

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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### **Executive Summary**

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#### Summary of all results

- 1. Exploratory Data Analysis result
- 2. Interactive analytics in screenshots
- 3. Predictive Analytics result

### Introduction

#### **Project Background and Context**

SpaceX prominently features Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website, boasting a cost of \$62 million, a significantly lower figure compared to other providers whose costs can exceed \$165 million per launch. The key factor contributing to these savings is SpaceX's ability to reuse the first stage of the rocket. Consequently, understanding whether the first stage will successfully land is crucial in estimating the overall cost of a launch. This knowledge is particularly valuable for competing companies seeking to bid against SpaceX for rocket launch contracts. The primary objective of this project is to develop a machine learning pipeline capable of predicting the successful landing of the first stage.

### Introduction

#### **Problems to Address**

- 1. Determining Factors for Successful Landing:
  - 1. Identifying the key factors that influence the successful landing of the rocket's first stage.
  - 2. Analyzing the interplay between various features to comprehend their collective impact on the success rate of a landing.
- 2. Understanding Interactions Among Features:
  - 1. Investigating the relationships and interactions among different features to gain insights into how they contribute to or hinder the likelihood of a successful landing.
- 3. Operating Conditions for Success:
  - 1. Defining the specific operating conditions necessary to ensure a successful landing program.
  - 2. Examining the environmental, technical, and procedural requirements that optimize the probability of a secure and effective rocket stage landing.



# Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

- Data Collection: Data was gathered using SpaceX API and web scraping from Wikipedia.
- Perform Data Wrangling: A comprehensive data wrangling process was executed to ensure data cleanliness and reliability.
- **Apply One-Hot Encoding**: One-hot encoding was applied to categorical features to enhance their representation in subsequent analytical processes.
- Perform Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA): Exploration of data patterns was conducted using visualization techniques and SQL queries.
- Perform Interactive Visual Analytics: Interactive visual analytics was executed using Folium and Plotly Dash, providing dynamic and user-friendly representations.
- Perform Predictive Analysis: The project involved predictive analysis through the implementation of classification models.
- Build, Tune, and Evaluate Classification Models: The process included building, tuning, and evaluating classification models to ensure accuracy and robustness.

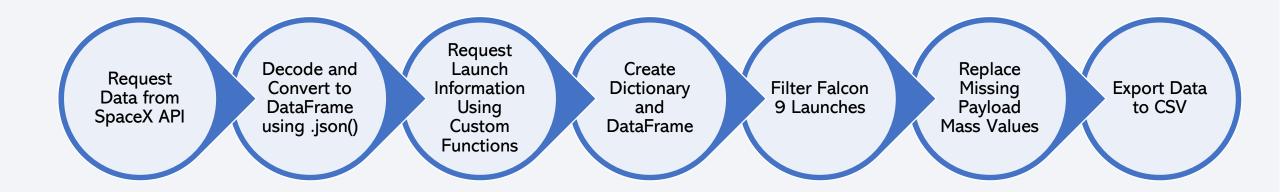
### **Data Collection**

- 1. Initiate Collection: Start by collecting data through a GET request to the SpaceX API.
- 2. Decode and Transform: Decode the API response as JSON and convert it into a pandas dataframe using .json\_normalize().
- 3. Clean Data: Address missing values and perform necessary data cleaning.
- 4. Web Scraping: Utilize BeautifulSoup for web scraping from Wikipedia to extract Falcon 9 launch records.
- 5. Extract and Parse: Extract launch records as an HTML table, then parse and convert it into a pandas dataframe.

