

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

Summary of methodologies

- ✓ Data collection through API
- ✓ Data collection with web scrapping
- ✓ Data wrangling/cleaning
- ✓ Exploratory data analysis with SQL
- ✓ Exploratory data analysis with folium
- ✓ Prediction with machine leaning

Summary of all results

- ✓ Results for exploratory data analytics
- ✓ Interactive analytics results (with screen shots)
- ✓ Predictive analysis results

Introduction

Project background and context

SpaceX advertised 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 saving is because SpaceX can reuse the first stage. Hence, determining if the first stage will land, can help us determine the cost of a launch. This information can be used if an alternative company wants to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch. Therefore, the goal of this project is to create a machine learning pipeline that can be used to predict if the first stage will land successfully.

Problems that need answers

- ✓ What operating conditions are required for a successful rocket landing?
- ✓ What environment conditions influence a successful rocket landing?
- ✓ What features from the data affect the success rate of rocket landing?



Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - Data was collected using SpaceX API and web scraping from Wikipedia.
- Perform data wrangling
 - Features to be used for future landing success predictions were selected.
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - Classification models were developed in Jupyter notebook, the accuracy of each model was determined. The model with the highest accuracy was adopted.

Data Collection

- Describe how data sets were collected.
 - ✓ Data collection was done using the get request to the SpaceX API.
 - ✓ Then the response content was decoded as the json using .json() function call. Then it was turned into a pandas dataframe using .json_normalize().
 - ✓ After this, data wrangling was performed to check for missing values and then filling in of missing values where necessary was done.
 - ✓ Web scrapping from Wikipedia for Falcon 9 launch records was done using BeautifulSoup.

Data Collection - SpaceX API

 The get request was used to the SpaceX API to collect the data.
 Then data wrangling was done as well as formatting were necessary.

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In [96]: static json url='https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-
          _spacex_api.json'
          We should see that the request was successfull with the 200 status
In [97]:
          response.status_code
Out[97]: 200
          Now we decode the response content as a Json using .json() a
In [98]:
          # Use json normalize meethod to convert the json resul
          data = response.json()
          pd.json normalize(data)
Out[98]:
               static_fire_date_utc static_fire_date_unix
                                                     net window
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Data Collection - Scraping

- Web scraping was performed to collect falcon 9 historical launch records from wikipedia using BeautifulSoup.
- The GitHub URL is given below: https://github.com/Mapal o90/SpaceX-Rocket-Launch/blob/main/DATA%20COLL ECTION%20WITH%20WEB%20SCR APPING.ipynb

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In [9]: static url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List of Falc
         Next, request the HTML page from the above URL and get a response object
         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,
[n [10]: # 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
In [11]: # Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a respons
         soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, "html.parser")
         Print the page title to verify if the BeautifulSoup object was created properly
In [12]: # Use soup.title attribute
         soup.title
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Data Wrangling

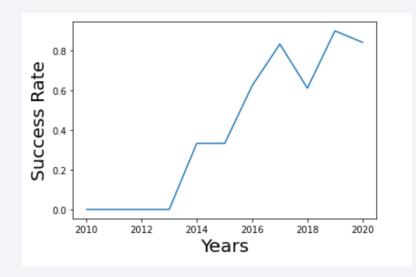
- Exploratory data analysis was conducted and the labels for training supervised models were identified.
- Data wrangling process was done as shown in the flow chart below.

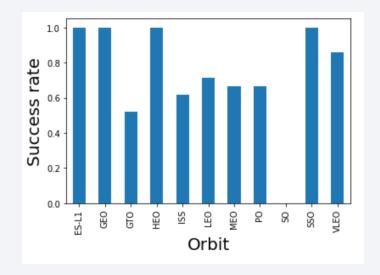


• The GitHub URL is as follows: https://github.com/Mapalo90/SpaceX-Rocket-Launch/blob/main/DATA%20COLLECTION%20WITH%20WEB%20SCRAPPING.ipynb

EDA with Data Visualization

• Data visualization was conducted by showing the relationship between Flight Number and Launch Site, Payload and Launch Site, success rate of each orbit type, Flight Number and Orbit type, Payload and Orbit type and the launch success yearly trend.





