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Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

- 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 fulfilled to ensure a successful landing program.



Introduction

- Predict whether the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully or not.
- Purpose of this project
 - Determine if the first stage will land.
 - Determine the cost of a launch.
 - Information can be used if an alternate company wants to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch.



Section 1

Methodology

Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - Collected data will be guaranteed to be in the correct format through the API.
 - Example: Booster names – <https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/rockets/>
- Perform data wrangling
 - The data also collects historical Falcon 9 launch records from a Wikipedia page titled "List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches".
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - "Logistic Regression", "SVM", "Decision Tree", "KNN" & Confusion Matrix.

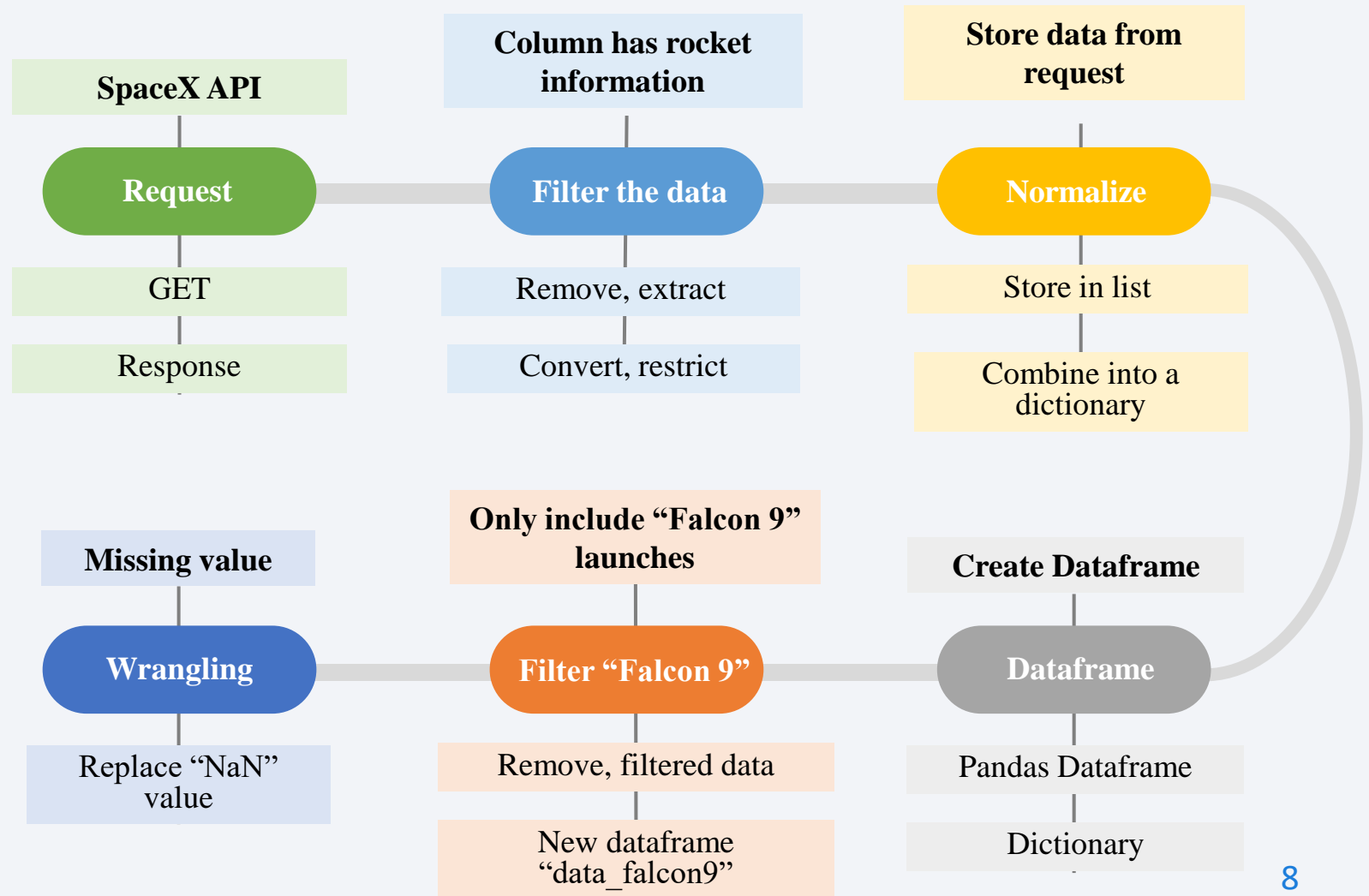
Data Collection

- Data collection process involved a combination of API requests from SpaceX public API and web scraping data from a table in SpaceX's Wikipedia entry.
- SpaceX API Data Columns:
 - FlightNumber, Date, BoosterVersion, PayloadMass, Orbit, LaunchSite, Outcome, Flights, GridFins.
 - Reused, Legs, LandingPad, Block, ReusedCount, Serial, Longitude, Latitude.
- Wikipedia Webscrape Data Columns:
 - Flight No., Launch site, Payload, PayloadMass, Orbit, Customer, Launch outcome, Version Booster, Booster landing, Date, Time.

Data Collection – SpaceX API

- Data Collection – SpaceX API Notebook

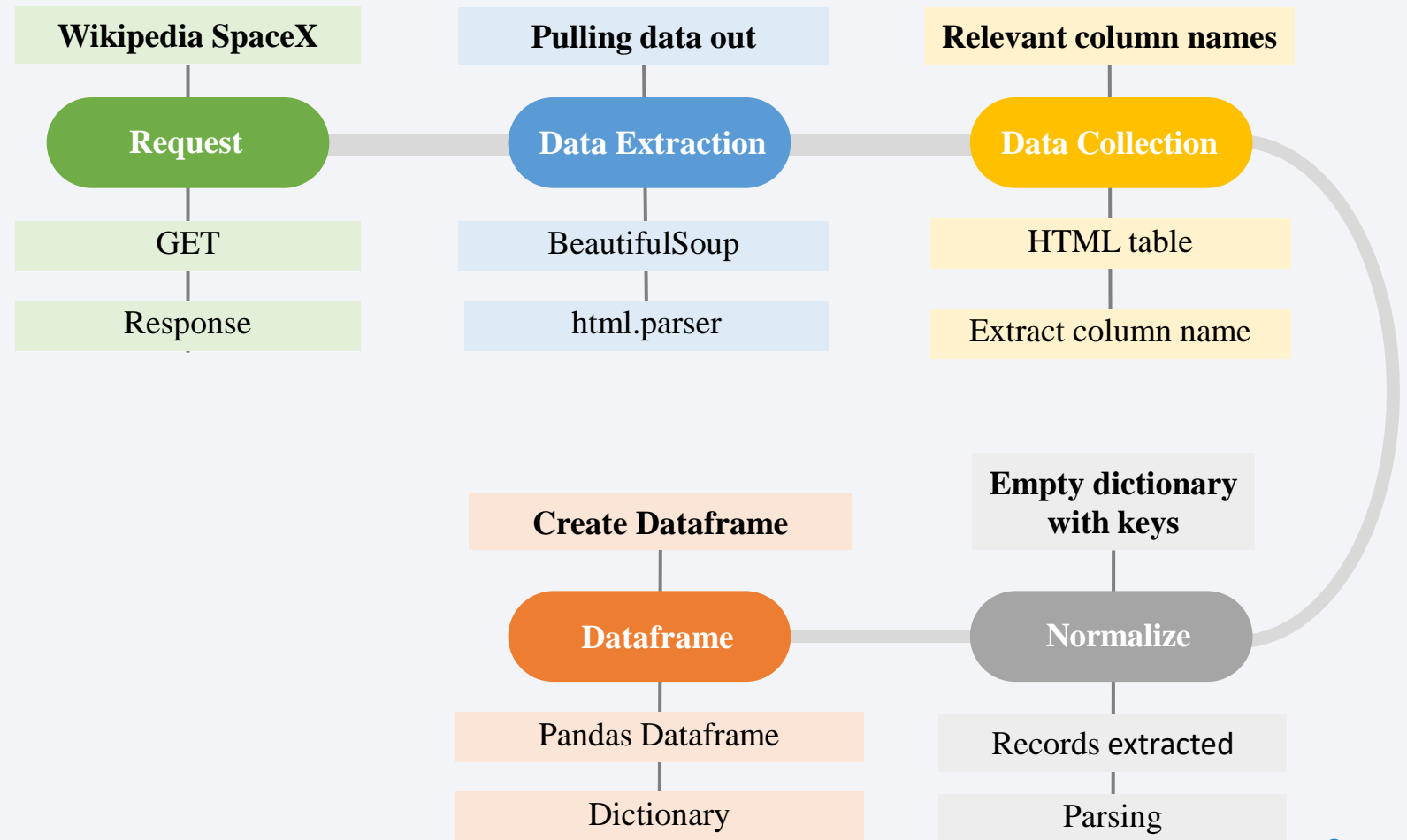
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Data Collection - Scraping

