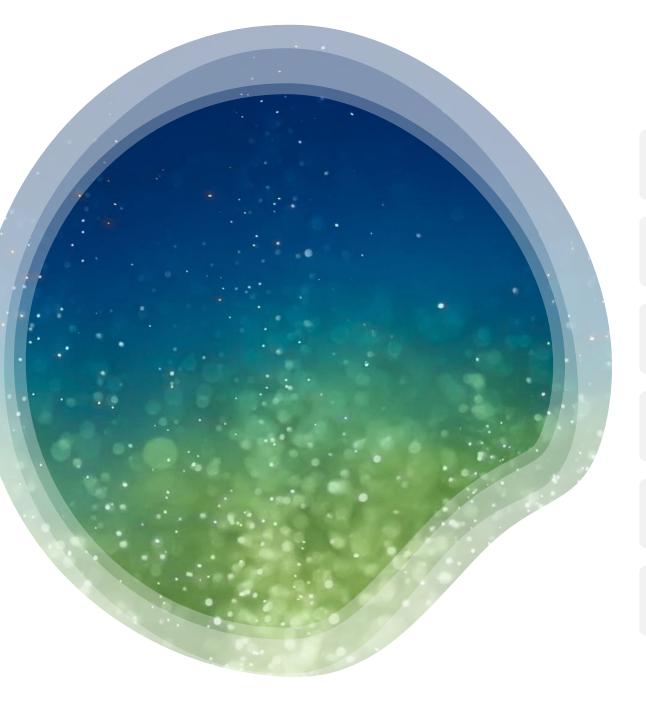


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Introduction

Project background and context

Space X advertises Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website with a cost of 62 million dollars while other providers cost upward of 165 million dollars each, much of the savings is because Space X 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 space X for a rocket launch. This goal of the project is to create a machine learning pipeline to predict if the first stage will land successfully

- 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
 - How to build, tune, evaluate classification models

Data Collection

- The data was collected using various methods
 - 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

 We used the get request to the SpaceX API to collect data, clean the requested data and did some basic data wrangling and formatting.

The link to the notebook is:
 https://github.com/NataCP/Ap
 plied-Data-Science Capstone/blob/main/1.%20Da
 ta%20Collection%20Api.ipynb

```
Now let's start requesting rocket launch data from SpaceX API with the following URL:
 spacex url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
 response = requests.get(spacex url)
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/datasets/API call spacex api.json'
We should see that the request was successfull with the 200 status response code
response.status_code
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
 data = pd.json normalize(response.json())
```

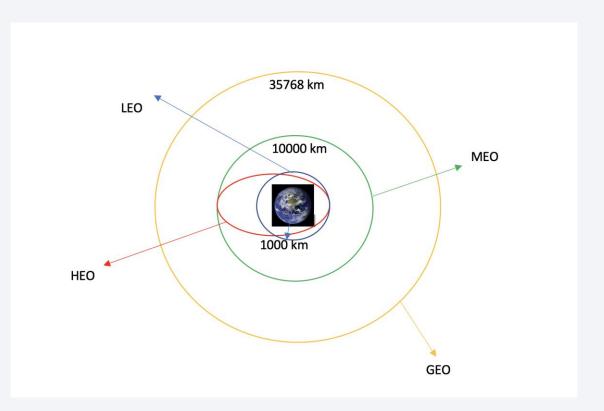
Data Collection - Scraping

- We applied web scrapping to webscrap Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup
- We parsed the table and converted it into a pandas dataframe.
- The link to the notebook is:
 https://github.com/NataCP/A
 pplied-Data-Science Capstone/blob/main/2.%20
 Data%20Collection%20with
 %20Web-scraping.ipynb

```
static url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches&oldid=1027686922"
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, as an HTTP response.
# use requests.get() method with the provided static_url
# assign the response to a object
response = requests.get(static url).text
Create a BeautifulSoup object from the HTML response
# Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
soup = BeautifulSoup(response, 'html5lib')
Print the page title to verify if the BeautifulSoup object was created properly
# Use soup.title attribute
soup.title
<title>List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches - Wikipedia</title>
Next, we just need to iterate through the  elements and apply the provided extract_column from header() to extract column name one by one
 column names = []
 # Apply find all() function with `th` element on first launch table
  # Iterate each th element and apply the provided extract column from header() to get a column name
  # Append the Non-empty column name (`if name is not None and len(name) > 0`) into a list called column names
  for row in first_launch_table.find_all('th'):
     name = extract column from header(row)
     if (name != None and len(name) > 0):
          column_names.append(name)
Check the extracted column names
 print(column names)
['Flight No.', 'Date and time ( )', 'Launch site', 'Payload', 'Payload mass', 'Orbit', 'Customer', 'Launch outcome']
```