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EDA with SQL

- A SQL extension was loaded, and a connection with a database was established.
- The following queries were written to get insight from the data:
 - ✓ The names of unique launch sites in the space mission.
 - ✓ The total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA.
 - √ 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.
- The GitHub URL is as follows: https://github.com/Mapalo90/SpaceX-Rocket-Launch/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-edx sqllite%20(1).ipynb

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- All Launch sites were marked and map objects such as circles, markers and lines were added to show the successful and failed launches for each site on a folium map.
- To show the successful and failed launches, launch outcomes feature was created whereby class 1 signified successful launch while o signified failed launches.
- The color label marker cluster was used to indicate which launch sites had a higher success rate.
- The following is a GitHub URL of my completed interactive map with Folium map: https://github.com/Mapalo90/SpaceX-Rocket-Launch/blob/main/lab_jupyter_launch_site_location%20(1).ipynb

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Interactive dash board was built using Plotly dash.
- Total launches by different sites where plotted using the pie charts.
- Scatter plots were done to show the relationship between outcome and payload mass (Kg) for different booster version.
- The GitHub URL of the completed Plotly Dash lab is as follows: https://github.com/Mapalo90/SpaceX-Rocket-Launch/blob/main/spacex_dash_app.py

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- Data was loaded using numpy and pandas, the data was transformed and split into training and testing data.
- Different machine learning models were developed and hyperparameters were tuned using GridSearchCV.
- Accuracy was used as the metric for our model. The model was improved using feature engineering algorithm tuning.
- Then, the best performing classification model was selected.
- The GitHub URL shows the completed predictive analysis lab: https://github.com/Mapalo90/SpaceX-Rocket-Launch/blob/main/SpaceX_Machine%20Learning%20Prediction_Part_5%20(1).ipynb

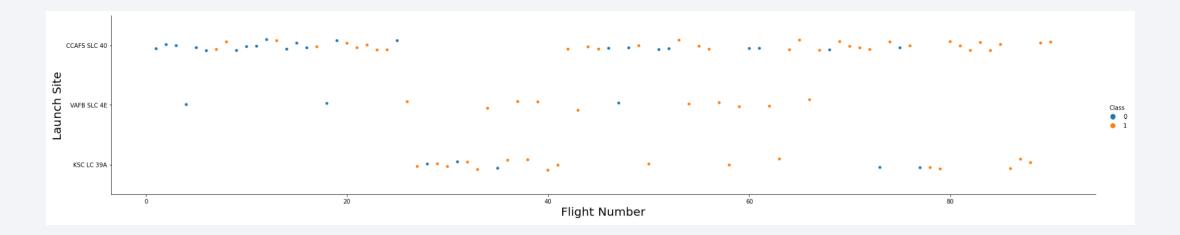
Results

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



Flight Number vs. Launch Site

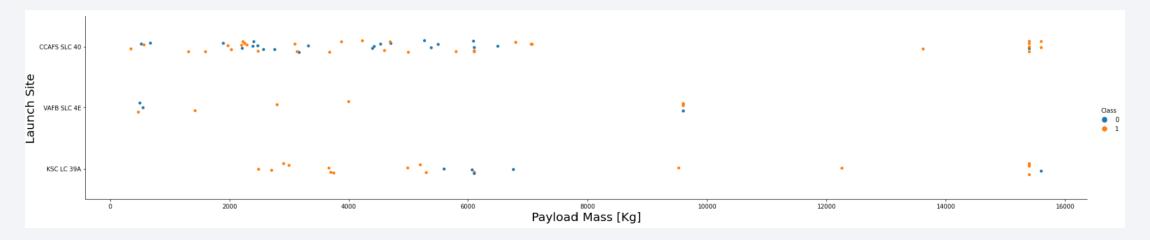
• The scatter plot of Flight Number vs. Launch Site is as shown below:



• The graph shows that the more the Flight Number increases, the higher the launch success rates.

Payload vs. Launch Site

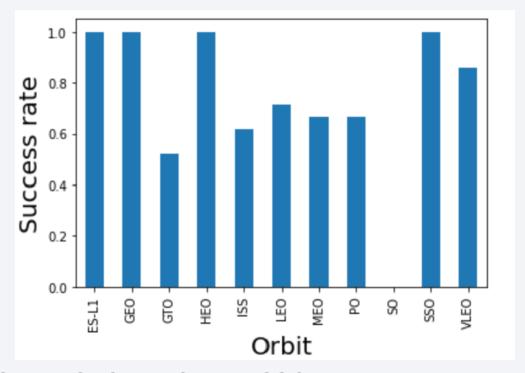
• Below is a scatter plot showing Payload vs. Launch Site