- Data Collection –
Scraping Notebook

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Data Wrangling

- There are several different cases where the booster did not land successfully (True Ocean, True RTLS, ...).
 - We will mainly convert into Training Labels
 - “1” means the booster successfully landed (True Ocean, True RTLS, ...).
 - “0” means it was unsuccessful (False Ocean, False RTLS, ...).
- For each value of the Outcome column, we will assign a value of 0 or 1.
- Finally, combine the sequence 0 and 1 into the dataset.
 - Example: Value “True Ocean” will correspond to the value "1" of the new "Class" column.

Data Wrangling Notebook

https://github.com/Nguyen-Minh-Long/IBM_Data_Science/blob/main/10.%20Applied%20Data%20Science%20Capstone/Week%201/labs-jupyter-spacex-Data%20wrangling.ipynb

EDA with Data Visualization

- In this project, I use scatter plot, bar plot, and line plot. Most of which use scatter plot.
- Determining a successes or failed landing depends on many factors, so using a scatter plot is most appropriate when comparing the relationship between two variables.
 - Example: FlightNumber vs PayloadMass, FlightNumber vs LaunchSite, ...

EDA with data visualization Notebook

https://github.com/Nguyen-Minh-Long/IBM_Data_Science/blob/main/10.%20Applied%20Data%20Science%20Capstone/Week%202/jupyter-labs-eda-dataviz.ipynb

EDA with SQL

- In this project, the SQL statements used include:
 - Loaded data set into IBM DB2 Database.
 - Queried using SQL Python integration.
 - Queries were made to get a better understanding of the dataset.
 - Queried information about launch site names, mission outcomes, various payload sizes of customers and booster versions, and landing outcomes.

EDA with SQL Notebook

https://github.com/Nguyen-Minh-Long/IBM_Data_Science/blob/main/10.%20Applied%20Data%20Science%20Capstone/Week%202/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera_sqlite.ipynb

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Folium maps mark all launch sites, using Circle and Marker. Also including successful or failed launches at each Launch Site. Finally, there are examples of proximity to key locations: Coastline, Railway, Highway, and City using Polyline.
- Finding an optimal location for building a launch site certainly involves many factors.

Interactive map with Folium Notebook

https://github.com/Nguyen-Minh-Long/IBM_Data_Science/blob/main/10.%20Applied%20Data%20Science%20Capstone/Week%203/lab_jupyter_launch_site_location.ipynb

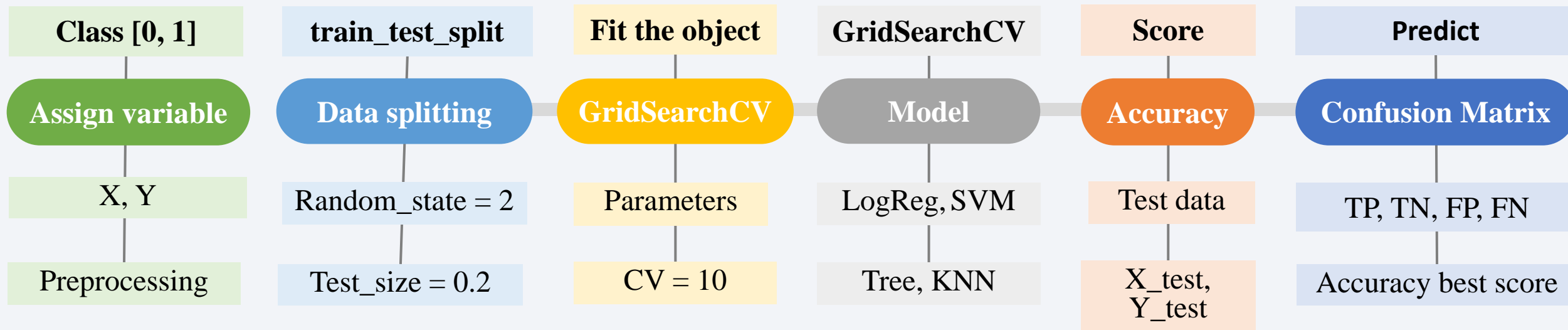
Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Dashboard includes a pie chart and a scatter plot.
 - A pie chart can be selected to show the distribution of successful landings across all launch site. It can also be used to display the number of successes or failures (in percentage) of each launch site.
 - Scatter plot takes two inputs: all launch site or each launch site with payload. Payload mass can be adjusted to a value within a range of 0 – 10,000 kg.
- The pie chart is used to visualize launch site success rate.
- Scatter charts can help show how success varies by launch site, payload volume, and booster version category.