### Data Collection – SpaceX API

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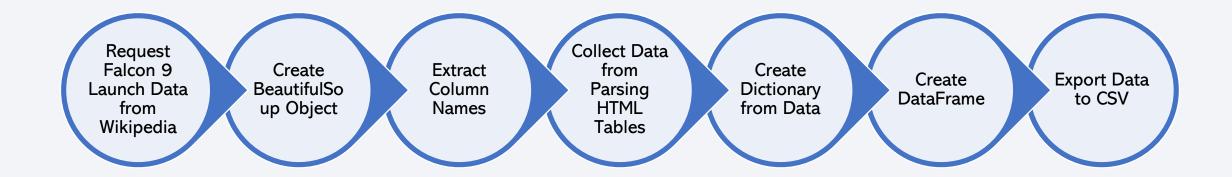
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### **Data Collection - Scraping**

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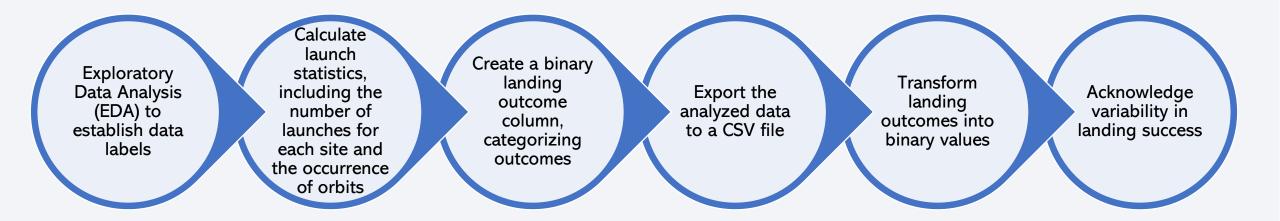
https://github.com/Kalmahsh/Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX-IBM/blob/main/jupyter labs webscraping.ipynb



# **Data Wrangling**

The link to the notebook is:

https://github.com/Kalmahsh/Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX-IBM/blob/main/labs\_jupyter\_spacex\_Data\_wrangling.ipynb



### **EDA** with Data Visualization

#### Charts for Exploration:

- 1. Flight Number vs. Payload
- 2. Flight Number vs. Launch Site
- 3. Payload Mass (kg) vs. Launch Site
- 4. Payload Mass (kg) vs. Orbit type



#### EDA with Visualization:

- 1. Utilized scatter plots to examine relationships, assessing potential relevance for machine learning if a pattern exists.
- 2. Employed bar charts to compare discrete categories, illustrating relationships between categories and measured values.

#### The link to the notebook is:

### **EDA** with SQL

- Data Loading: Loaded the SpaceX dataset into a PostgreSQL database directly within the Jupyter notebook.
- EDA with SQL: Utilized SQL queries for Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) to gain insights from the data.
- Extracted information:
- 1. Names of unique launch sites in the space mission.
- 2. Total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS).
- 3. Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1.
- 4. Total number of successful and failed mission outcomes.
- 5. Details of failed landing outcomes on drone ships, including booster version and launch site names.

The link to the notebook is:

https://github.com/Kalmahsh/Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX-IBM/blob/main/jupyter\_labs\_eda\_sql\_coursera\_sqllite.ipynb



# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

#### **Mapping Launch Sites:**

- Marked all launch sites on a Folium map.
- Added map objects like markers, circles, and lines to visually represent the success or failure of launches for each site.

#### **Outcome Classification:**

Assigned launch outcomes (failure or success) to classes 0 and 1, respectively.

#### **Marker Clusters and Success Rate:**

Utilized color-labeled marker clusters to identify launch sites with relatively high success rates.

#### **Distance Calculations:**

• Calculated distances between launch sites and their proximities.

#### **Spatial Analysis Questions Answered:**

- Explored whether launch sites are near railways, highways, and coastlines.
- Investigated if launch sites maintain a certain distance from cities.

#### The link to the notebook is:

https://github.com/Kalmahsh/Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX-IBM/blob/main/lab\_jupyter\_launch\_site\_location.ipynb

### Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

#### Interactive Dashboard:

- Developed an interactive dashboard using Plotly Dash for data visualization.
- Utilized pie charts to visually represent the distribution of total launches by specific launch sites.
- Outcome and Payload Mass Relationship:
- Created scatter graphs to explore the relationship between launch outcomes and payload mass (Kg) across different booster versions.

