

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

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Introduction

Project background and context

SpaceX advertises Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website at a cost of \$62 million, whereas other providers charge upwards of \$165 million per launch. Much of SpaceX's cost savings come from its ability to reuse the Falcon 9 first stage, making spaceflight significantly more economical. Understanding the conditions that lead to successful landings is crucial for cost estimation and optimization. By analyzing historical launch data, I aim to uncover patterns that influence landing success and explore how these insights can impact the future of commercial spaceflight.

Problems you want to find answer

In this capstone, I will predict if the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully using launch data while also identifying key factors that influence landing outcomes. This analysis will help assess cost efficiency and competitive advantages in the aerospace industry.



Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - Describe how data was collected
- Perform data wrangling
 - Describe how data was processed
- 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

Overview of SpaceX Falcon 9 Data Collection

The SpaceX Falcon 9 data was collected using the SpaceX API, a RESTful API, by making a GET request to retrieve rocket launch data. To accomplish this, a series of

helper functions were defined to extract relevant information using identification numbers from the launch data. The requested JSON response was then parsed, decoded, and converted into a Pandas DataFrame to ensure consistency and ease of analysis.

Additionally, web scraping was conducted to collect historical Falcon 9 launch records from a Wikipedia page titled *List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches.*Using the BeautifulSoup and requests libraries, the HTML table containing the launch records was extracted, parsed, and converted into a Pandas DataFrame for 7 further examination

Data Collection – SpaceX API

- The SpaceX Falcon 9 data was gathered through the SpaceX API, a RESTful API, by making a GET request to retrieve launch data. The response content was then parsed, decoded into a JSON format, and converted into a Pandas DataFrame for further analysis.
- Here is the GitHub URL for the completed notebook containing the SpaceX API calls: https://github.com/Gitangelito/Data-Science-Capstone-Coursera-Presentation/blob/main/1-jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb

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Task 1: Request and parse the SpaceX launch data using the GET request
          To make the requested JSON results more consistent, we will use the following static response object for this project:
          static json url='https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork/da
          We should see that the request was successfull with the 200 status response code
           response=requests.get(static json url)
          response.status code
Out[61]: 200
          Now we decode the response content as a Json using .json() and turn it into a Pandas dataframe using .json normalize()
          # Use json normalize meethod to convert the json result into a dataframe
           resp_json = response.json()
           data = pd.json_normalize(resp_json)
          Using the dataframe data print the first 5 rows
In [63]: # Get the head of the dataframe
```

Data Collection – Web Scraping

- Web scraping was conducted to gather Falcon 9 historical launch records from Wikipedia using BeautifulSoup and Requests. The Falcon 9 launch records were extracted from an HTML table on the Wikipedia page, parsed, and converted into a structured DataFrame for analysis
- Here is the GitHub URL for the completed notebook containing the(https://github.com/Gitangelit o/Data-Science-Capstone-Coursera-Presentation/blob/main/2jupyter-labs-webscraping.ipynb)

```
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)
         Create a BeautifulSoup object from the HTML response
         # Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
         soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, 'html.parser')
         Print the page title to verify if the BeautifulSoup object was created properly
         # Use soup.title attribute
         soup.title
Out[7]: <title>List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches - Wikipedia</title>
         TASK 2: Extract all column/variable names from the HTML table header
         Next, we want to collect all relevant column names from the HTML table header
         Let's try to find all tables on the wiki page first. If you need to refresh your memory about BeautifulSoup, please check the external
         reference link towards the end of this lab
         # Use the find_all function in the BeautifulSoup object, with element type `table`
         # Assign the result to a list called `html_tables
         html tables - soun find all('table')
```

Data Wrangling

- Once the data was collected and converted into a pandas DataFrame, it was filtered by the BoosterVersion column to retain only Falcon 9 launches. Next, missing values in the LandingPad and PayloadMass columns were addressed, with missing PayloadMass values filled in using the column's mean value.
- EDA was performed to identify patterns and select the label for supervised model training
- Here is the link of the completed wrangling notebook https://github.com/Gitangelito/Data-Science-Capstone-Coursera-Presentation/blob/main/3-labs-jupyter-

TASK 4: Create a landing outcome label from Outcome column Using the Outcome, create a list where the element is zero if the corresponding row in Outcome is in the set bad outcome; otherwise, it's one. Then assign it to the variable landing_class: # landing class = 0 if bad outcome # landing class = 1 otherwise df['Class'] = df['Outcome'].apply(lambda x: 0 if x in bad_outcomes else 1) df['Class'].value_counts() Out[12]: Class 1 30 Name: count, dtype: int64 This variable will represent the classification variable that represents the outcome of each launch. If the value is zero, the first stage did not land successfully; one means the first stage landed Successfully landing_class=df['Class'] df[['Class']].head(8) Class

EDA with Data Visualization

- Performed data analysis and feature engineering using pandas and matplotlib
- Explored relationships between flight number, payload mass, and launch site
- Visualized the relationship between flight number and launch site using scatter plots
- Used scatter plots to analyze the relationship between payload mass and launch site
- Examined the success rate of each orbit type using bar charts
- Investigated the relationship between flight number and orbit type with scatter plots
- Analyzed the connection between payload mass and orbit type using scatter plots
- Visualized the yearly trend in launch success using line plots
- GitHub URL with completed EDA https://github.com/Gitangelito/Data-Science-Capstone-Coursera-Presentation/blob/main/5-edadataviz.ipynb

EDA with SQL

- The following SQL queries were executed for exploratory data analysis (EDA):
 - Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission

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In [17]:
%sql select Distinct Launch_Site from SPACEXTBL;
```

