

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, 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.
- Problems you want to find answers
 - What factors determine if the rocket will land successfully?
 - The interaction amongst various features that determine the success rate of a successful landing.
 - What operating conditions needs to be in place to ensure a successful landing program.



Methodology

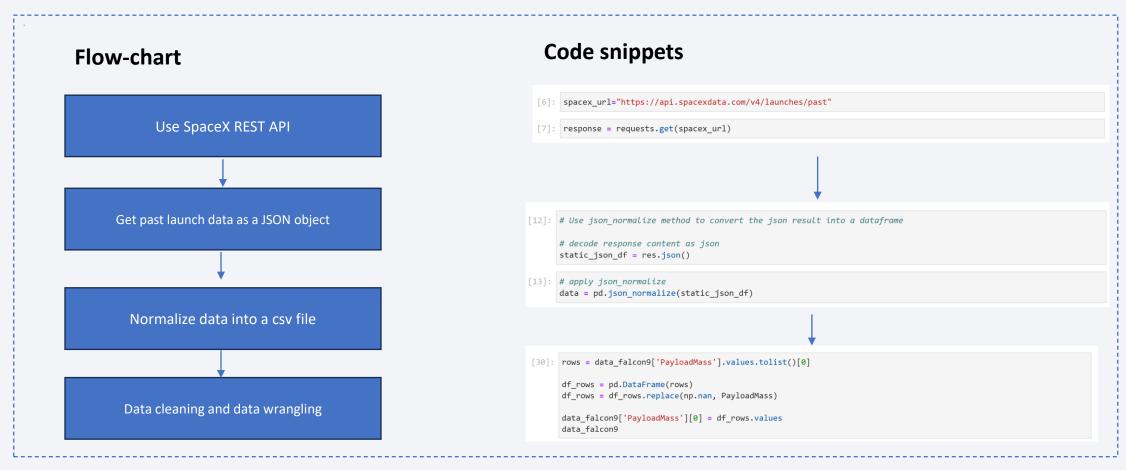
Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - Data was collected using SpaceX API and web scraping from Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
 - One-hot encoding was applied to 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

Data Collection

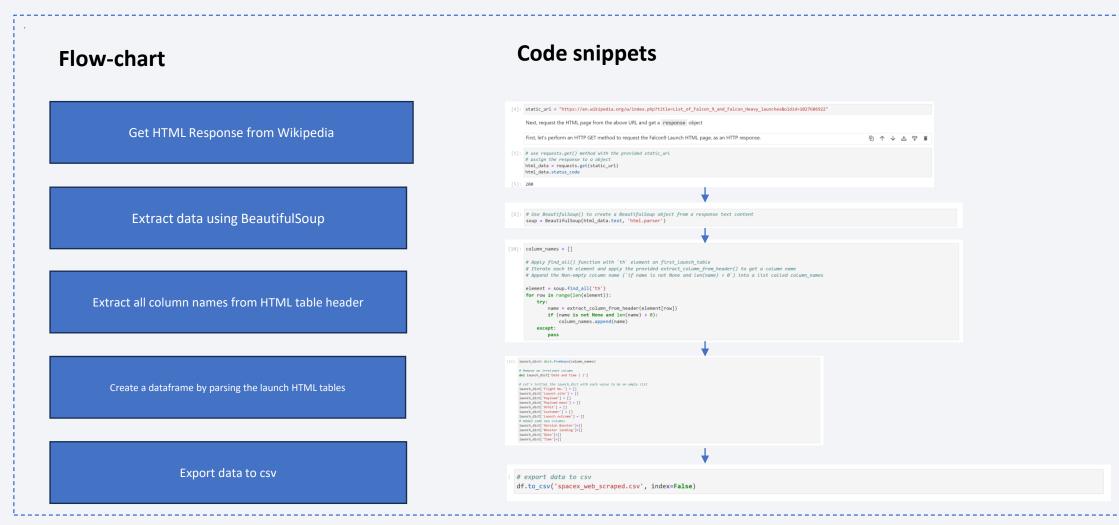
- Describe how data sets were collected.
 - Data collection was done using get request to the SpaceX API.
 - Next, we decoded the response content as a Json using .json() function call and turn it into a pandas dataframe using .json_normalize().
 - We then cleaned the data, checked for missing values and fill in missing values where necessary.
 - In addition, we performed web scraping from Wikipedia for Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup.
 - The objective was to extract the launch records as HTML table, parse the table and convert it to a pandas dataframe for future analysis.