Data Wrangling

- We performed exploratory data analysis and determined the training labels.
- We calculated the number of launches at each site, and the number and occurrence of each orbits
- We created landing outcome label from outcome column and exported the results to csv.
- The link to the notebook is:
 https://github.com/NataCP/Applied Data-Science Capstone/blob/main/3.%20Data%20Wr
 angling.ipynb

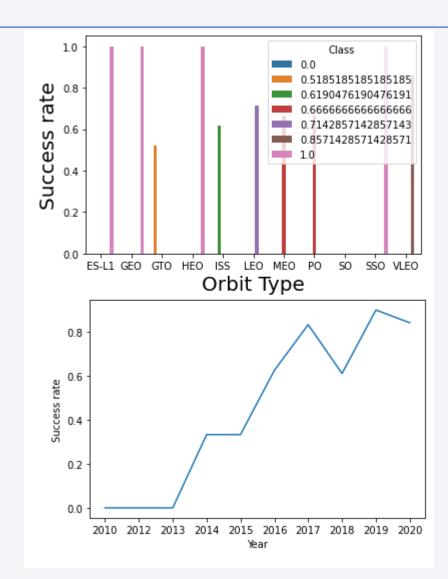


EDA with SQL

- We loaded the SpaceX dataset into a PostgreSQL database without leaving the Jupyter notebook.
- We applied EDA with SQL to get insight from the data. We wrote queries to find out for instance:
 - The names of unique launch sites in the space mission.
 - 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.
- The link to the notebook is: https://github.com/NataCP/Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/4.Exploratory%20Data%20Analysis%20(EDA).ipynb

EDA with Data Visualization

- We explored the data by visualizing the relationship between flight number and launch Site, payload and launch site, success rate of each orbit type, flight number and orbit type, the launch success yearly trend.
- The link to the notebook is:
 https://github.com/NataCP/Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/5.%20EDA%2
 Owith%20Visualisation.ipynb

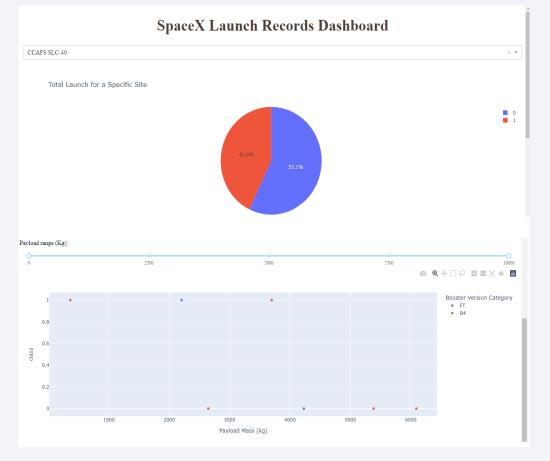


Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- We 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.
- We assigned the feature launch outcomes (failure or success) to class 0 and 1.i.e., 0 for failure, and 1 for success.
- Using the color-labeled marker clusters, we identified which launch sites have relatively high success rate.
- We 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.
- The link to the notebook is: https://github.com/NataCP/Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/6.%20Interactive%20Visual%20Analytics%20with%20Folium.ipynb

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- We built an interactive dashboard with Plotly dash
- We plotted pie charts showing the total launches by a certain sites and scatter graph showing the relationship with Outcome and Payload Mass (Kg) for the different booster version.
- We have a better view of the plots and the interactions between the different parameters.
- The link to the notebook is:
 https://github.com/NataCP/Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/dash interactivity.py



Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- We loaded the data using numpy and pandas, transformed the data, split our data into training and testing.
- We built different machine learning models and tune different hyperparameters using GridSearchCV.
- We used accuracy as the metric for our model, improved the model using feature engineering and algorithm tuning.
- We found the best performing classification model.
- The link to the notebook is: https://github.com/NataCP/Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/7.%20Machine%20Learning%20Prediction.ipynb