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

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In [24]: %sql select * from SPACEXTBL where Launch_Site like "cca%" limit 5;
```

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

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In [26]: %sql select sum (PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) As "TotalMass_in_Kgs",Customer FROM 'SPACEXTBL' WHERE Customer = 'NASA (CRS)
```

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

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In [28]: __KG_) as "PayLoadMass_in_Kgs" , Customer, Booster_Version FROM 'SPACEXTBL' WHERE Booster_Version LIKE 'F9 v1.1%';
```

• List the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was acheived.

- List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000 [%sql SELECT DISTINCT Booster_Version, Payload FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE "Landing_Outcome" = "Success (drone ship)" AND PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ > 4000 AND PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ < 6000;]
- Here is the Github URL of the completed EDA SQL notebook
- https://github.com/Gitangelito/Data-Science-Capstone-Coursera-Presentation/blob/main/4-jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera-sqllite.ipynb

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

• Developed a Folium map to visualize all launch sites, incorporating markers, circles, and lines to indicate the success or failure of launches at each location.

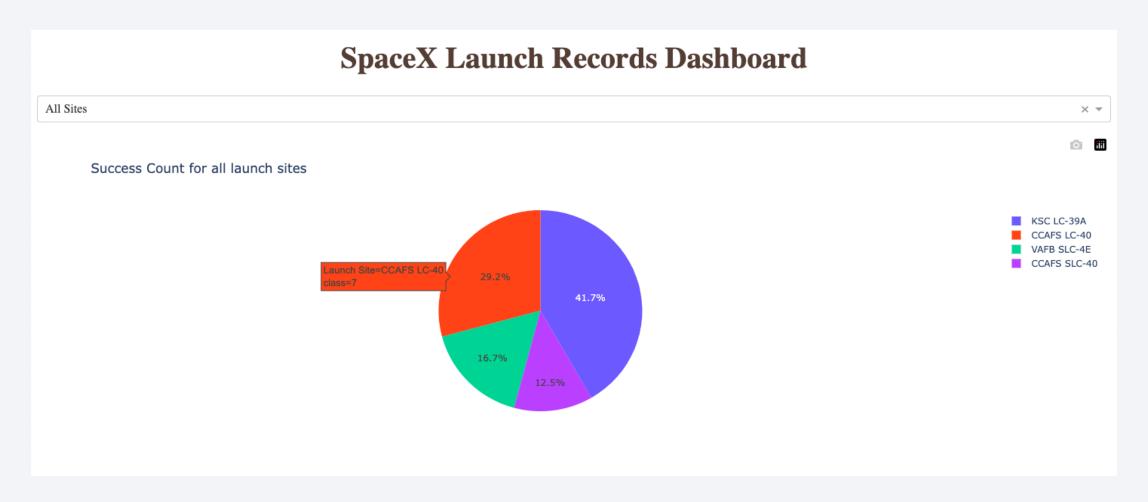
Defined launch outcome categories, assigning 0 for failures and 1 for successes.