Data Collection – SpaceX API



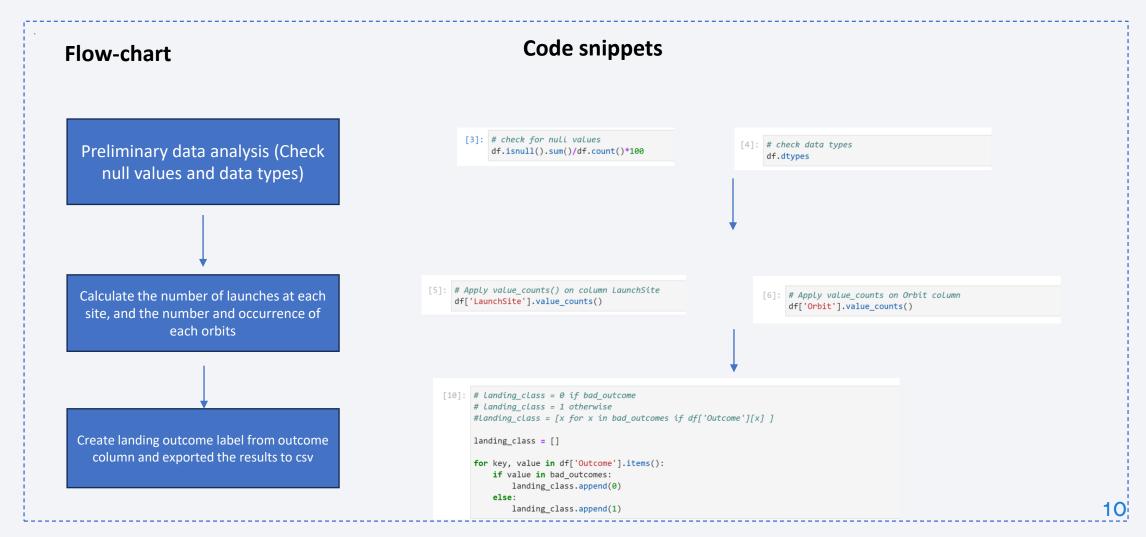
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Data Collection - Scraping

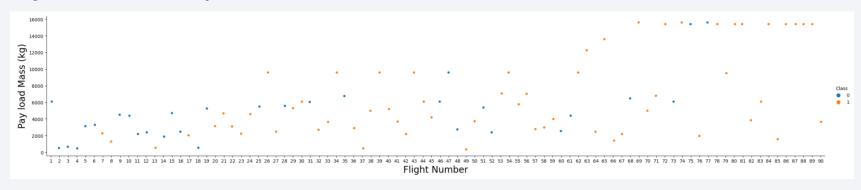


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Data Wrangling



Flight number and Payload

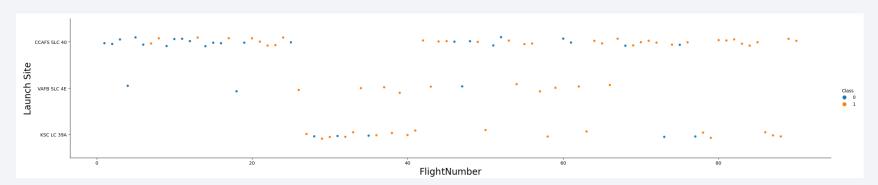


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Flight number and Launch Site

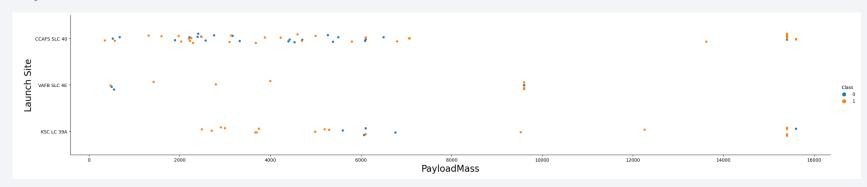


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Payload and Launch Site

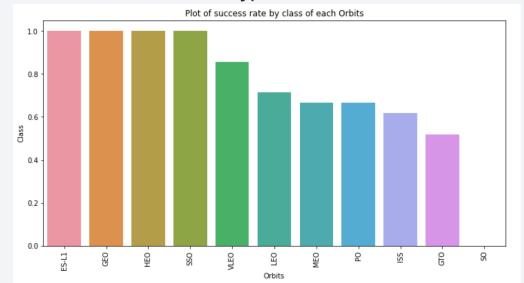


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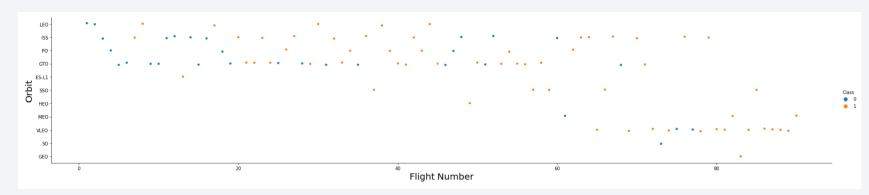
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Success rate of each orbit type