Results

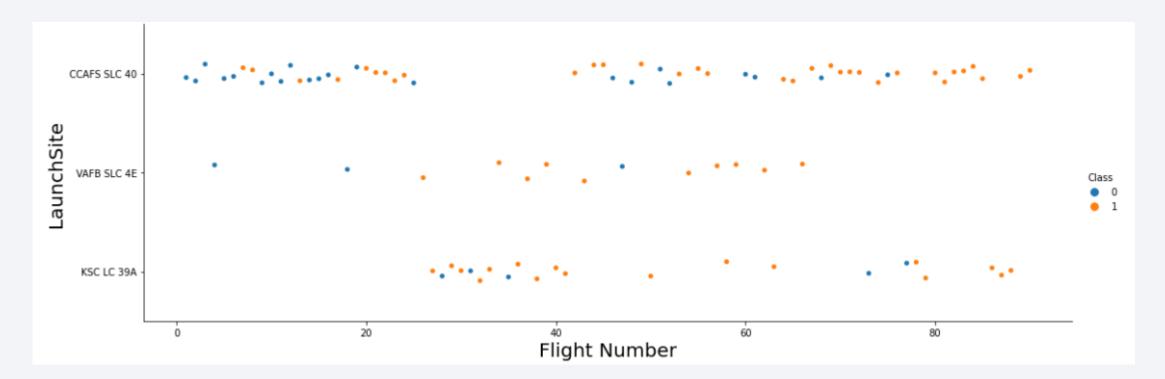
- Exploratory data analysis results
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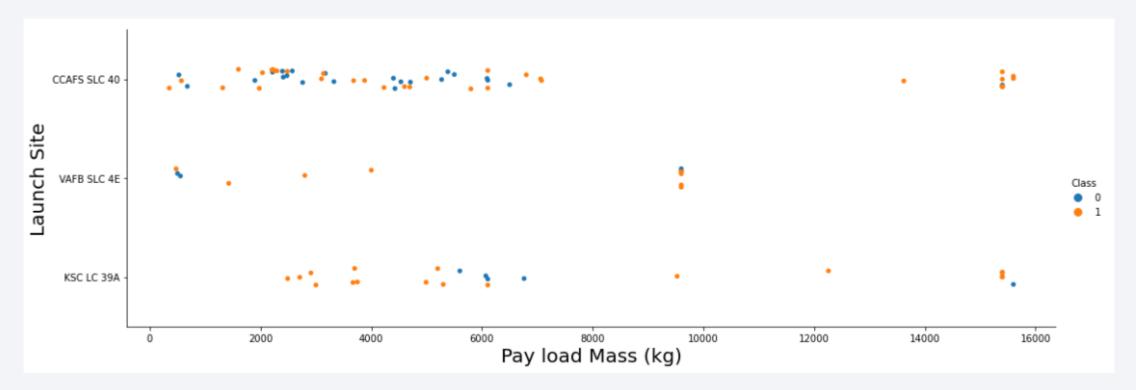
Flight Number vs. Launch Site

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



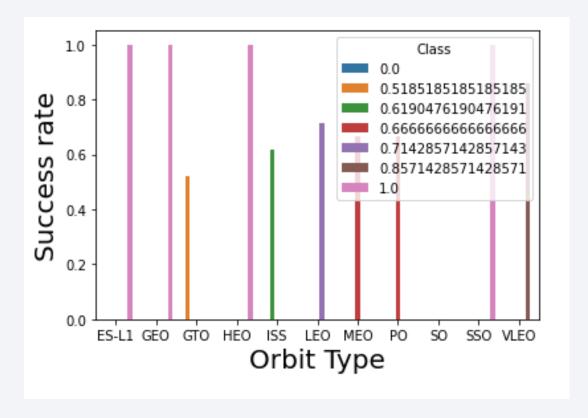
Payload vs. Launch Site

• From the plot, we observe for the VAFB-SLC launch site there are no rockets launched for heavy payload mass (greater than 10000).