#### The link to the notebook is:

https://github.com/Kalmahsh/Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX-IBM/blob/main/SpaceX Interactive Visual Analytics Plotly.ipynb



# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- Data Preparation: Created a NumPy array from the "Class" column.
- Standardization: Standardized the data using StandardScaler.
- Data Splitting: Split the data into training and testing sets using train\_test\_split.
- Parameter Optimization: Employed GridSearchCV with cv=10 for parameter optimization.
- Algorithm Evaluation: Applied GridSearchCV on various algorithms, including Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree, and K-Nearest Neighbor.
- Performance Metrics: Calculated accuracy on the test data using .score() for all models.
- Confusion Matrix: Assessed the confusion matrix for each model.
- Model Selection: Identified the best model based on Jaccard Score, F1 Score, and Accuracy.

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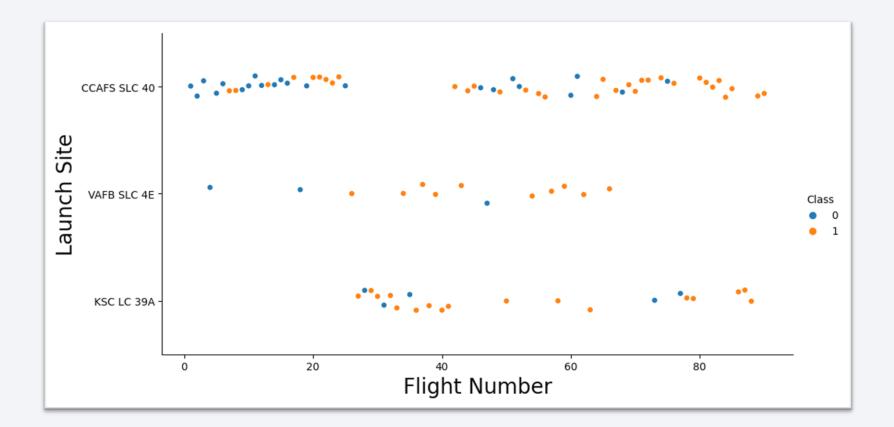
### Results

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



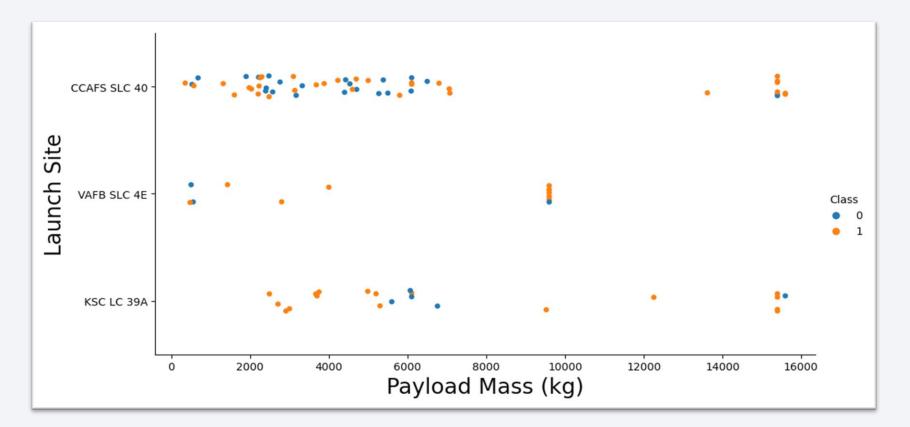
# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- Approximately half of the launches originated from the CCAFS SLC 40 launch site.
- Launch sites such as VAFB SLC 4E and KSC LC 39A showed higher success rates.
- From these observations, it can be inferred that newer launches tend to have a higher success rate.



### Payload vs. Launch Site

- Most launces with a payload greater than 7,000 kg were successful
- KSC LC 39A has a 100% success rate for launches less than 5,500 kg
- VAFB SKC 4E has not launched anything greater than ~10,000 kg



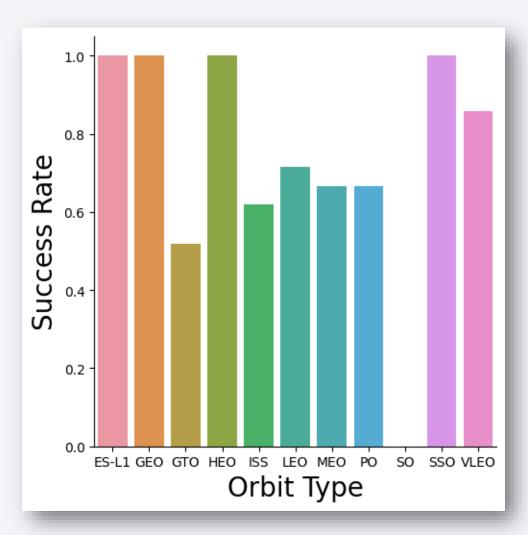
# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