Flight number and orbit type

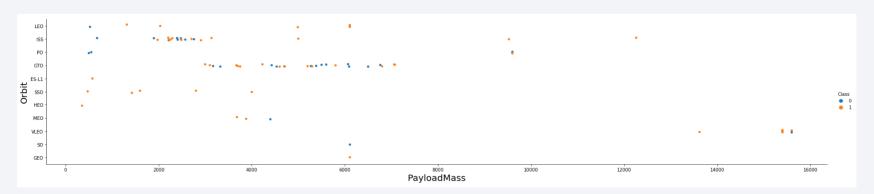


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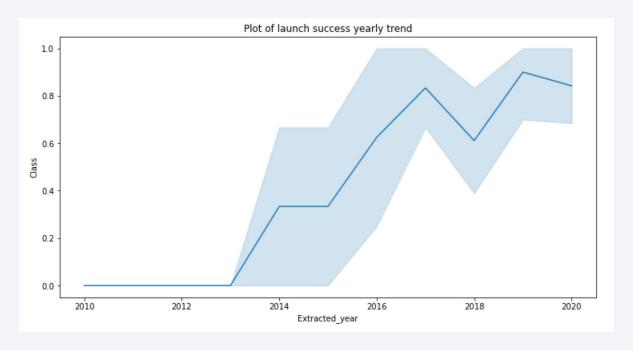


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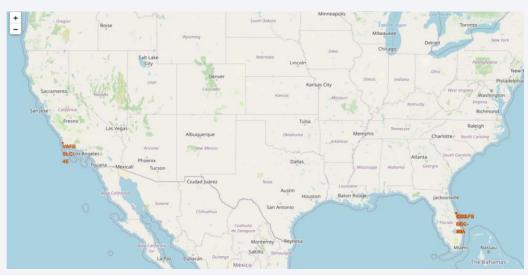
Launch success yearly trend



EDA with SQL

- We wrote the following SQL queries to find out for instance:
 - The names of unique launch sites in the space mission.
 - Launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
 - The total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
 - The average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
 - The total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
 - The failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster version and launch site names

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

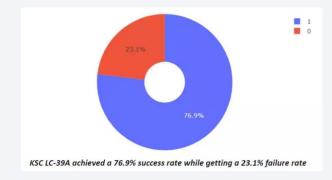


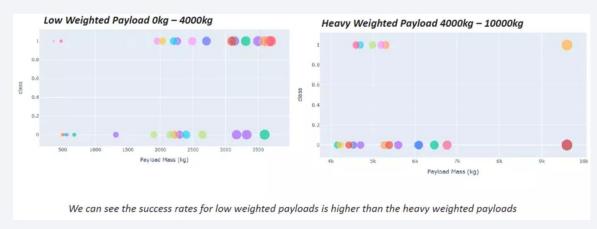
- Marked all launch sites, and added map objects such as markers, circles, lines to mark the success or failure of launches for each site on the folium map
- Assigned the feature launch outcomes (failure or success) to class 0 and 1 (0 for failure, and 1 for success)
- Identified which launch sites have relatively high success rate using the color-labeled marker clusters
- · Calculated the distances between a launch site to its proximities. We answered some question for instance:
 - Are launch sites near railways, highways and coastlines.
 - Do launch sites keep certain distance away from cities.