Dashboard

https://github.com/Nguyen-Minh-Long/IBM_Data_Science/blob/main/10.%20Applied%20Data%20Science%20Capstone/Week%203/spacex_dash_app.py

Predictive Analysis (Classification)



Predictive analysis Notebook

https://github.com/Nguyen-Minh-Long/IBM_Data_Science/blob/main/10.%20Applied%20Data%20Science%20Capstone/Week%204/SpaceX_Machine_Learning_Prediction_Part_5.jupyterlite.ipynb

Results

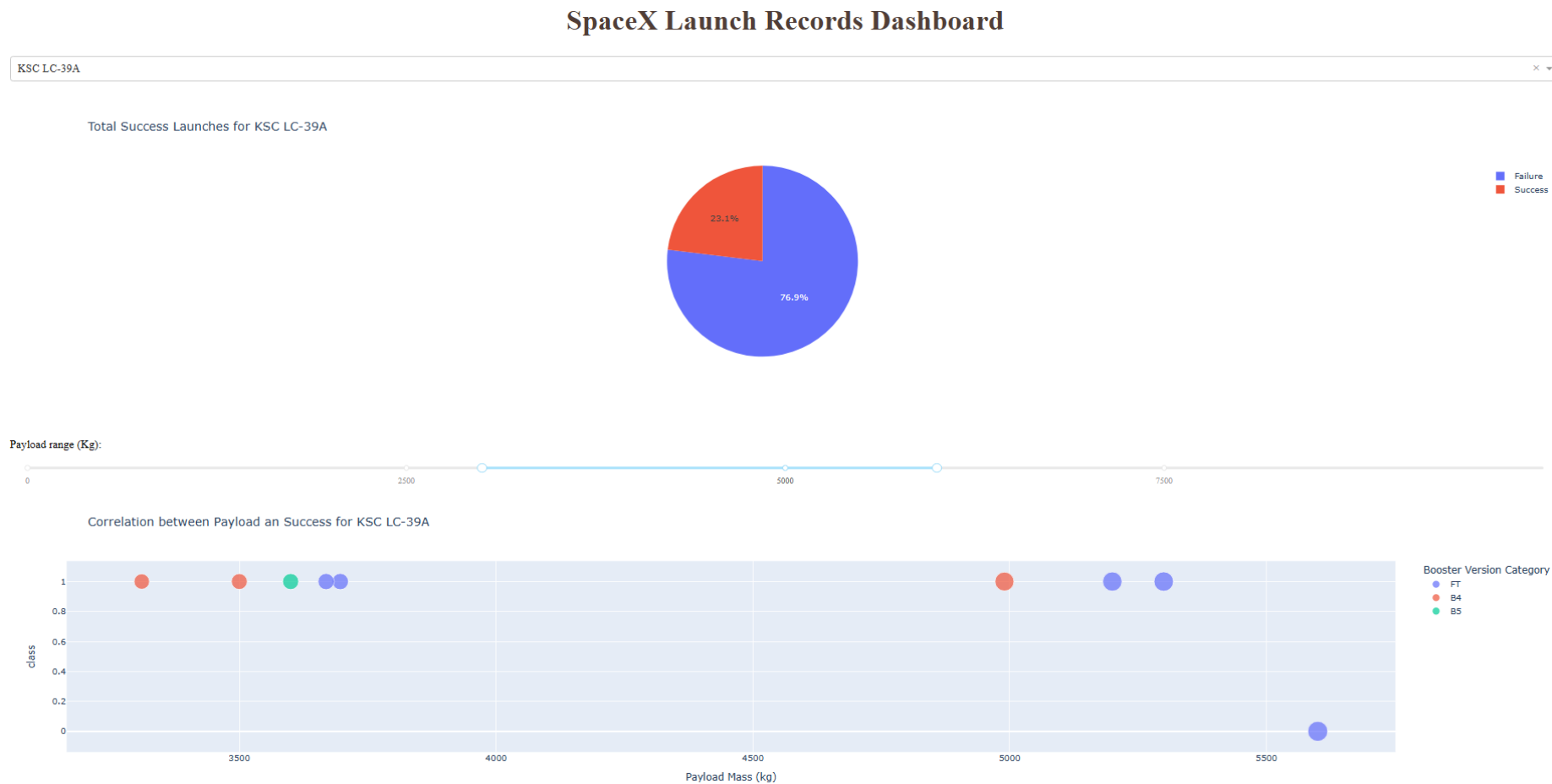


Figure 1: Interactive analytics

| | FlightNumber | Date | BoosterVersion | PayloadMass | Orbit | LaunchSite | Outcome | Flights | GridFins | Reused | Legs | LandingPad | Block | ReusedCount | Serial | Longitude | Latitude | Class |
|---|--------------|------------|----------------|-------------|-------|--------------|----------------|---------|----------|--------|-------|------------|-------|-------------|--------|-------------|-----------|-------|
| 0 | 1 | 2010-06-04 | Falcon 9 | 6104.959412 | LEO | CCAFS SLC 40 | None None | 1 | False | False | False | NaN | 1.0 | 0 | B0003 | -80.577366 | 28.561857 | 0 |