 There is no clear relationship between the success rates and the payload mass

Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

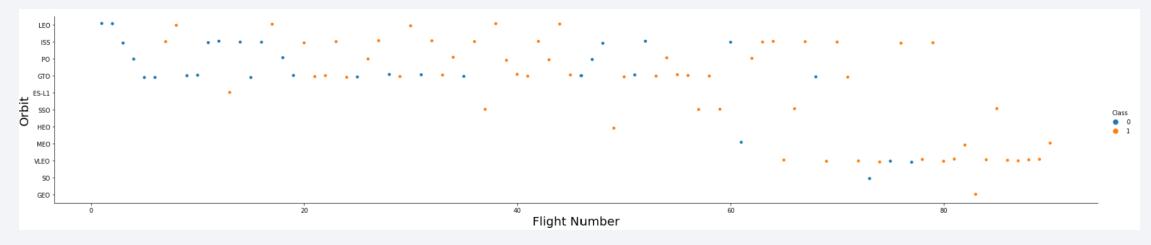
• A bar chart for the success rate of each orbit type is shown below:



• It can be seen that ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO had higher success rates.

Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

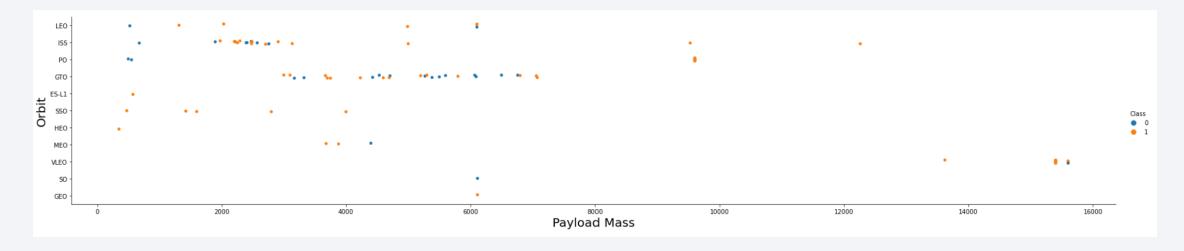
Below is a scatter point of Flight number vs. Orbit type



• The success rate from LEO increased with Flight Number while GEO showed no relationship with Flight Number.

Payload vs. Orbit Type

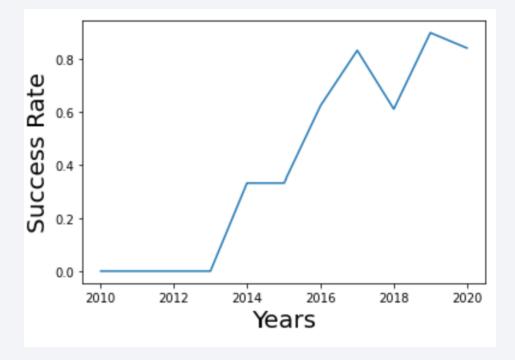
A scatter point of payload vs. orbit type is shown below



• A relationship can be seen between increasing Payload Mass and Orbit type for Orbit types such as LEO, ISS, PO but no clear relationship can be seen for Orbit types such as GTO and those under it.

Launch Success Yearly Trend

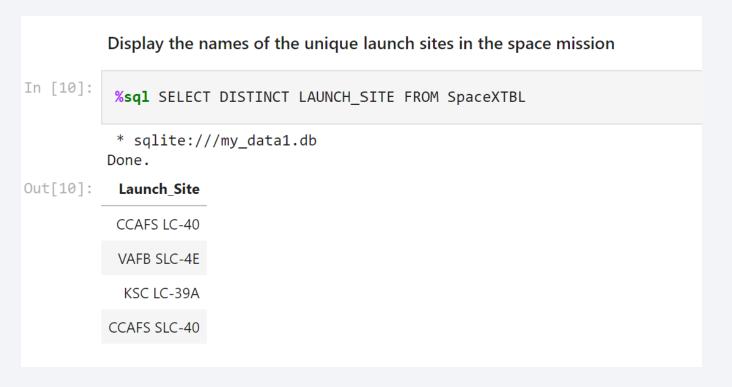
• The figure below shows a line chart of yearly average success rates.



It can be seen that the success rate started to increase after 2013 till 2020.

All Launch Site Names

• The key word DISTINCT was used to unique launch sites from SpaceX data.