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

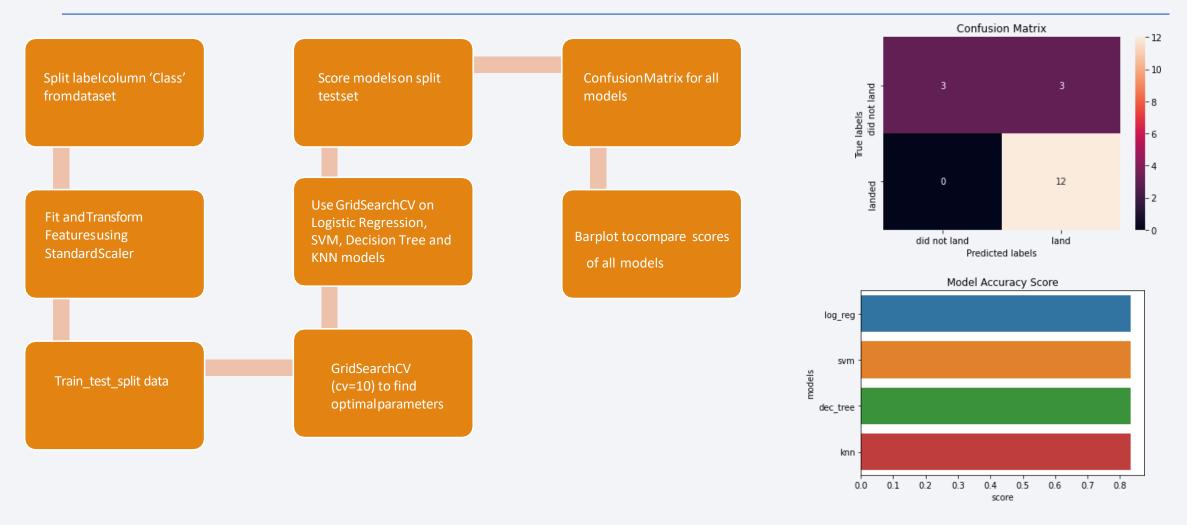
- Built an interactive dashboard with Plotly dash
- Plotted pie charts showing the total launches by a certain sites
- · Plotted scatter graph showing the relationship with Outcome and Payload Mass (Kg) for the different booster version







Predictive Analysis (Classification)



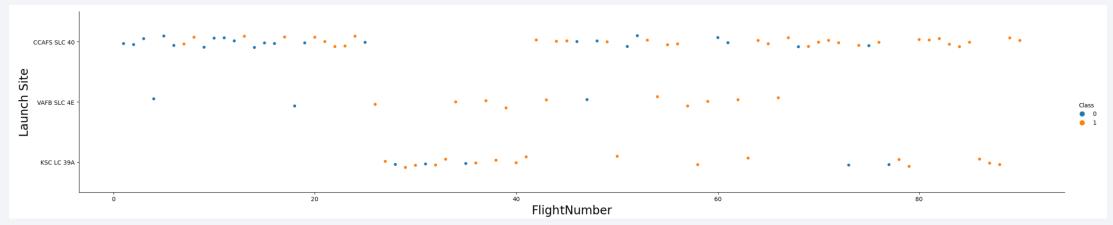
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Results

- Low weighted payloads perform better than heavy payloads
- As the success rate of SpaceX launches is increasing, their future launches are likely to be successful
- Orbits ESL1, SSO, GEO and HEO are the most suitable target orbits
- KSC LC-39A is the most suitable site for the next launch
- Any of SVM, KNN, Decision Tree and Logistic Regression model may be used to predict the accuracy of this dataset



Flight Number vs. Launch Site



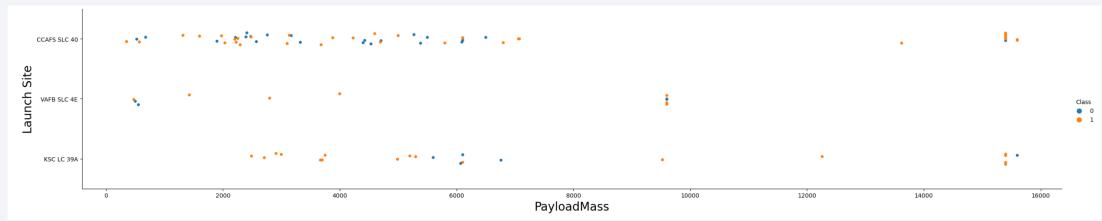
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From the plot, we found that the larger the flight amount at a launch site, the greater the success rate at a launch site.