| 1 | 2 | 2012-05-22 | Falcon 9 | 525.000000 | LEO | CCAFS SLC 40 | None None | 1 | False | False | False | NaN | 1.0 | 0 | B0005 | -80.577366 | 28.561857 | 0 |
| 2 | 3 | 2013-03-01 | Falcon 9 | 677.000000 | ISS | CCAFS SLC 40 | None None | 1 | False | False | False | NaN | 1.0 | 0 | B0007 | -80.577366 | 28.561857 | 0 |
| 3 | 4 | 2013-09-29 | Falcon 9 | 500.000000 | PO | VAFB SLC 4E | False Ocean | 1 | False | False | False | NaN | 1.0 | 0 | B1003 | -120.610829 | 34.632093 | 0 |
| 4 | 5 | 2013-12-03 | Falcon 9 | 3170.000000 | GTO | CCAFS SLC 40 | None None | 1 | False | False | False | NaN | 1.0 | 0 | B1004 | -80.577366 | 28.561857 | 0 |

Figure 2: Exploratory data analysis results

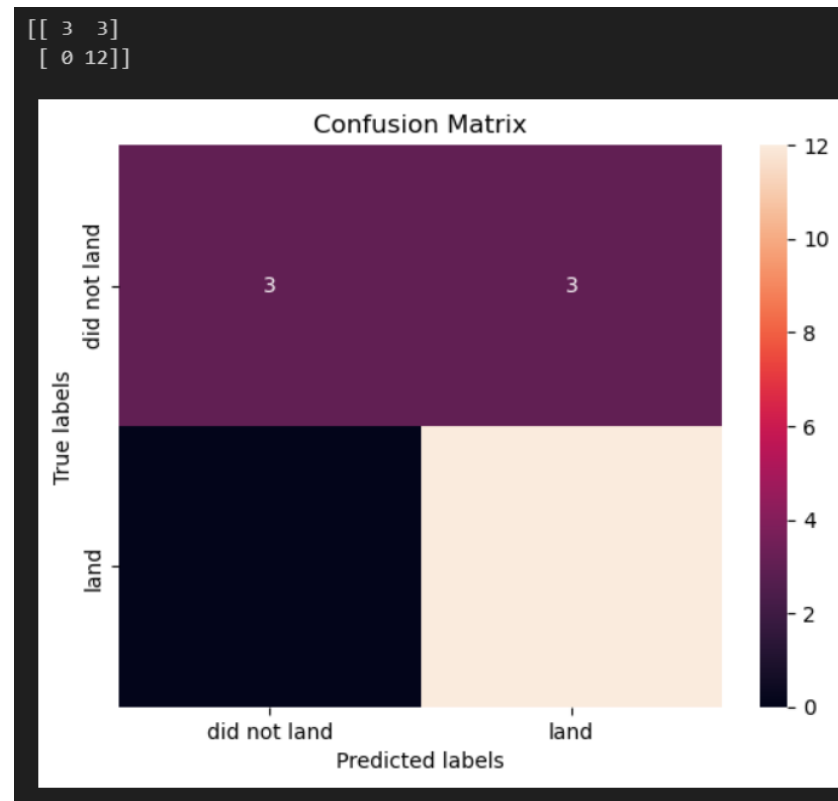


Figure 3: Predictive analysis results – Logistic Regression

The background of the slide is an abstract composition. It features a dark blue base color. Overlaid on this are numerous diagonal streaks in shades of red and cyan. A faint, light blue grid pattern is also visible, particularly in the lower half of the image. The overall effect is dynamic and technological.