Launch Site Names Begin with 'KSC'

• The query below was used to find 5 records where launch sites' names start with `KSC`

	Display 5 r	ecords wher	e launch sites be	egin with the	string 'KSC'					
In [70]:	%sql SELE	ECT * FROM :	SpaceXTBL WHERE	LAUNCH_SIT	TE LIKE 'KSC%	' LIMIT 5				
	* sqlite:	:///my_data	1.db							
Out[70]:	Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASSKG_	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing _Outcome
	19-02-2017	14:39:00	F9 FT B1031.1	KSC LC-39A	SpaceX CRS-10	2490	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Success (ground pad)
	16-03-2017	06:00:00	F9 FT B1030	KSC LC-39A	EchoStar 23	5600	GTO	EchoStar	Success	No attempt
	30-03-2017	22:27:00	F9 FT B1021.2	KSC LC-39A	SES-10	5300	GTO	SES	Success	Success (drone ship)
	01-05-2017	11:15:00	F9 FT B1032.1	KSC LC-39A	NROL-76	5300	LEO	NRO	Success	Success (ground pad)
	15-05-2017	23:21:00	F9 FT B1034	KSC LC-39A	Inmarsat-5 F4	6070	GTO	Inmarsat	Success	No attempt

Total Payload Mass

The calculated total payload carried by boosters from NASA was 48213 Kg

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

• The average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 was calculated as 2928.4 Kg. WHERE was used to locate only the F9 v1.1 data.

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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'

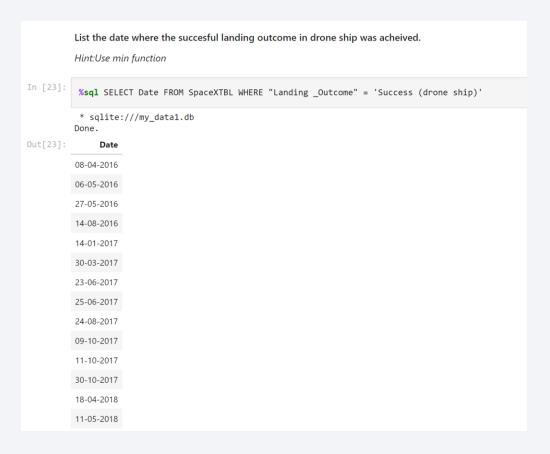
**sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

Out[72]: AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)

2928.4
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First Successful Ground Landing Date

• The dates of the first successful landing outcome in drone ship were queried as below:

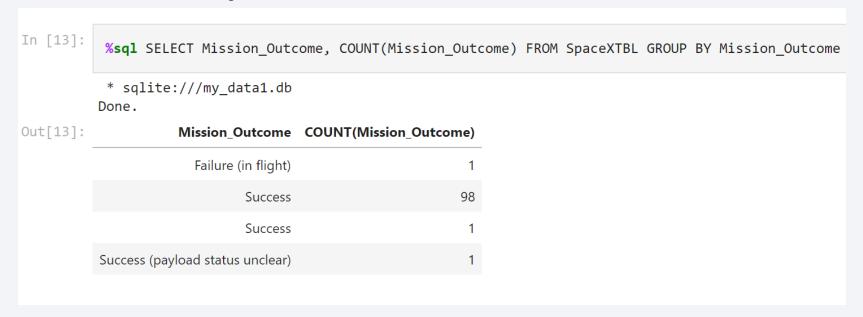


Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

• The list of names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000 was

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

• The calculated the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes are as shown below. GROUP BY was used to ensure that COUNT was categorical.



Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

• A list of names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass was queried as below. MAX was used in the subquery in order to locate the max payload mass with reference to the booster version.



2015 Launch Records

• A list of records displayed below shows the month names, successful landing_outcomes in ground pad ,booster versions, launch_site for the months in year 2017. It was queried as below.

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

• A rank of the count of successful landing_outcomes between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20 in descending order is shown below. LIKE "%S%" AND NOT LIKE "%F%" were used to focus on the successful outcomes and not the failures

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In [46]:

**Ssql SELECT "Landing _Outcome", COUNT("Landing _Outcome") AS LAUNCH_COUNT FROM SpaceXT
WHERE (Date BETWEEN '04-06-2010' AND '20-03-2017' AND "Landing _Outcome" LIKE "%S%" AND
GROUP BY "Landing _Outcome" ORDER BY 'LAUNCH_COUNT' DESC

* sqlite:///my_datal.db
Done.