Payload vs. Launch Site



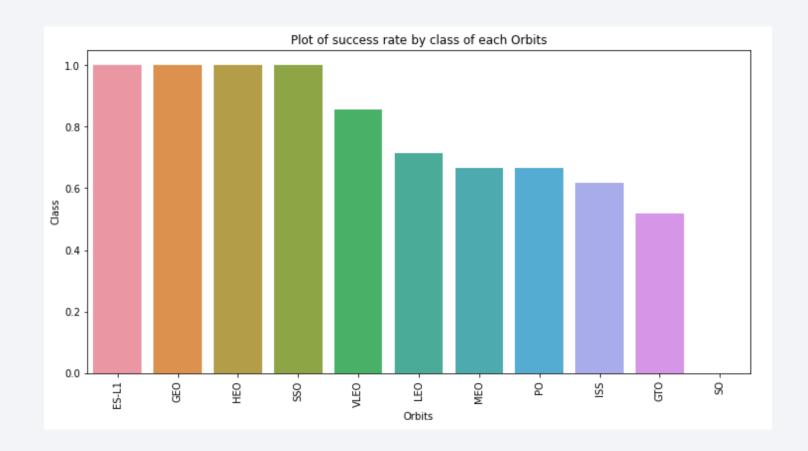
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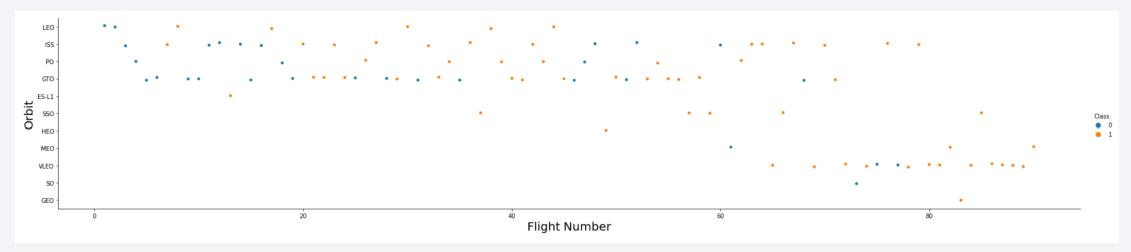
Payload mass appears to fall mostly between 0-6000 kg

Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



ESL1, GEO, HEO and SSO have 100% success rate making them ideal targets for launch

Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



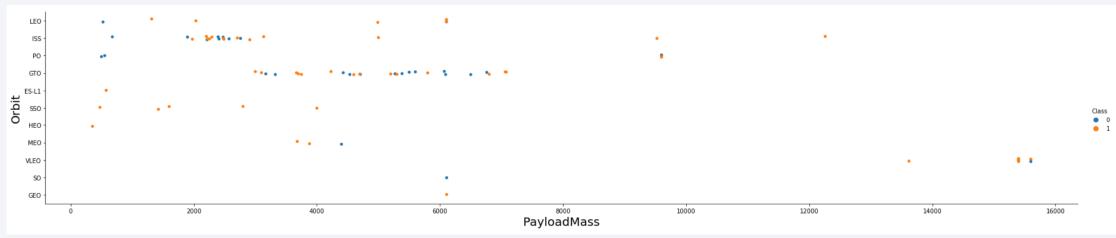
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- Launch Orbit preferences changed over Flight Number. Launch Outcome seems to correlate with this preference
- SpaceX appears to perform better in lower orbits or Sun-synchronous orbits

Payload vs. Orbit Type



Payload mass seems to correlate with orbit

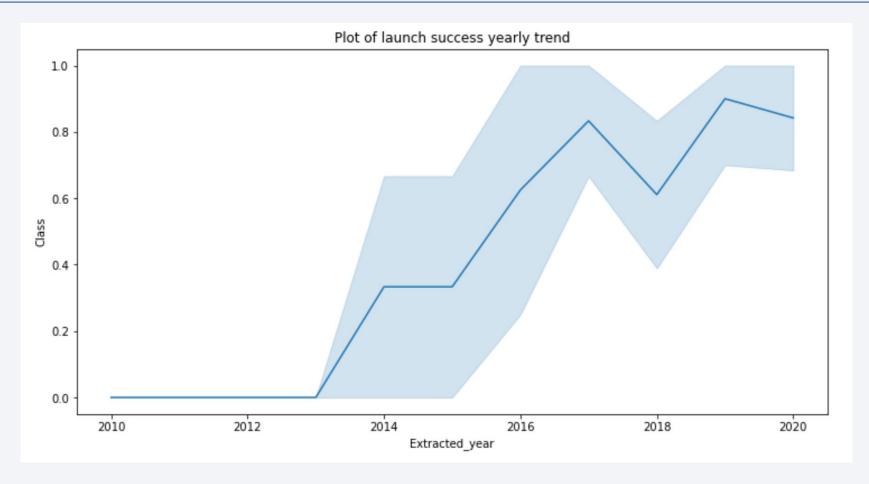
ES-L1, HEO, MEO and SSO seem to have relatively low payload mass VLEO only has payload mass values in the higher end of the range All other orbits have payloads in the low to medium range

Legend

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Launch Success Yearly Trend



- Success rate has considerably increased since 2013 with a slight dip in 2018
- Success rate in recent years is ~80%