• 100% Success Rate:

ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO

- **50%-80% Success Rate:** GTO, *ISS, LEO, MEO, PO*
- 0% Success Rate:

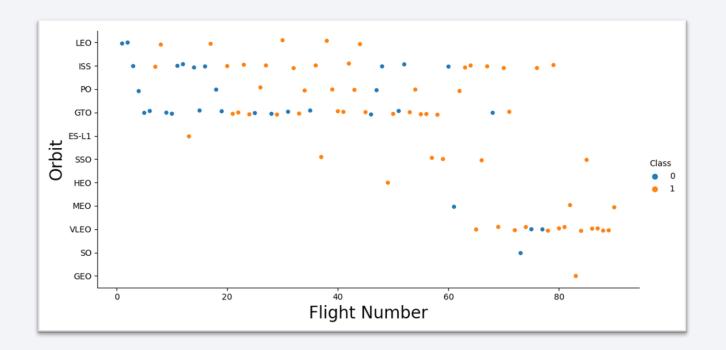
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# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- The success rate typically increases with the number of flights for each orbit
- This relationship is highly apparent for the LEO orbit

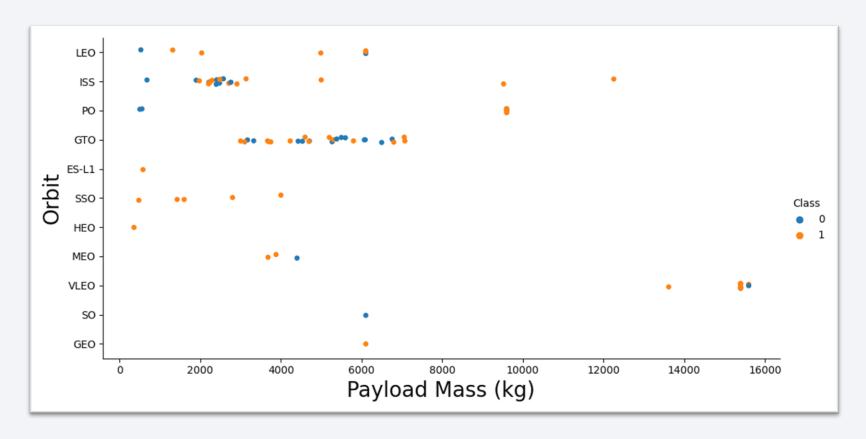
• The GTO orbit, however, does not follow this trend



# Payload vs. Orbit Type

 Heavy payloads are better with LEO, ISS and PO orbits

 The GTO orbit has mixed success with heavier payloads

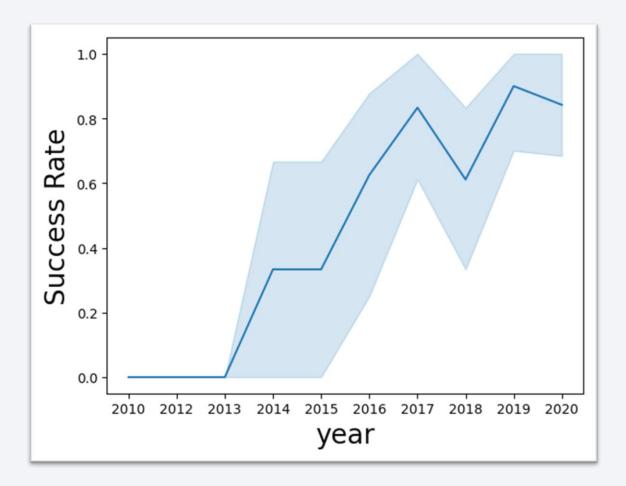


# Launch Success Yearly Trend

 The success rate improved from 2013-2017 and 2018-2019

• The success rate decreased from 2017-2018 and from 2019-2020

 Overall, the success rate has improved since 2013



### All Launch Site Names

#### Launch Site Names

- CCAFS LC-40
- CCAFS SLC-40
- KSC LC-39A
- VAFB SLC-4E



# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

Applied the query above to display 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`