 Here is the GitHub URL for the completed interactive Folium map <u>https://github.com/Gitangelito/Data-Science-Capstone-Coursera-Presentation/blob/main/6-lab_jupyter_launch_site_location.ipynb</u>

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Developed an interactive dashboard application using Plotly Dash to analyze launch outcomes by:
 - Implementing a dropdown menu to select launch sites Allows users to filter data for specific launch locations.
 - Creating a callback function to generate a success pie chart based on the selected site Provides a visual breakdown of success rates for each launch site.
 - Adding a range slider for payload selection Enables users to explore how payload mass affects launch success.
 - Implementing a callback function to render a success-payload scatter plot Helps identify trends between payload mass and launch success rates.
 - Here is the GitHub URL of your completed Plotly Dash lab https://github.com/Gitangelito/Data-Science-Capstone-Coursera-Presentation/blob/main/7-Build%20an%20Interactive%20Dashboard%20with%20Ploty%20Dashspacex dash app.py

Plotly Dashboard



Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- After importing the data into a Pandas DataFrame, I performed exploratory data analysis and identified training labels by:
 - Converting the class column into a NumPy array using .to_numpy() and assigning
 it to Y as the outcome variable.
 - Standardizing the feature dataset (X) using StandardScaler() from sklearn.preprocessing to ensure consistency in scale.
 - Splitting the data into training and testing sets with an 80-20 ratio using train_test_split from sklearn.model_selection, setting test_size=0.2 and random_state=2 for reproducibility.

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- To determine the best-performing ML model for the test data among SVM, classification trees, k-nearest neighbors, and logistic regression:
 - Created an object for each algorithm and initialized a GridSearchCV object with a defined set of parameters for each model.
 - Configured GridSearchCV with cv=10 and trained it on the dataset to identify the optimal hyperparameters.
 - Retrieved the best parameters using best_params_ and assessed model accuracy on validation data using best_score_.
 - Finally, evaluated test accuracy using the score method and visualized model performance by plotting a confusion matrix for each.

Predictive Analysis (Classification - Table)

• The table below presents the test data accuracy scores for each method, comparing SVM, classification trees, k-nearest neighbors, and logistic regression to determine the best-performing model. GitHub URL:

https://github.com/Gitangelito/Data-Science-Capstone-Coursera-

Presentation/blob/main/8-

SpaceX Machine%20Learning%20Prediction Part 5.ipynb

	0	1	2	3
Method	Logistic Regression	SVM	Decision Tree	KNN
Test Data Accuracy	0.833333	0.833333	0.777778	0.833333

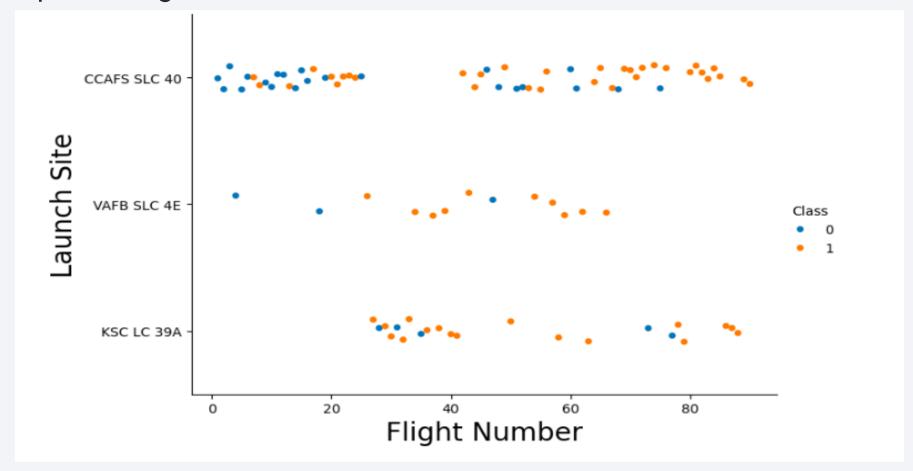
Results

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



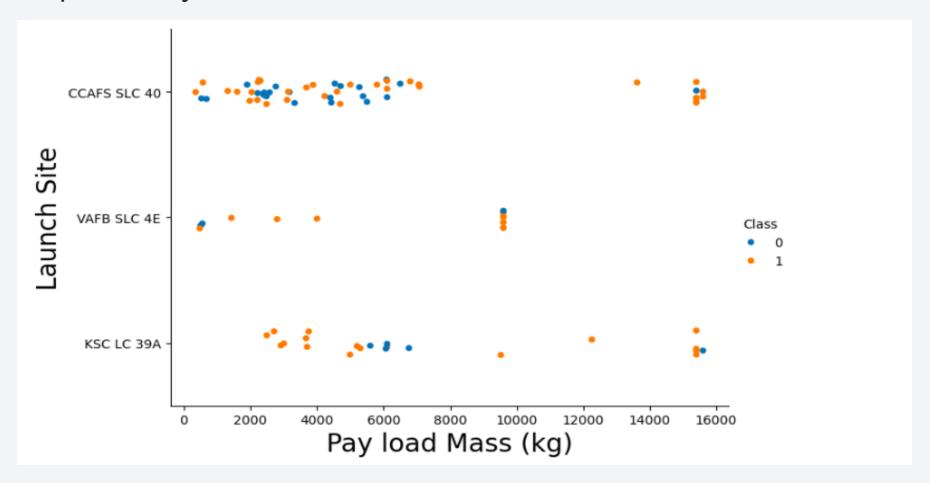
Flight Number vs. Launch Site

• Scatter plot of Flight Numbers vs. Launch Site



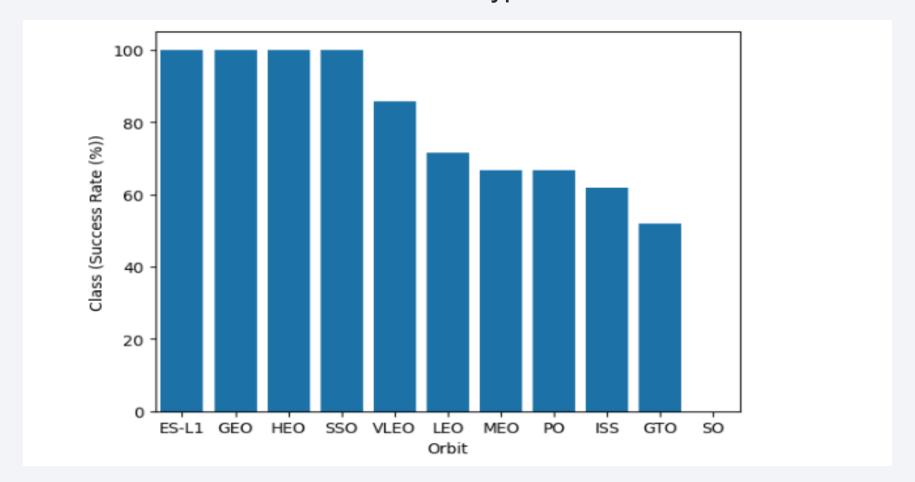
Payload vs. Launch Site

• A scatter plot of Payload vs. Launch Site



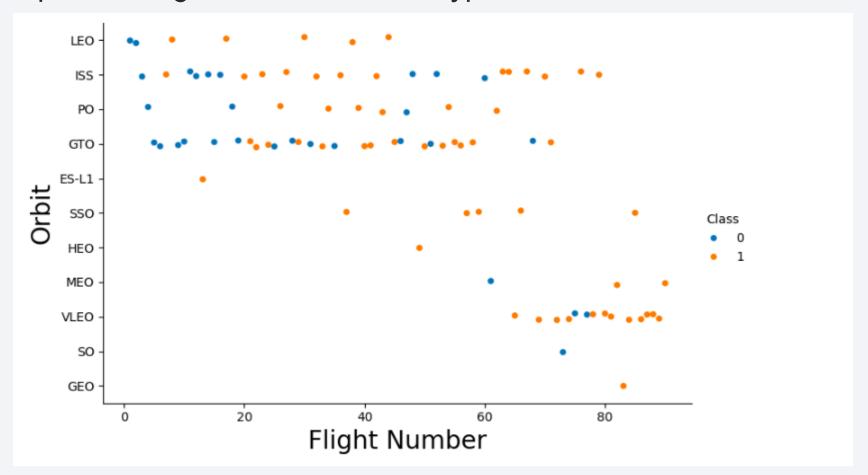
Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

• Bar chart for the success rate of each orbit type



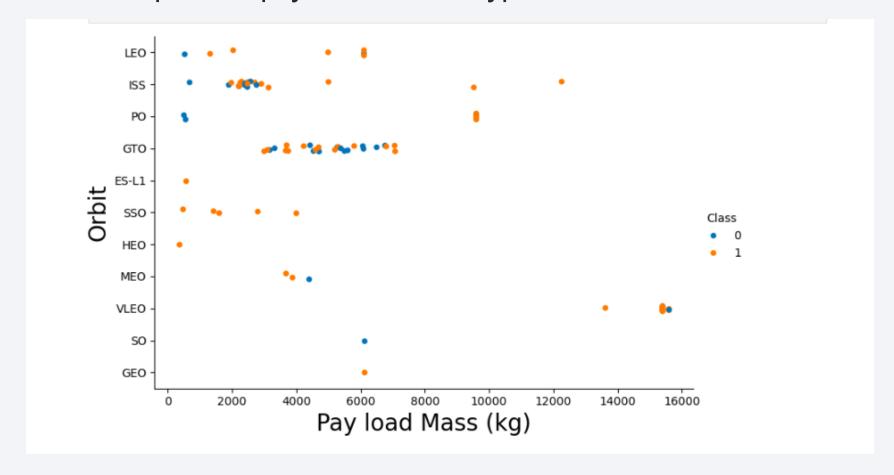
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

• A scatter point of Flight number vs. Orbit type



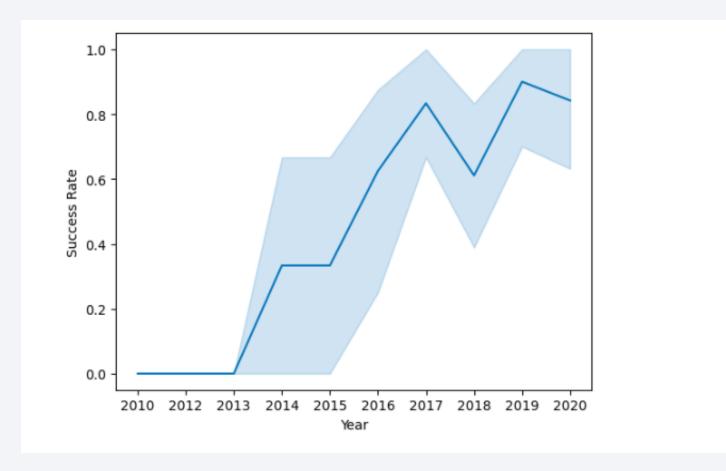