All Launch Site Names

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

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

```
[11]: task_2 = '''
               SELECT *
               FROM SpaceX
               WHERE LaunchSite LIKE 'CCA%'
               LIMIT 5
       create_pandas_df(task_2, database=conn)
                                                                                                                         orbit
                                                                                                                                       customer missionoutcome landingoutcome
                         time boosterversion
                                               launchsite
                                                                                             payload payloadmasskg
                                                                     Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit
                                                                                                                          LEO
                                                                                                                                                         Success Failure (parachute)
       0 2010-04-06 18:45:00
                                F9 v1.0 B0003 CCAFS LC-40
                                                                                                                                         SpaceX
                                F9 v1.0 B0004 CCAFS LC-40 Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of...
                                                                                                                                                         Success Failure (parachute)
       1 2010-08-12 15:43:00
                                                                                                                   0 LEO (ISS) NASA (COTS) NRO
                                                                                                                 525 LEO (ISS)
       2 2012-05-22 07:44:00
                                F9 v1.0 B0005 CCAFS LC-40
                                                                                 Dragon demo flight C2
                                                                                                                                    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
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       4 2013-01-03 15:10:00
                                F9 v1.0 B0007 CCAFS LC-40
                                                                                        SpaceX CRS-2
                                                                                                                 677 LEO (ISS)
                                                                                                                                     NASA (CRS)
                                                                                                                                                                        No attempt
                                                                                                                                                         Success
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Total Payload Mass

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task_3 = '''
[12]:
             SELECT SUM(PayloadMassKG) AS Total_PayloadMass
             FROM SpaceX
             WHERE Customer LIKE 'NASA (CRS)'
             1 1 1
      create_pandas_df(task_3, database=conn)
total_payloadmass
      0
                   45596
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Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 [13]: task_4 = ''' SELECT AVG(PayloadMassKG) AS Avg_PayloadMass FROM SpaceX WHERE BoosterVersion = 'F9 v1.1' 1 1 1 create_pandas_df(task_4, database=conn) [13]: ,,,,,,,,,,,,,,,, avg_payloadmass 0 2928.4

First Successful Ground Landing Date

2015-12-22

Task 5

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

Hint:Use min function

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

Task 6 List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000 [15]: task_6 = ''' SELECT BoosterVersion FROM SpaceX WHERE LandingOutcome = 'Success (drone ship)' AND PayloadMassKG > 4000 AND PayloadMassKG < 6000 create_pandas_df(task_6, database=conn) boosterversion 0 F9 FT B1022 F9 FT B1026 F9 FT B1021.2 F9 FT B1031.2

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes



Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

Task 8 List the names of the booster_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery [17]: task_8 = ''' SELECT BoosterVersion, PayloadMassKG FROM SpaceX WHERE PayloadMassKG = (SELECT MAX(PayloadMassKG) FROM SpaceX ORDER BY BoosterVersion create pandas df(task 8, database=conn) [17]: boosterversion payloadmasskg F9 B5 B1048.4 15600 F9 B5 B1048.5 15600 15600 **2** F9 B5 B1049.4 **3** F9 B5 B1049.5 15600 F9 B5 B1049.7 15600 F9 B5 B1051.3 15600 F9 B5 B1051.4 15600 **7** F9 B5 B1051.6 15600 F9 B5 B1056.4 15600 F9 B5 B1058.3 15600 F9 B5 B1060.2 15600 F9 B5 B1060.3 15600

2015 Launch Records

Task 9

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

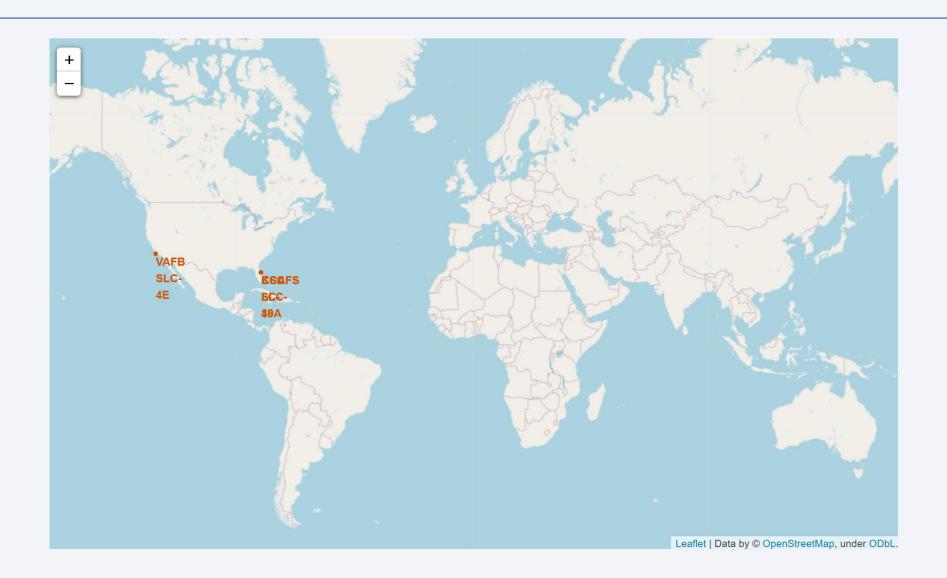
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task_9 = '''
    SELECT BoosterVersion, LaunchSite, LandingOutcome
    FROM SpaceX
    WHERE LandingOutcome LIKE 'Failure (drone ship)'
        AND Date BETWEEN '2015-01-01' AND '2015-12-31'
    '''
create_pandas_df(task_9, database=conn)
```