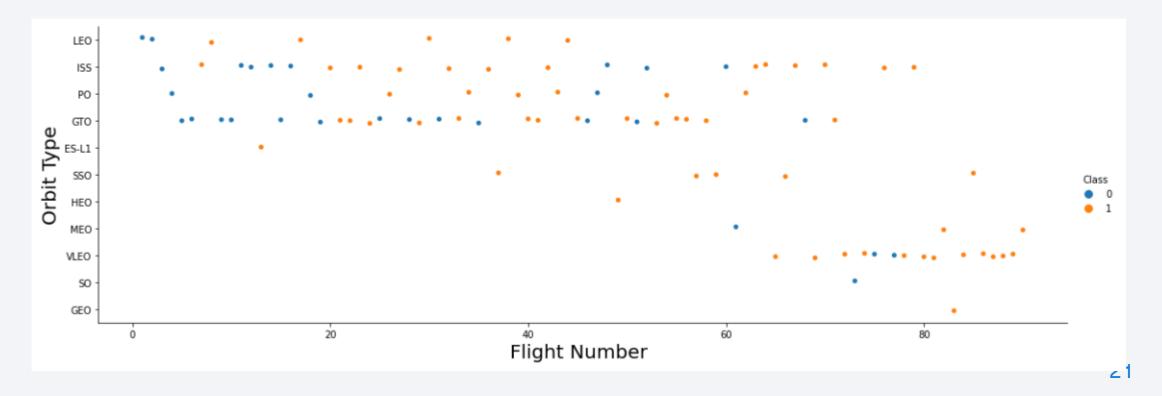
Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

• From the plot, we can see that ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate.



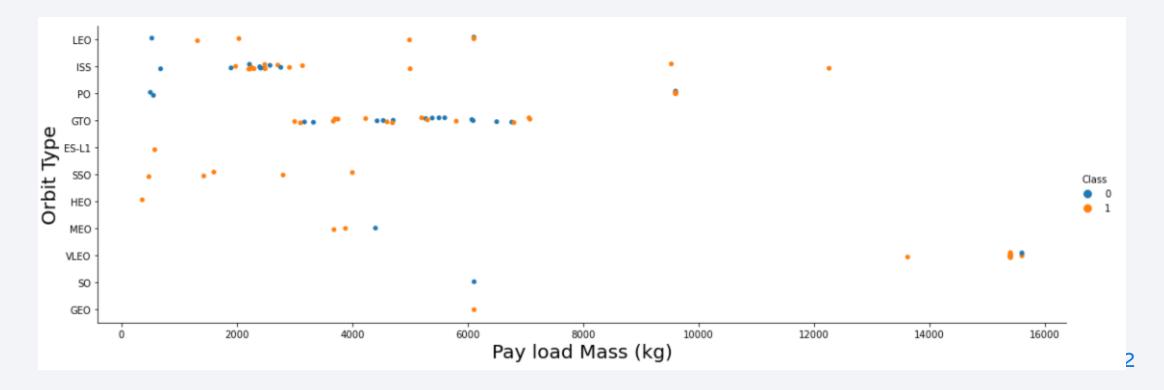
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

• From the plot, we observe that in the LEO orbit, success is related to the number of flights whereas in the GTO orbit, there is no relationship between flight number and the orbit.



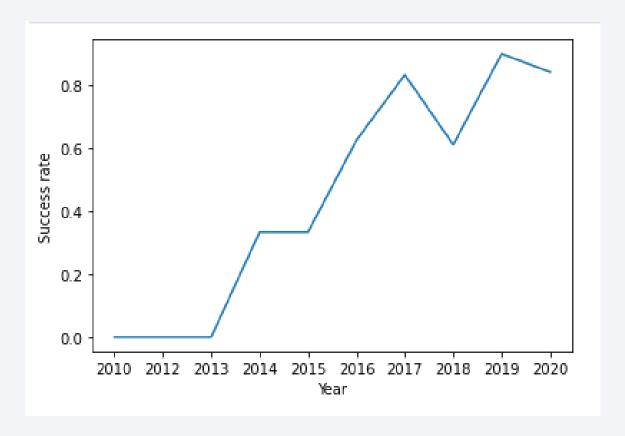
Payload vs. Orbit Type

• From the plot, we notice that with heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Polar, LEO and ISS. However, for GTO we cannot distinguish this well as both positive landing rate and negative landing (unsuccessful mission) are both there here.



Launch Success Yearly Trend

• From the plot, we see that there is an increase of success rate starting at 2013.