Payload vs. Orbit Type

• Show a scatter point of payload vs. orbit type



Launch Success Yearly Trend

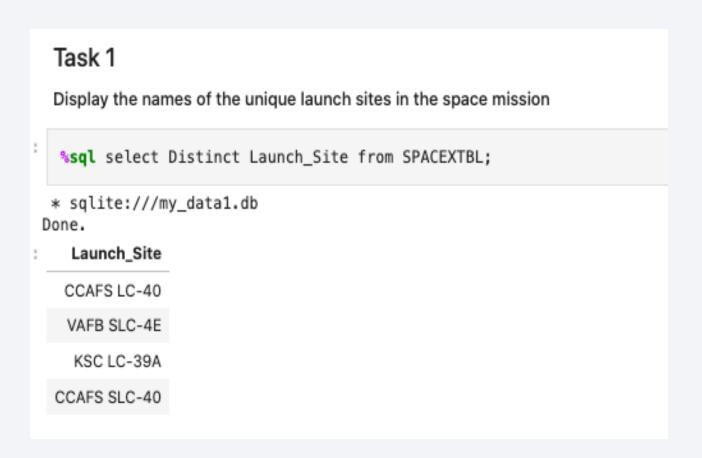
- Line chart showing yearly average success rate
- The success rate kept going from 2013 to 2020



All Launch Site Names

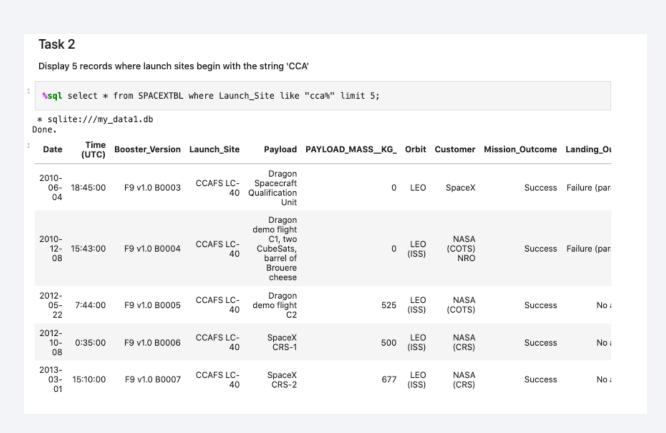
 Retrieve the names of distinct launch sites.

Utilized the SELECT
 DISTINCT statement to
 retrieve only the unique
 launch sites from the
 Launch_site column of
 the SPACEXTBL table.



Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- Find 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`
- Employed the 'LIKE' command with the "%" wildcard in the 'WHERE' clause to filter and display all records where launch sites begin with the string "CCA".



Total Payload Mass

- Calculate the total payload carried by boosters from NASA
- Utilized the sum() function to calculate and display the total value of the Payload_Mass_KG column for NASA (CRS).

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

- Calculate the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- Applied the avg() function to calculate and display the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1.

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Task 4
        Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
[n [ ]: # %sql SELECT * FROM 'SPACEXTBL'
         %sql select avg(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) as "PayLoadMass_in_Kgs" , Customer, Booster_Version FROM 'SPACEXTBL' WHERE Boo
        * sqlite:///my_data1.db
        * sqlite:///my_data1.db
        PayLoadMass_in_Kgs Customer Booster_Version
        2534.666666666665
                                         F9 v1.1 B1003
        Task 5
```