Out[46]:

Landing_Outcome LAUNCH_COUNT

Success (ground pad) 6

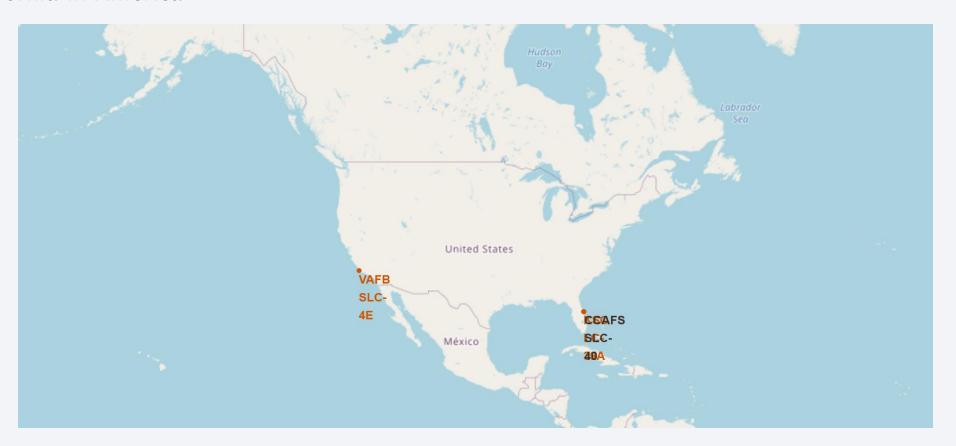
Success (drone ship) 8

Success 20
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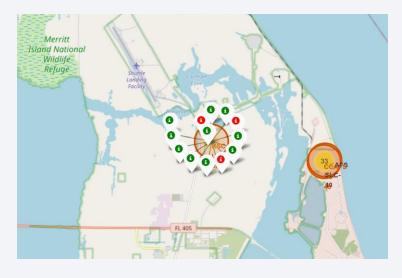
Map showing all launch sites

• It can be seen that most successful launches occurred at the coasts of Florida and California in America



Colourful markers showing launch sites

Florida







- Green shows successful launches
- Red shows failed launches

California



Distance of launch sites from landmarks







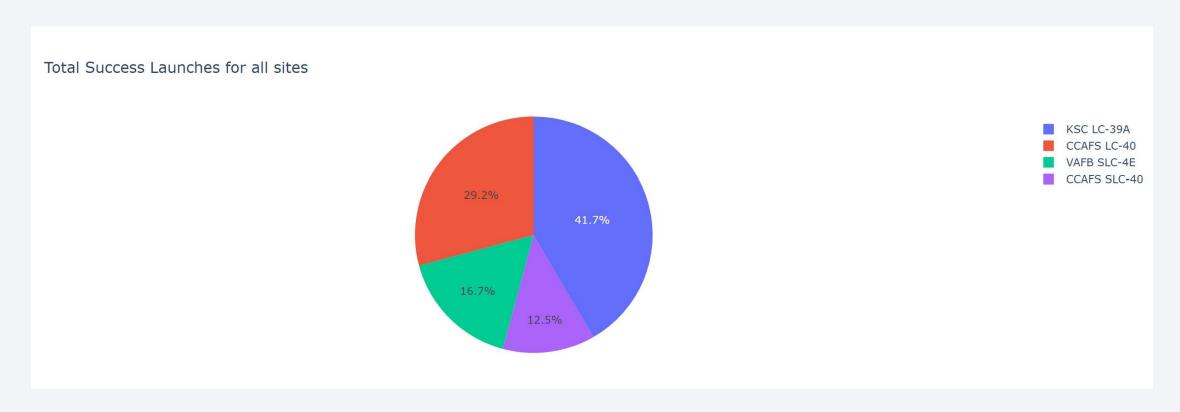
- Are launch sites in close proximity to rail lines? No
- Are launch sites in close proximity to highways? No
- Are launch sites in close proximity to coast lines? Yes
- Do launch sites keep certain distance away from main cities? Yes

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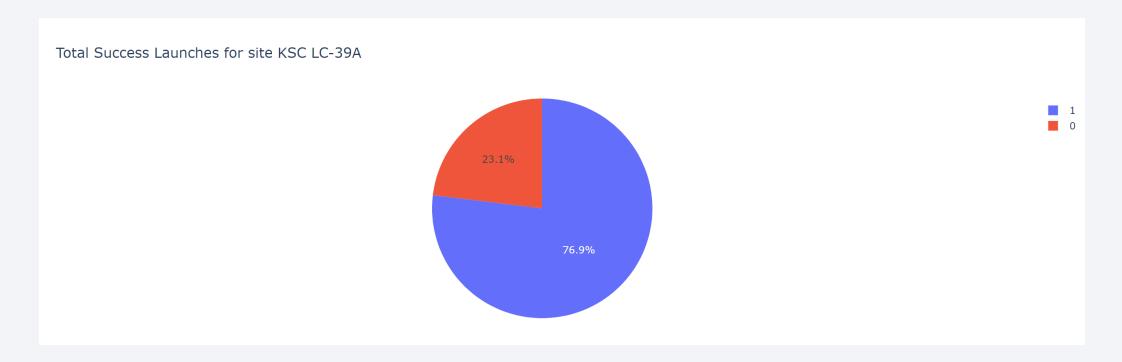
Success achieved by each launch site