	ask 2 isplay 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'									
	sql SELECT * \ FROM SPACEXTBL \ WHERE LAUNCH_SITE LIKE'CCA%' LIMIT 5;									
* sqli	sqlite:///my_datal.db									
Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing_Outcome	
2010- 06-04	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)	
2010- 12-08	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of Brouere cheese	0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	Failure (parachute)	
2012- 05-22	7:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt	
2012- 10-08	0:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt	
2013- 03-01	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt	

### **Total Payload Mass**

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

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Task 3
Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)

**sql Select SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) \
FROM SPACEXTBL \
WHERE CUSTOMER = 'NASA (CRS)';

* sqlite:///my_datal.db
Done.

SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)

45596
```

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

Calculated 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

**sql SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) \
FROM SPACEXTBL \
WHERE BOOSTER_VERSION = 'F9 v1.1';

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)

2928.4
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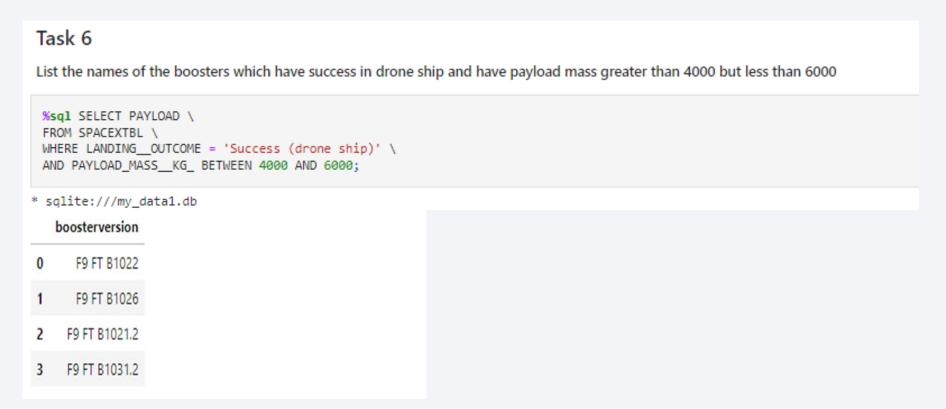
# First Successful Ground Landing Date

Observed that the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad was 22nd December 2015



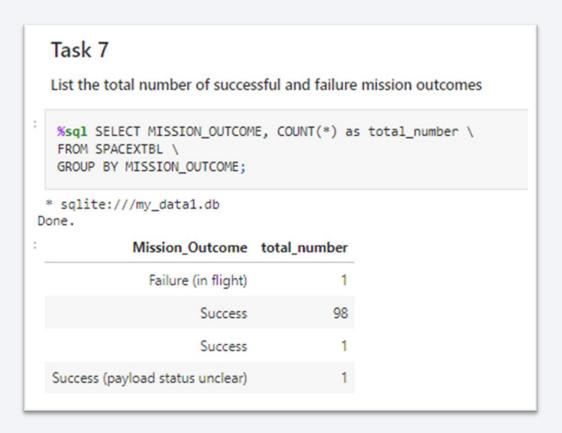
#### Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

Applied 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



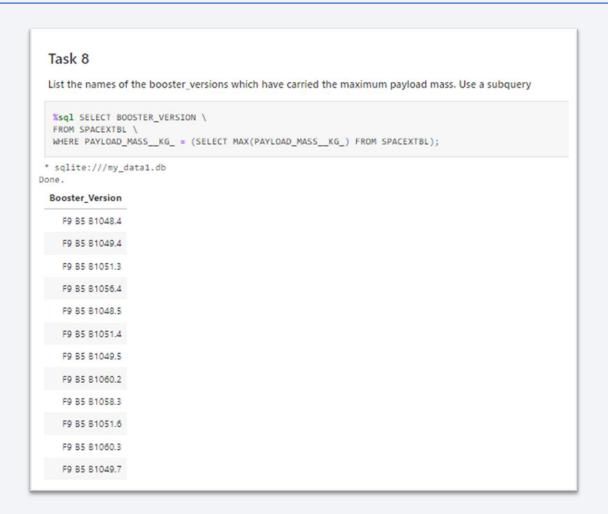
#### Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

- 1 Failure in Flight
- 99 Success
- 1 Success (payload status unclear)



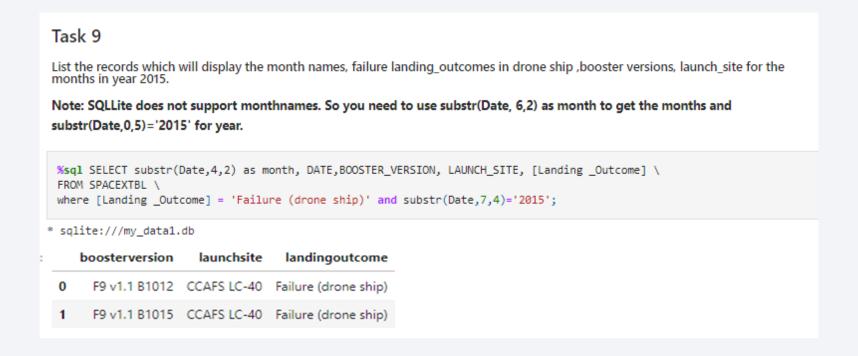
# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

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



### 2015 Launch Records

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

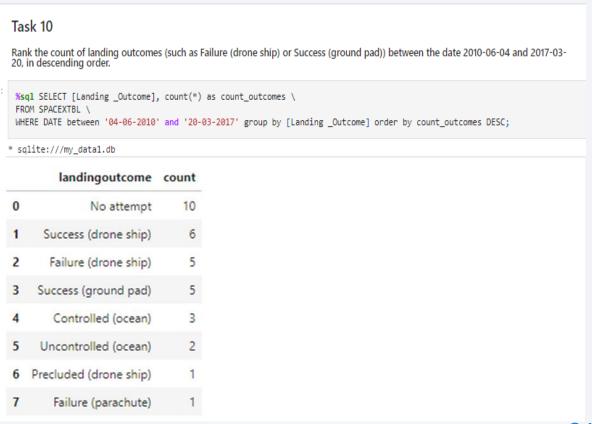


#### Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

Utilized the WHERE clause to filter landing outcomes for the period BETWEEN June 4, 2010, and March 20, 2010.

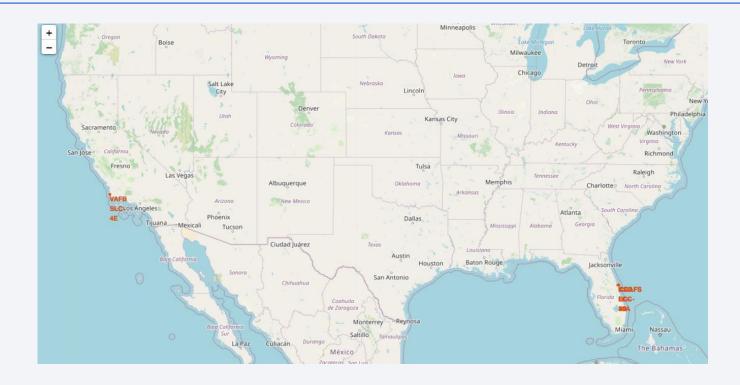
Applied the **GROUP BY** clause to group the landing outcomes.

Used the **ORDER BY** clause to arrange the grouped landing outcomes in descending order.





### Launch Sites

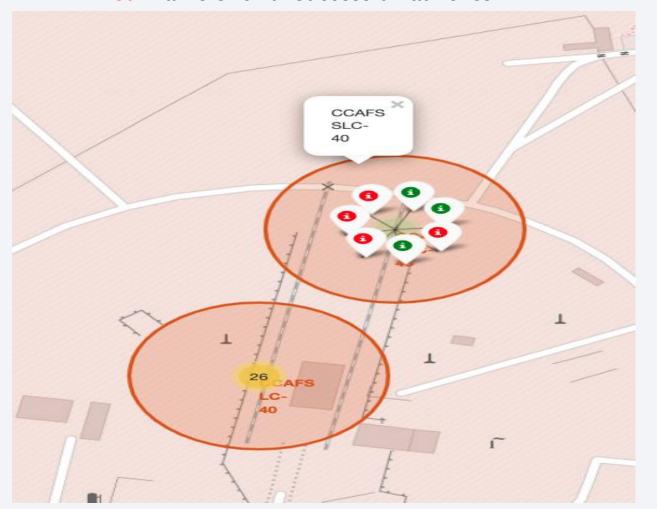


- Near Equator: the closer the launch site to the equator, the easier it is to launch to equatorial orbit, and the more help you get from Earth's rotation for a prograde orbit. Rockets launched from sites near the equator get an
- Due to the rotational speed of earth that helps to save the cost of putting in extra fuel and boosters

# Markers showing launch sites with color labels

Green markers for successful launches

Red markers for unsuccessful launches



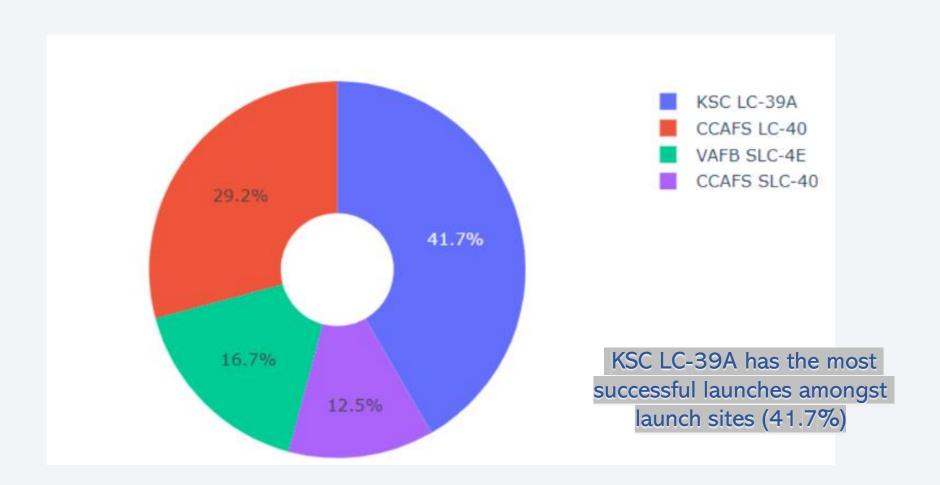
## Launch Site distance to landmarks

- Critical for ensuring that spent rocket stages or failed launches do not fall along the launch path, preventing potential harm to people or property.
- Establishes exclusion zones around launch sites to maintain security, keep unauthorized individuals away, and ensure the safety of people in the vicinity.
- Requires launch sites to be positioned away from areas that could be damaged by a failed launch. Simultaneously, they should remain close enough to roads, railways, and docks for efficient transportation of people and materials to and from the launch site in support of launch activities.