All Launch Site Names

We use the key word
 DISTINCT to find the unique
 names of the Launch Sites.

```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT LAUNCH_SITE FROM SPACEXTBL
 * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
 Launch_Site
 CCAFS LC-40
 VAFB SLC-4E
  KSC LC-39A
CCAFS SLC-40
```

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

• We use the key word LIMIT to see only 5 samples of Launch Sites where the name begins with 'CCA'.

```
%sql SELECT LAUNCH_SITE FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE LAUNCH_SITE LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5
 * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
Launch Site
CCAFS LC-40
CCAFS LC-40
CCAFS LC-40
CCAFS LC-40
CCAFS LC-40
```

Total Payload Mass from NASA

We use the key word SUM to get the total Payload Mass from NASA.

```
%sql SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE CUSTOMER = 'NASA (CRS)'

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.
SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)

45596
```

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

 We use the key word AVG to get the 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
```

First Successful Ground Landing Date

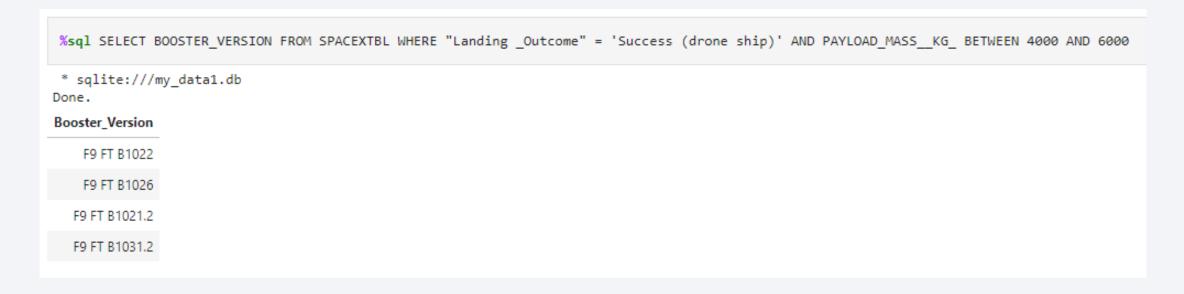
• We use the key word **MIN** to find the date of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad.

```
%sql SELECT MIN(DATE) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE "Landing _Outcome" = 'Success (ground pad)'

