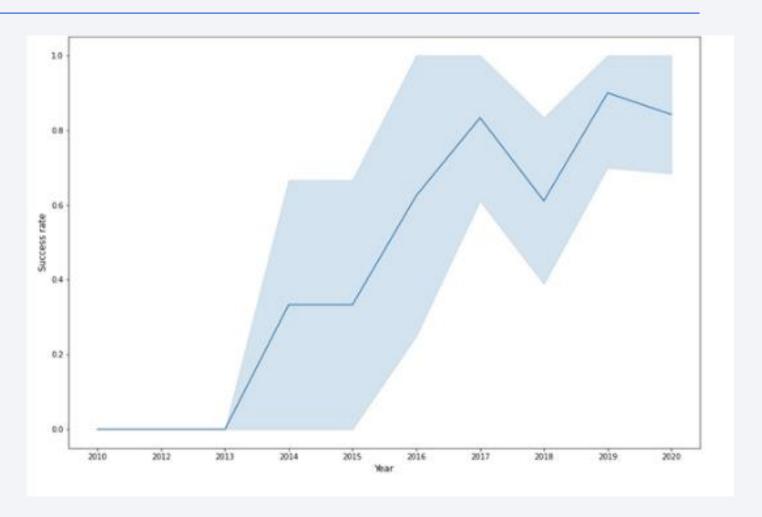
Payload vs. Orbit Type

- For heavy payloads PO, LEO and ISS have a higher landing success rate
- GTO has both positive and negative landing rates making it hard to determine overall success rate



Launch Success Yearly Trend

 The success rate continued to increase from 2013 -2020



All Launch Site Names

- There are Four unique launch sites
- "DISTINCT" in SQL finds all unique values – in this case it was used in the launch column to pull the unique names.

```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT Launch_site FROM SPACEXTBL;

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.

5]: Launch_Site

CCAFS LC-40

VAFB SLC-4E

KSC LC-39A

CCAFS SLC-40
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Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- The query used WHERE LIKE LIMIT to find 5 records where launch sites begin with
- "CCA"

%sql SELECT * FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Launch_Site LIKE 'CCA%' limit 5;								
* sqlite:///my_data1.db Done.								
Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing_Outcome
18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute
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0:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attemp
15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attemp
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Total Payload Mass

Using SUM and WHERE the total payload mass carried y booster launched by NASA was calculated

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

 Using AVG() function the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 was calculated

First Successful Ground Landing Date

• This is the data from the first successful ground pad landing outcome. This was achieved using MIN

```
In [49]: %sql select MIN(Date) As first_success_landing from SPACEXTBL where Landing_Outcome like 'Success (ground pad)'

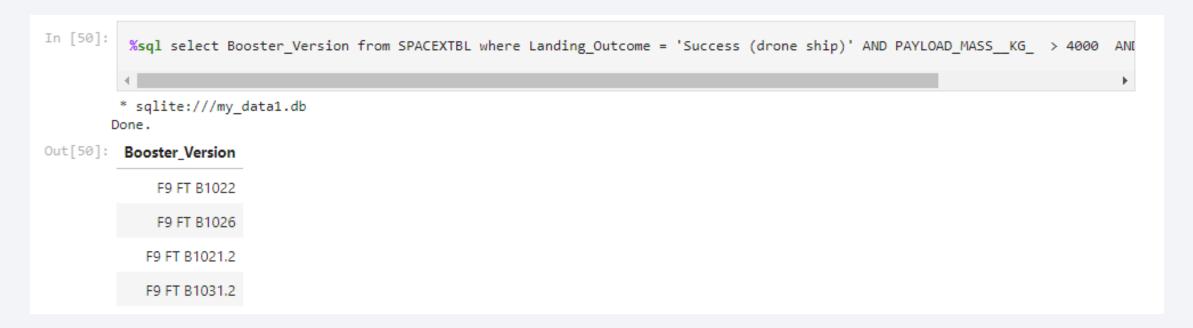
* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.

Out[49]: first_success_landing

2015-12-22
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Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

• Boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000. This is found using WHERE and AND clause together



Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

The total number of successful and failure mission outcomes. This uses COUNT with GROUP BY

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

# (select COUNT(Mission_Outcome) AS SuccessOutcome FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Mission_Outcome LIKE 'Success%'), (select
# sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

# (select COUNT(Mission_Outcome) AS SuccessOutcome FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Mission_Outcome) AS FailureOutcome FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Mission_Outcome LIKE 'Success%')
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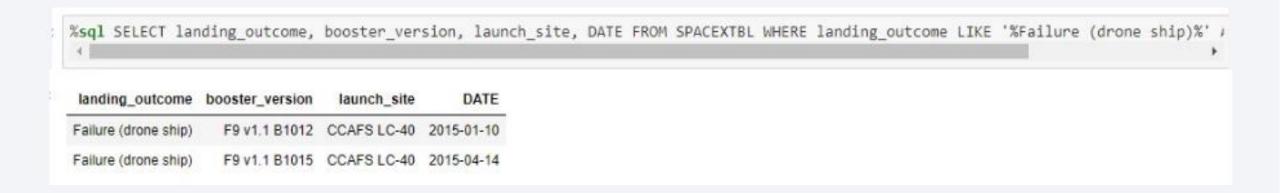
Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

• These are the names of the booster versions which have carried the max payload mass, this was found using subquery