boosterversion launchsite landingoutcome
 F9 v1.1 B1012 CCAFS LC-40 Failure (drone ship)
 F9 v1.1 B1015 CCAFS LC-40 Failure (drone ship)

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

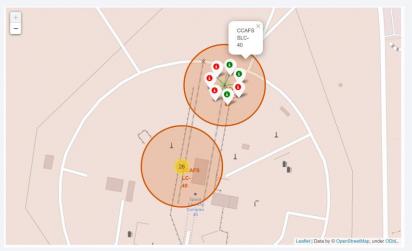


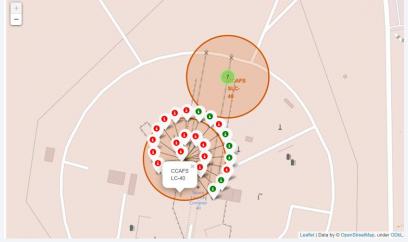
All launch sites global map markers

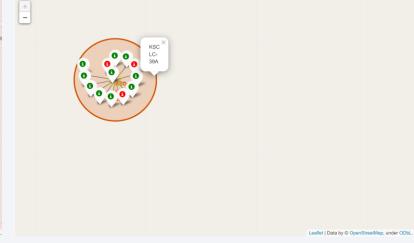


Launch sites with outcomes

Florida sites







California sites



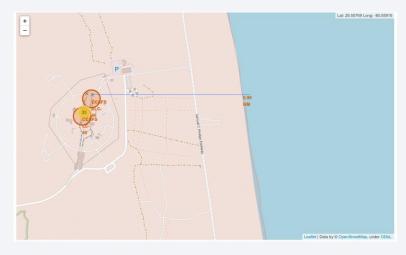
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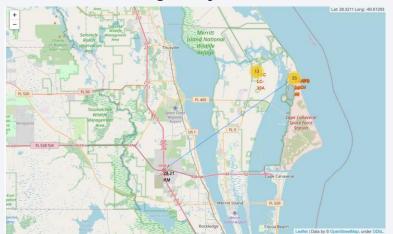
Red: Failure