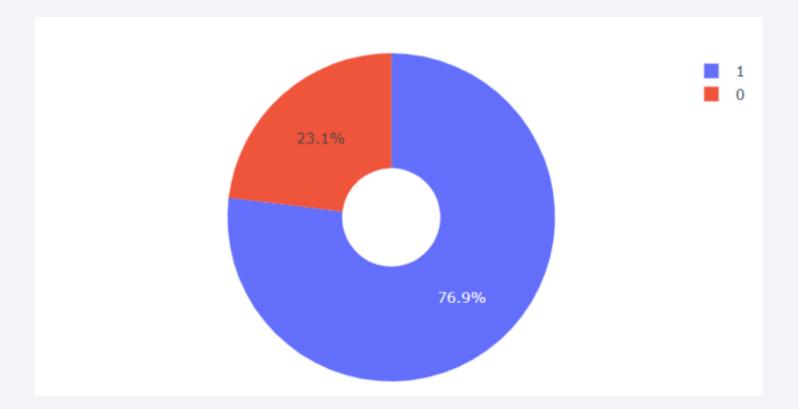


# Launch Success by Site



# Launch Success (KSC LC-29A)

- KSC LC-39A has the highest success rate amongst launch sites (76.9%)
- 10 successful launches and 3 failed launches



## Payload Mass and Success

- Payloads between 2,000 kg and 5,000 kg have the highest success rate
- 1 indicating successful outcome and 0 indicating an unsuccessful outcome





## Classification Accuracy

All the models performed at about the same level and had the same scores and accuracy. This is likely due to the small dataset. The Decision Tree model slightly outperformed the rest when looking at .best\_score\_

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TASK 12
 Find the method performs best:
  models = { 'KNeighbors':knn cv.best score ,
                'DecisionTree':tree cv.best score ,
                'LogisticRegression':logreg cv.best score ,
                'SupportVector': svm cv.best score }
  bestalgorithm = max(models, key=models.get)
  print('Best model is', bestalgorithm,'with a score of', models[bestalgorithm])
  if bestalgorithm == 'DecisionTree':
      print('Best params is :', tree cv.best params )
  if bestalgorithm == 'KNeighbors':
      print('Best params is :', knn cv.best params )
  if bestalgorithm == 'LogisticRegression':
      print('Best params is :', logreg_cv.best_params_)
  if bestalgorithm == 'SupportVector':
      print('Best params is :', svm cv.best params )
Best model is DecisionTree with a score of 0.8767857142857143
Best params is : {'criterion': 'entropy', 'max depth': 6, 'max features': 'sqrt', 'min samples leaf': 1, 'min samples spl
it': 5, 'splitter': 'best'}
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## **Confusion Matrix**

A confusion matrix provides a comprehensive overview of a classification algorithm's performance.