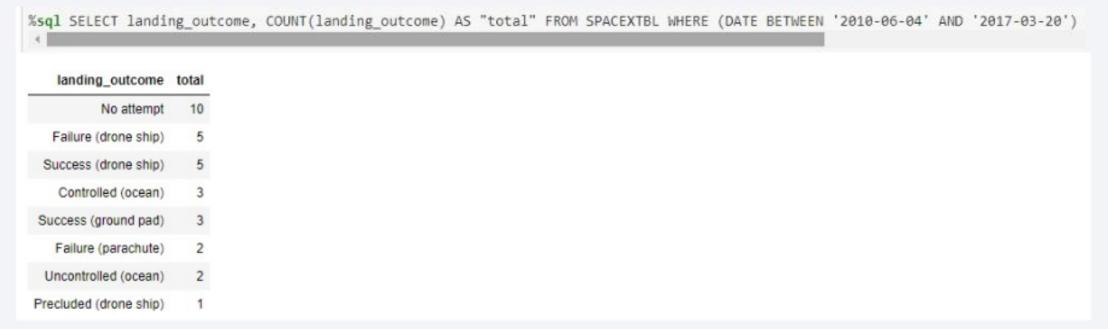
2015 Launch Records

 Failed landing_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015



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

 Thecount 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. Query uses CPUNT, WHERE, BETWEEN and GROUP BY





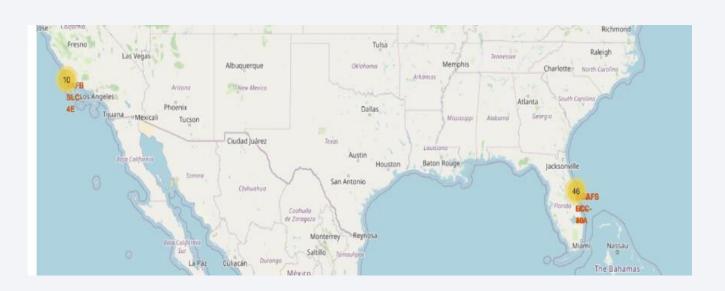
All Launch Sites

 Launch sites are close to the coast and within the US California and Florida



Success/Failed Launches per site

• The first map shows clusters for each launch site. The second map shows green markers if the launch was successful and red markers if it was not





Proximities to Launch Site

• This shows how close the launch sites are to railways, roads, coastlines, etc.





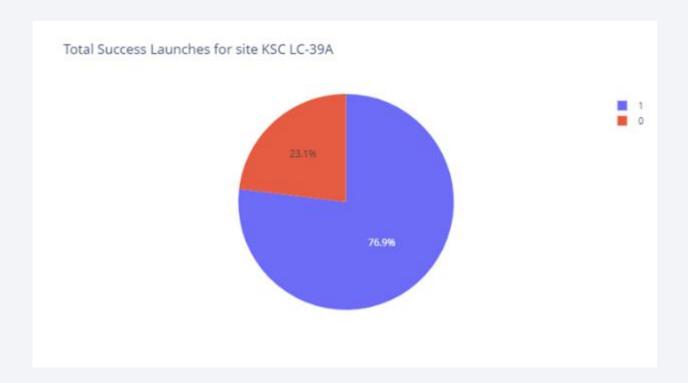
Total Success Launches by Site

KSC has the highest successful launches followed by CCAFS



Highest Launch Success Ratio

• This pie chart sows KSC as the site which the highest launch success ratio



Payload VS Launch Outcome

- Scatter plot for all sites (2500kg, 5000kg and 10000kg) payload ranges
- Payload range 2500-5000kg have most of the successful launches

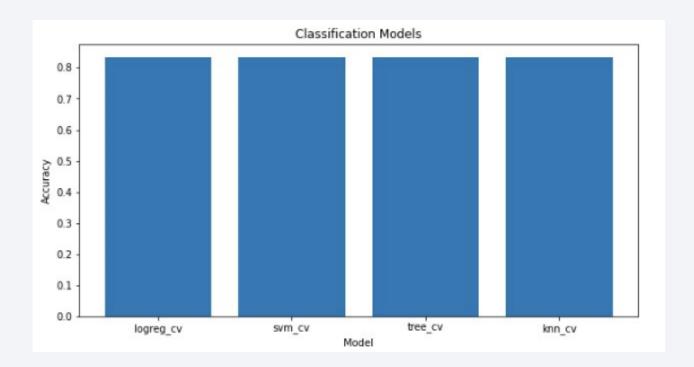






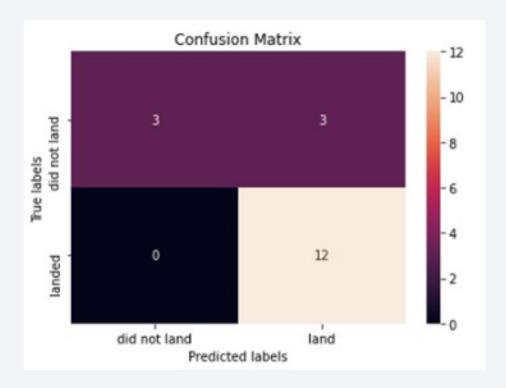
Classification Accuracy

• Accuracy is the **same** for all models



Confusion Matrix

• Confusion Matrix same for all models



Conclusions

• In conclusion:

- The more flights that take place at a launch location the higher the chances of are of a successful launch
- Successful launches increased from 2013-2020
- KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches of any site
- All machine learning models seem to have the same amount of accuracy

Appendix

• For additional information/ raw files of the above please go to this GitHub Repository