Launch Site distance to landmarks

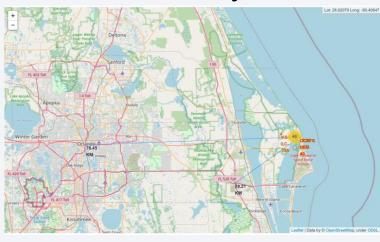
Distance to coastline



Distance to highway



Distance to closest city

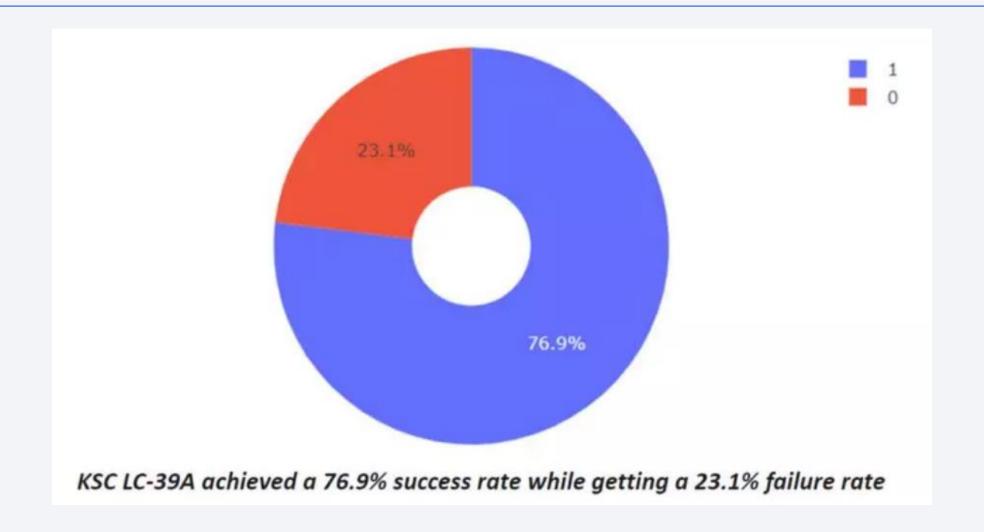




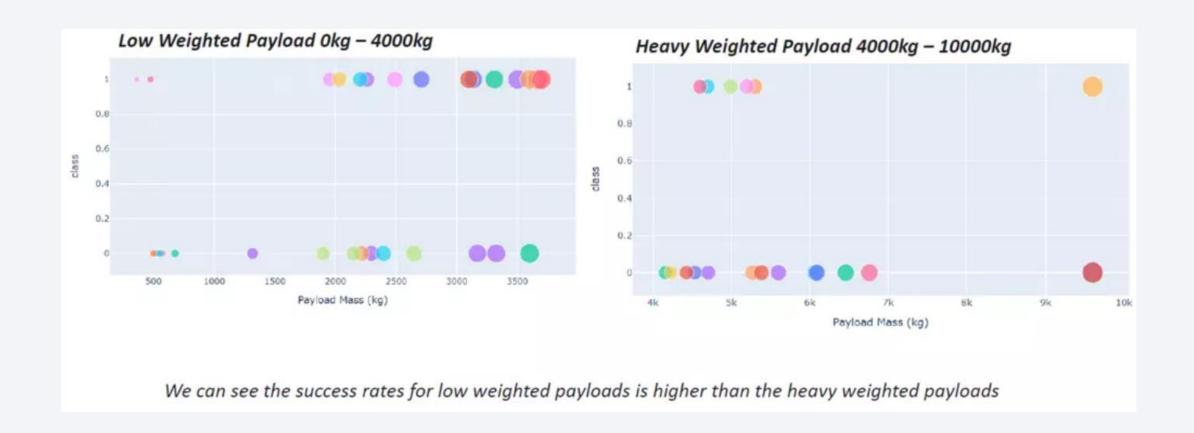
Pie chart showing the success percentage achieved by each launch site



Pie chart showing the Launch site with the highest launch success ratio

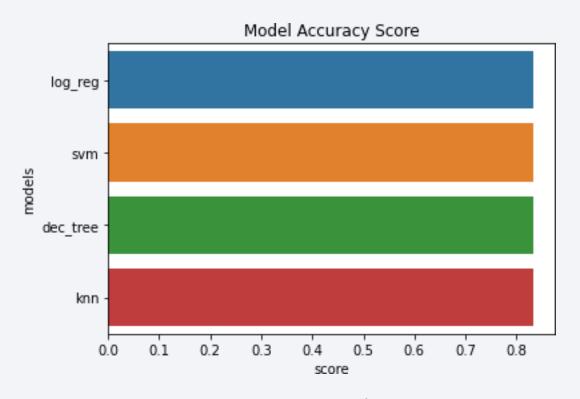


Scatter plot of Payload vs Launch Outcome for all sites, with different payload selected in the range slider



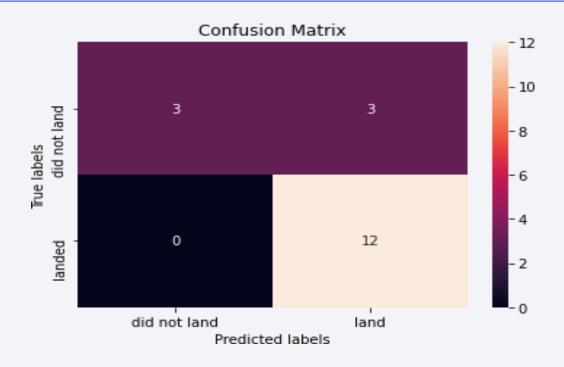


Classification Accuracy



- All models had virtually the same accuracy on the test set at 83.33% accuracy
- It should be noted that test size is small at only sample size of 18
- We likely need more data to determine the best model

Confusion Matrix



- Since all models performed the same for the test set, the confusion matrix is the same across all models. The models predicted 12 successful landings when the true label was successful landing.
- The models predicted 3 unsuccessful landings when the true label was unsuccessful landing.
- The models predicted 3 successful landings when the true label was unsuccessful landings (false positives). Our models over predict successful landings.

Conclusions

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