The observed confusion matrices were consistent across different evaluations.

The presence of false positives (Type 1 errors) is a concern, indicating instances where the algorithm incorrectly identifies negative cases

as positive.

Confusion matrix outputs:

True Positive (TP): 12

True Negative (TN): 3

False Positive (FP): 3

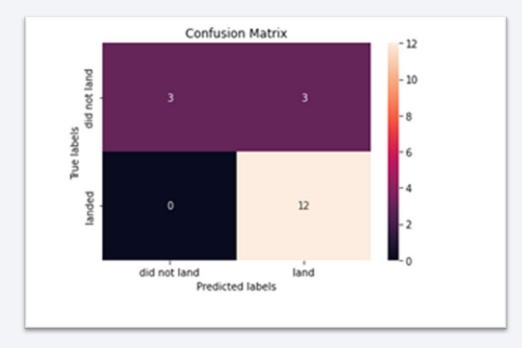
False Negative (FN): O

Precision (Precision = TP / (TP + FP)): 0.80

Recall (Recall = TP / (TP + FN)): 1.00

F1 Score (F1 Score = 2 \* (Precision \* Recall) / (Precision + Recall)): 0.89

Accuracy (Accuracy = (TP + TN) / (TP + TN + FP + FN)): 0.833



## **Conclusions**

#### **Launch Success Trends:**

- Higher flight amounts at a launch site correlate with greater success rates.
- Launch success has shown a consistent upward trend since 2013, peaking in 2020.

#### **Orbital Success Rates:**

Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, and VLEO demonstrated exceptionally high success rates.

#### **Top Performing Launch Site:**

• KSC LC-39A emerged as the top-performing site with the highest number of successful launches.

#### Machine Learning Algorithm:

• The Decision Tree classifier proved to be the most effective machine learning algorithm.

## **Conclusions**

### Research Insights:

- Equator Advantage: Launch sites near the equator benefit from Earth's rotational speed, reducing costs.
- Coastal Proximity: All launch sites are strategically located close to coastlines.
- Launch Success Improvement Over Time: A consistent improvement in launch success rates over the years.
- KSC LC-39A Success Rate: Notably high success rates, reaching 100% for specific payload ranges.
- Orbits Success: Certain orbits consistently achieved a 100% success rate.
- Payload Mass Impact: Higher payload masses are associated with higher success rates.