First Successful Ground Landing Date

- Find the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad
- Utilized the min() function to retrieve and display the earliest (oldest) date of the first successful landing outcome on the ground pad labeled 'success (ground pad)'.

```
Task 5

List the date when the first succesful landing outcome in ground pad was acheived.

Hint:Use min function

3]: 
*sql select MIN(Date) from 'SPACEXTBL' where "Landing_Outcome" = "Success (ground pad)";

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

3]: 
MIN(Date)

2015-12-22
```

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

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In [38]:

*sql SELECT DISTINCT Booster_Version, Payload FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE "Landing_Outcome" = "Success (drone ship)" AND

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

Out[38]:

Booster_Version Payload

F9 FT B1022 JCSAT-14

F9 FT B1026 JCSAT-16

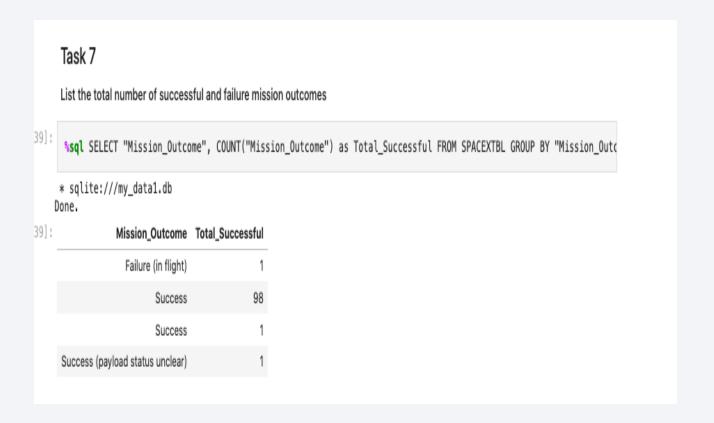
F9 FT B1021.2 SES-10

F9 FT B1031.2 SES-11/EchoStar 105
```

- List of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- Utilized the SELECT DISTINCT statement to retrieve and list unique booster names with operators between 4000 and 6000, filtering only boosters with payloads in this range and a landing outcome of 'success (drone ship)'.

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

- Calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- Utilized the COUNT() function with the GROUP BY statement to retrieve the total number of mission outcomes.



Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

- List of boosters which have carried the maximum payload mass
- Utilized a subquery to retrieve the maximum payload and listed all boosters that carried the maximum payload of 15,600 kg.



2015 Launch Records

 List of failed landing_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015

 Utilized the SUBSTR() function to extract month and year from the Date column and filtered records for the year 2015 with failed landing_outcomes on a drone ship, displaying booster versions and launch sites.

Task 9

List the records which will display the month names, failure landing_outcomes in drone ship ,booster versions, launch_site for the months in year 2015.

Note: SQLLite does not support monthnames. So you need to use substr(Date, 6,2) as month to get the months and substr(Date, 0,5)='2015' for year.

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* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.

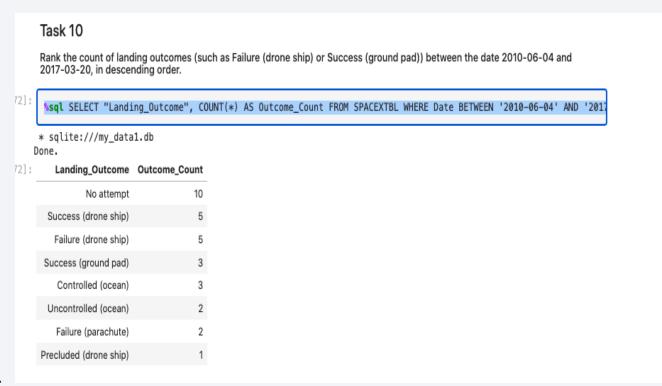
* Month Booster_Version Launch_Site Landing_Outcome

O1 F9 v1.1 B1012 CCAFS LC-40 Failure (drone ship)

04 F9 v1.1 B1015 CCAFS LC-40 Failure (drone ship)
```

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

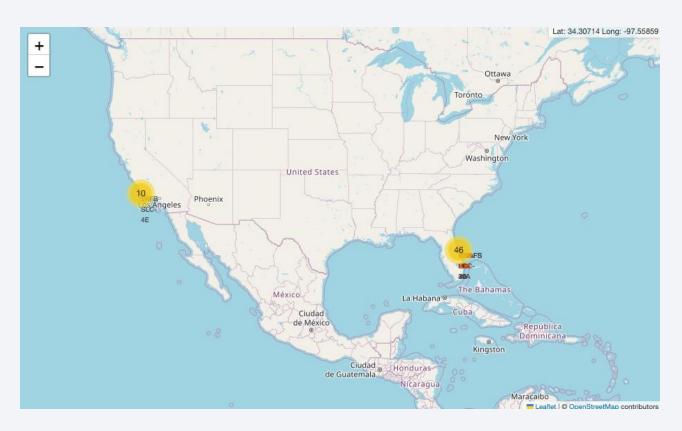
- Landing outcomes ranking (such as Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad)) between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20, in descending order
- Utilized the COUNT() function with GROUP BY to rank landing outcomes, such as "Failure (drone ship)" and "Success (ground pad)," within the date range 2010-06-04 to 2017-03-20, ordering results in descending order of occurrence.





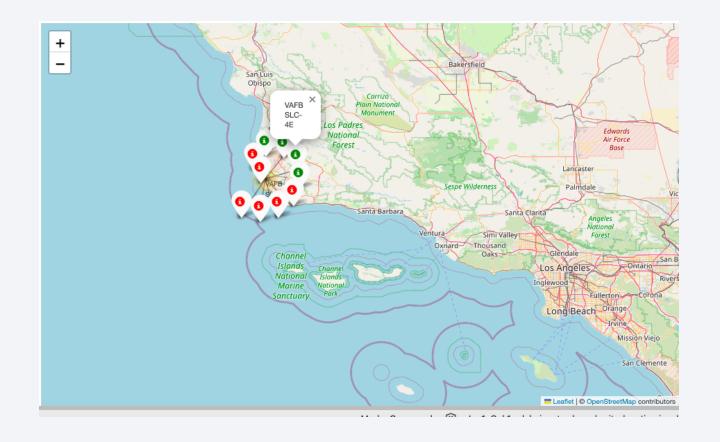
Visualizing all Launch sites Outcomes

 I explored the folium map, visualizing the launch sites locations on a global scale. The map displays markers for launch sites like KSC LC-39A, VAFB SLC-4E, and CCAFS SLC-40, located on the coasts of California and Florida. Centered on NASA Johnson Space Center, it provides a clear view of the key sites.