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.
MIN(DATE)
01-05-2017
```

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

• We use the key word **BETWEEN** to list the names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000.



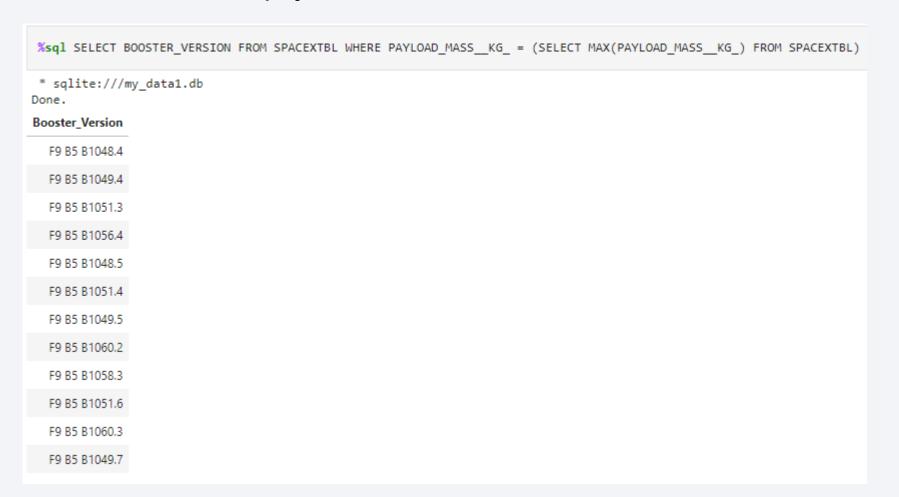
Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

• We use the key word **COUNT** to calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes.

%sql SELECT MISSION_OUTC	OME, CO
* sqlite:///my_data1.db Done.	
Mission_Outcome	Count
Failure (in flight)	1
Success	98
Success	1
Success (payload status unclear)	1

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

 We use the key word MAX inside a Sub-query to list the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass



2015 Launch Records

• Because SQLLite does not support month names, we need to use substr(Date, 4, 2) as month to get the months and substr(Date, 7, 4)='2015' for year. So, to list the failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for year 2015 we do as follows:

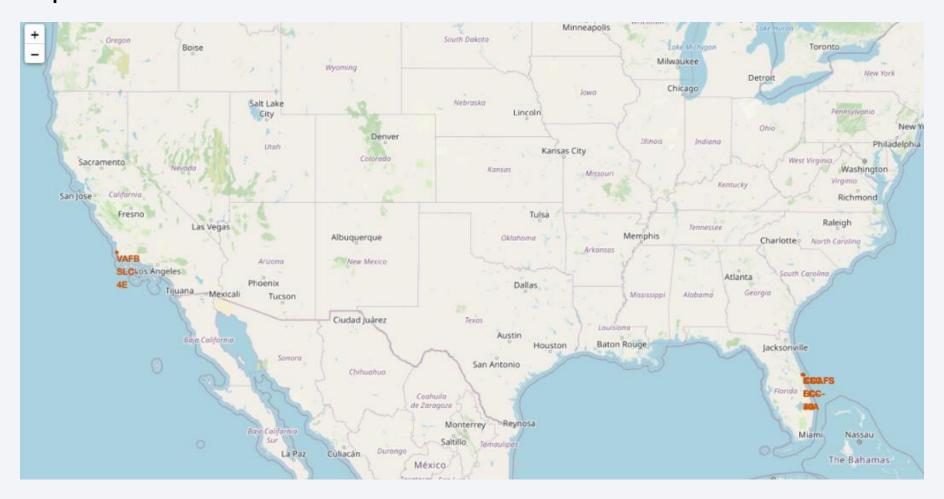
Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

• Rank the count of successful landing outcomes between the date 04-06-2010 and 20-03-2017 in descending order.



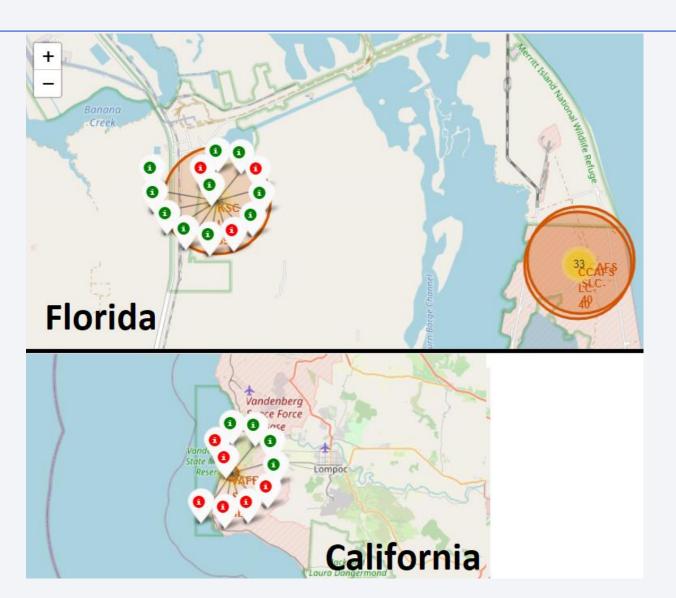
All launch sites global map markers

All the SpaceX Launch Sites are in America and all at coasts.

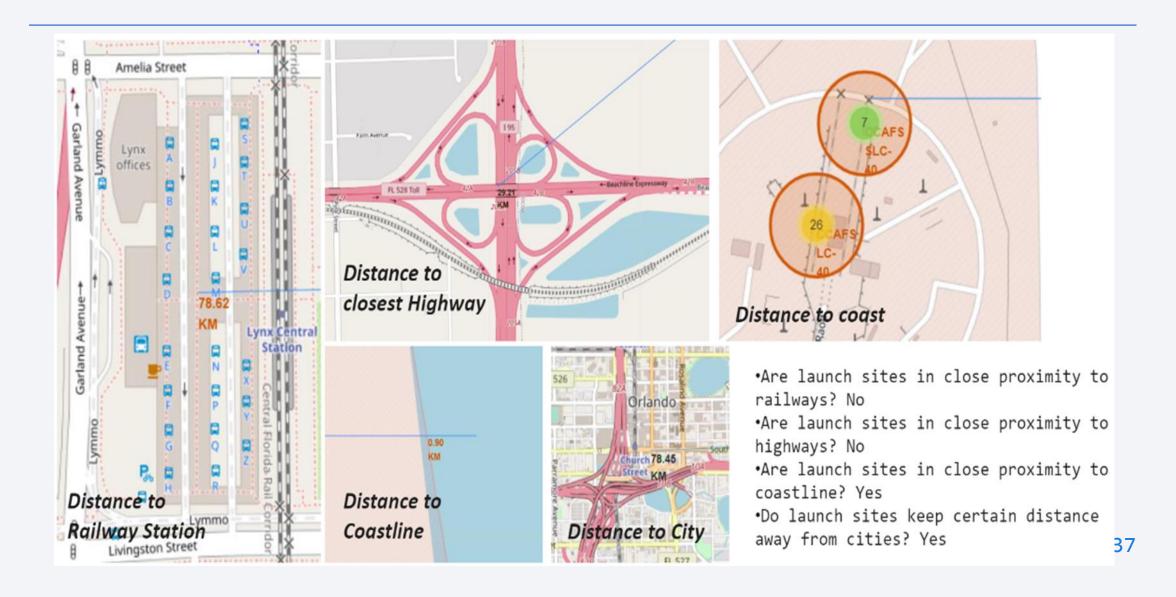


Markers showing launch sites with color labels

 Below we can see the successful launches with green marker and the failed launches with red marker.

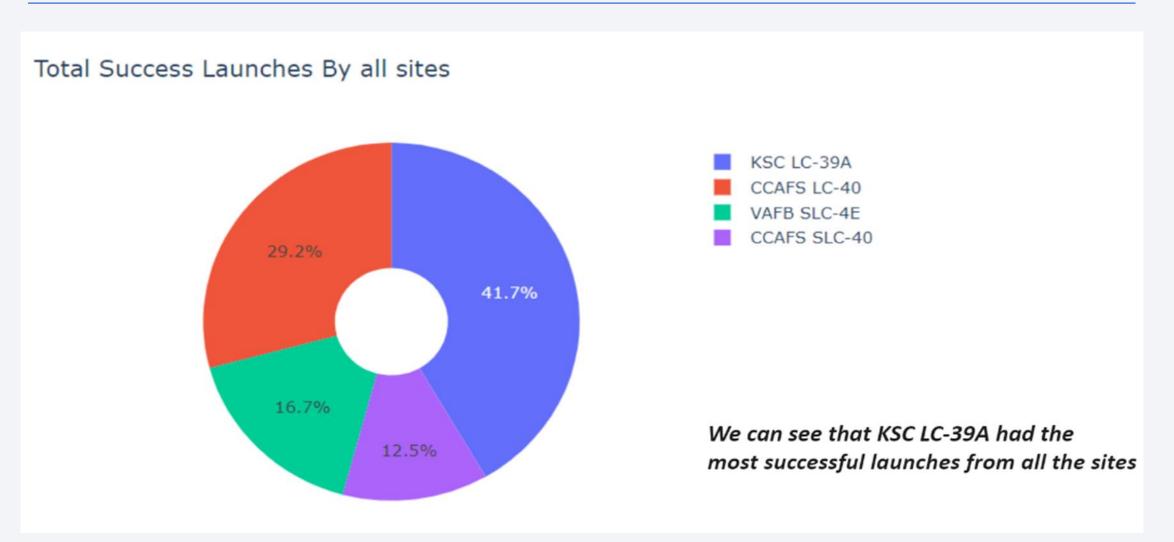


Launch Site distance to landmarks

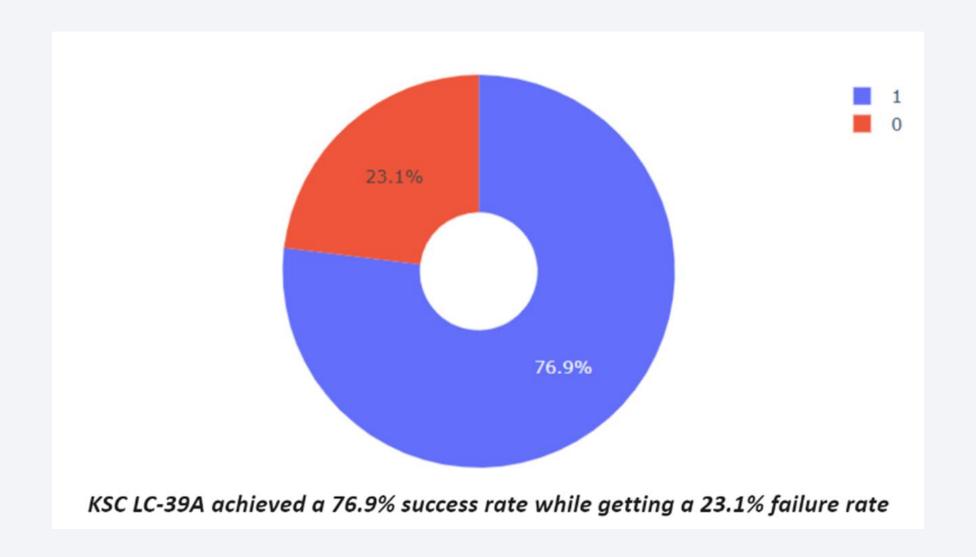




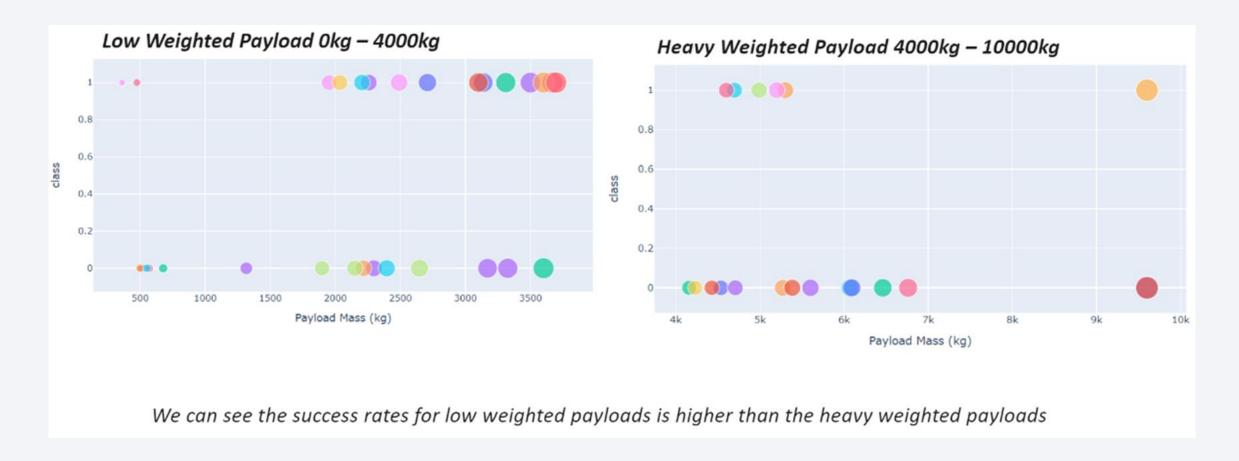
Pie chart showing the success percentage achieved by each launch site



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

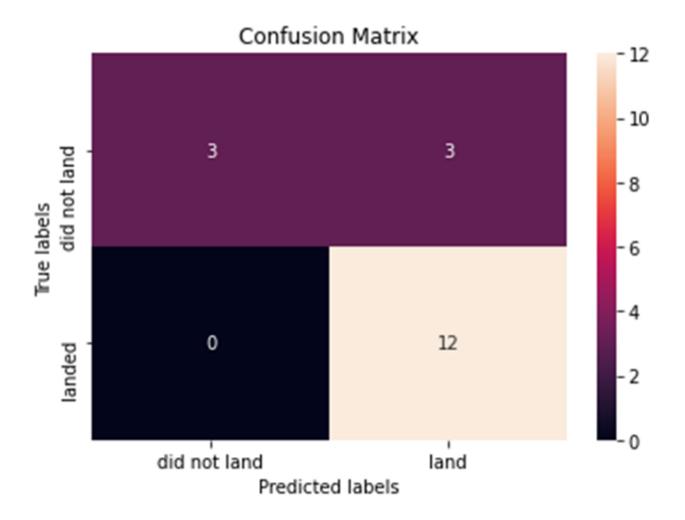




Classification Accuracy

• The decision tree classifier is the model with the highest classification accuracy with small differences from the other classifiers.

```
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 0.8732142857142856
Best params is : {'criterion': 'gini', 'max depth': 6, 'max features': 'auto', 'min samples leaf': 2, 'min samples split': 5, 'splitter': 'random'}
```



Confusion Matrix

 The confusion matrix for the decision tree classifier shows that the classifier can distinguish between the different classes. The major problem is the false positives .i.e., unsuccessful landing marked as successful landing by the classifier.

Conclusions

We can conclude that:

- The larger the flight amount at a launch site, the greater the success rate at a launch site.
- Launch success rate started to increase in 2013 till 2020.
- Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate.
- KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches of any sites.
- The Decision tree classifier is the best machine learning algorithm for this task.

Appendix

• There was no need to include any relevant assets like Python code snippets, SQL queries, charts, Notebook outputs, or data sets that may have been created during

this project.