• It can be seen that the KSC LC-39A had more successful launches



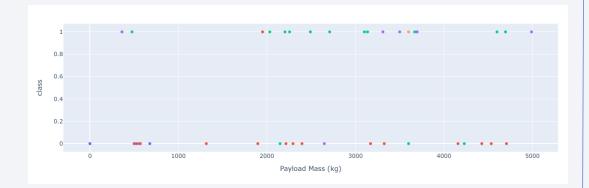
Launch Site Success Ratio at KSC LC-39A

• The success rate at KSC LC-39A was 76.9 % while the failure rate was 23.1 %.

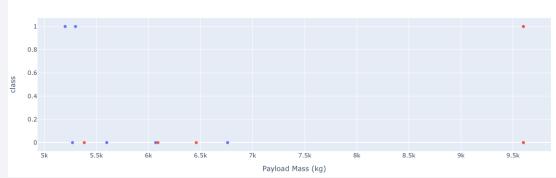


Relationship between payload mass and class

Analyzed in range of payload mass from 0 - 5000 Kg



Analyzed in range of payload mass from 5000 - 10000 Kg

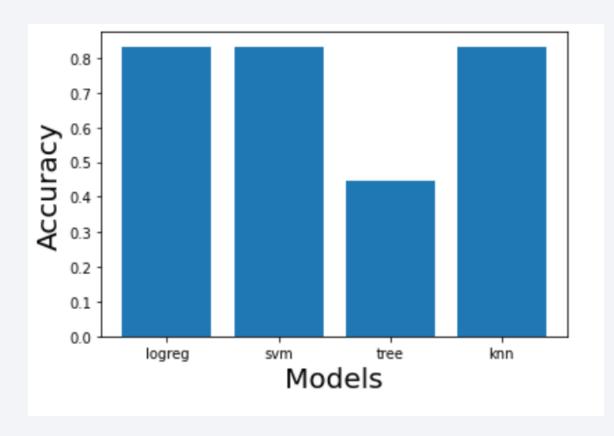


• This indicated that the lower the payload mass the higher the success rate.



Classification Accuracy

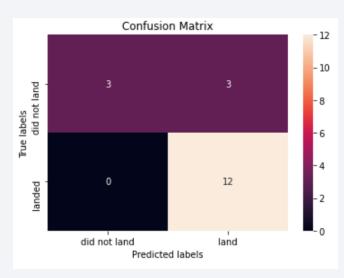
• Logreg, svm and knn had the highest accuracy of 0.83. Decision tree had the least accuracy of 0.44.

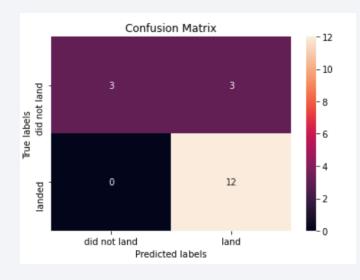


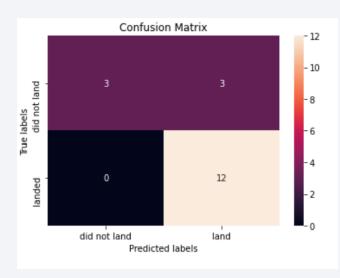
Confusion Matrix

• The confusion matrix of the three best performing models are as shown below. The confusion matrix shows that the models below can distinguish between different classes. But the issue is with the false positives where 3 cases of unsuccessful landing were classified as successful.









Conclusions

- It was observed that the larger the flight number, the higher the success rate was at the respective launch site.
- It can be seen that the launch success rate started in 2013, continued to rise till 2020.
- Orbits such as LEO, ISS, PO and GTO had the most success rate.
- The launch site KSC LC-39A had the most success rates.
- Logreg, svm and knn had the best accuracy of 0.83 and so any can be picked for making predictions.