Visualizing Launch Outcomes with Color-Coded Markers on the Folium Map

 The VAFB SLC-4E launch site on the West Coast (California) has a lower success rate of 4/10 compared to the KSC LC-39A launch site on the East Coast (Florida).



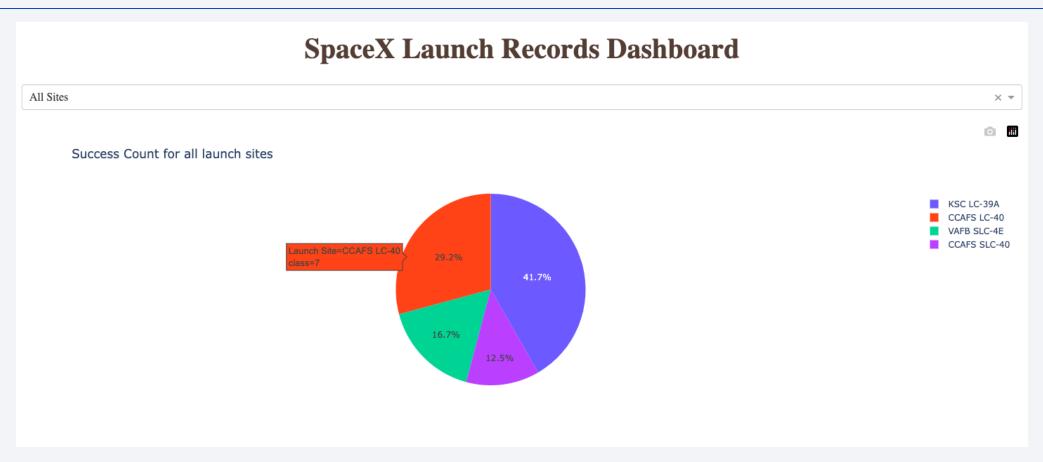
Distances from a Launch Site to Nearby Proximities



The distance from the CCAFS SLC-40 launch site to the coastline is 0.86 km.



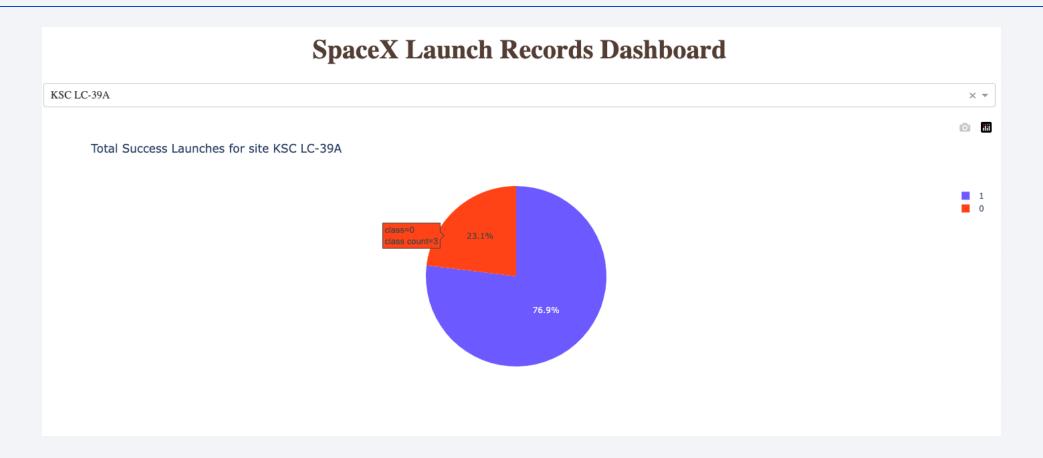
Launch Success Count by Site: Pie Chart



• KSC LC-39A has the highest launch success rate at 42%, followed by CCAFS LC-40 at 29%, VAFB SLC-4E at 17%, and CCAFS SLC-40 with the lowest success rate of 13%.

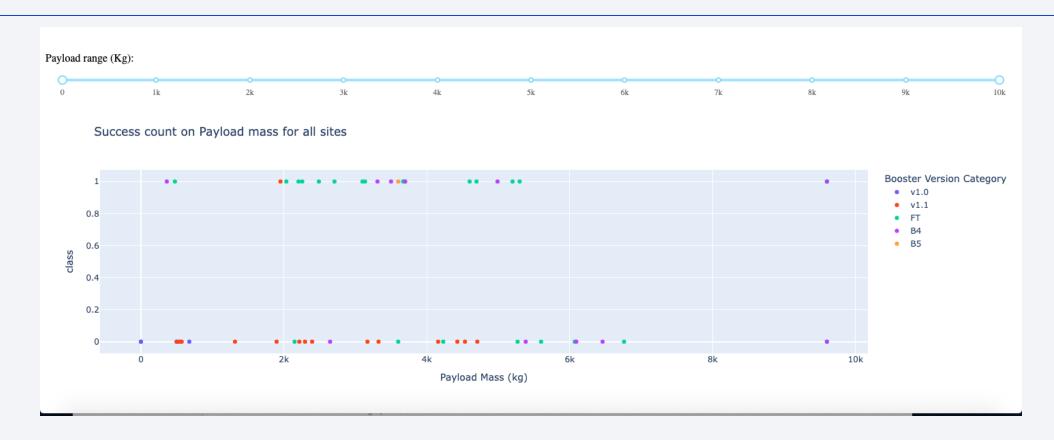
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Pie Chart Displaying Launch Success Ratio for the Top Performing Launch Site



• Launch site KSC LC-39A had the highest success rate, with 77% successful launches and 23% failures.

Payload Vs Launch Outcomes for all sites: Scatter Plot



• For the launch site CCAFS LC-40, the FT booster version has the highest success rate for payload masses greater than 2000 kg

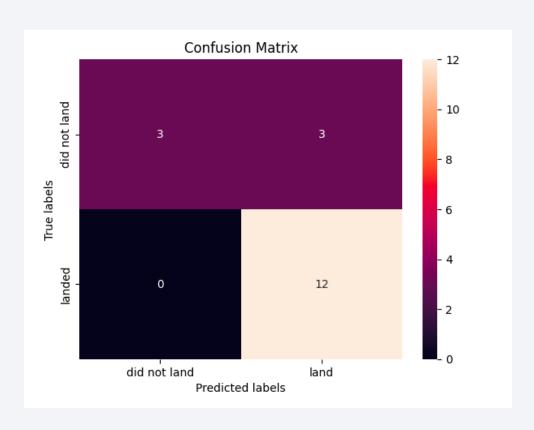


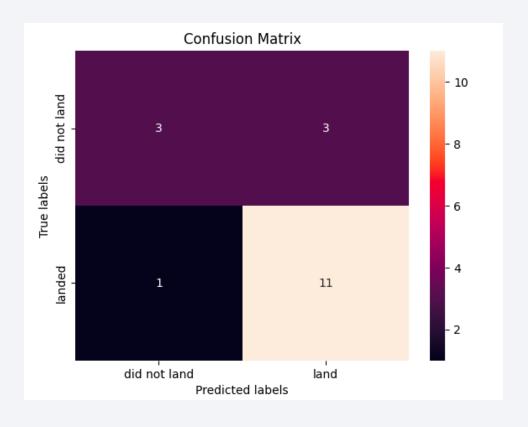
Classification Accuracy

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Method Logistic Regression SVM Decision Tree KNN
Test Data Accuracy 0.833333 0.833333 0.777778 0.833333
```

 The models with the highest classification accuracy are Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine (SVM), and k-Nearest Neighbors (KNN), all of which have an accuracy of 83.33%. The model with the lowest classification accuracy is Decision Tree, with an accuracy of 77.78%.

Confusion Matrix





Three of the four classification models—Logistic Regression, SVM, and KNN—produced identical confusion matrices
and were equally able to distinguish between the different classes. However, the Decision Tree model had a different
confusion matrix. A common issue across all models was the high occurrence of false positives

Conclusions

- Each launch site has a distinct success rate.
- CCAFS LC-40 has a 60% success rate, while KSC LC-39A and VAFB SLC-4E have a higher success rate of 77%.
- It's evident that as the number of flights increases at each of the three launch sites, the success rate also improves.
- For example, after flight 50, VAFB SLC-4E achieved a 100% success rate.
- Both KSC LC-39A and CCAFS SLC-40 reached a 100% success rate after their 80th flight.
- Looking at the payload vs launch site scatter plot, it's clear that the VAFB SLC-4E launch site doesn't launch rockets with a heavy payload mass (greater than 10,000 kg).
- Orbit types such as ES-L1, GEO, HEO, and SSO have the highest success rates at 100%.
- The SO orbit has the lowest success rate at 50%, with some instances of 0% success rate.
- For LEO orbits, the success rate appears to correlate with the number of flights.
- GTO orbits show an interesting pattern where success rates seem linked to the flight count as well.

Appendix

• https://github.com/Gitangelito/Data-Science-Capstone-Coursera-Presentation/tree/main