Section 2

Insights drawn from EDA

Flight Number vs. Launch Site

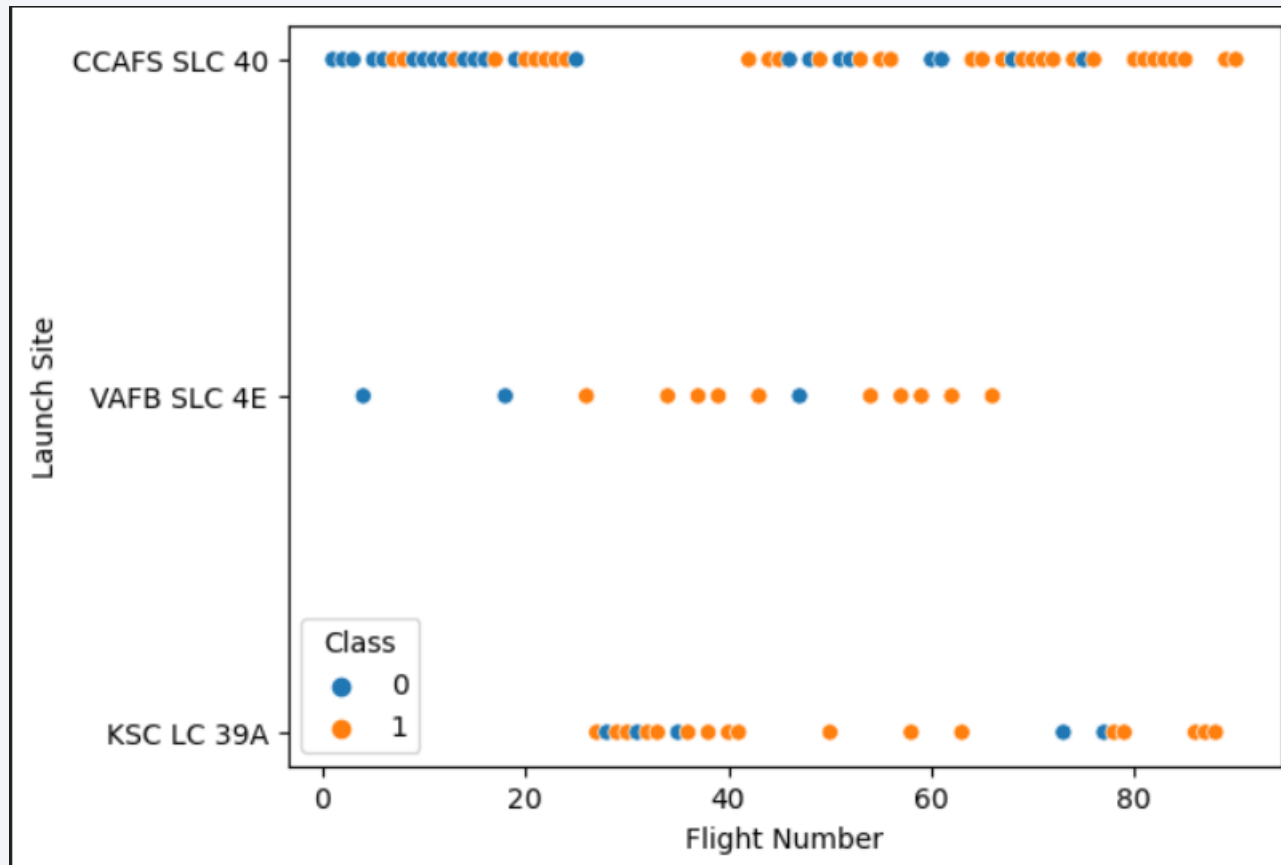


Figure 4: Scatter Plot Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- It seems that as the number of flights increases, the success rate also increases.
- Especially from the 20th flight onwards is a breakthrough period, significantly increasing the success rate.
- In addition, CCAFS SLC 40 is the place with the most launches.

Payload vs. Launch Site

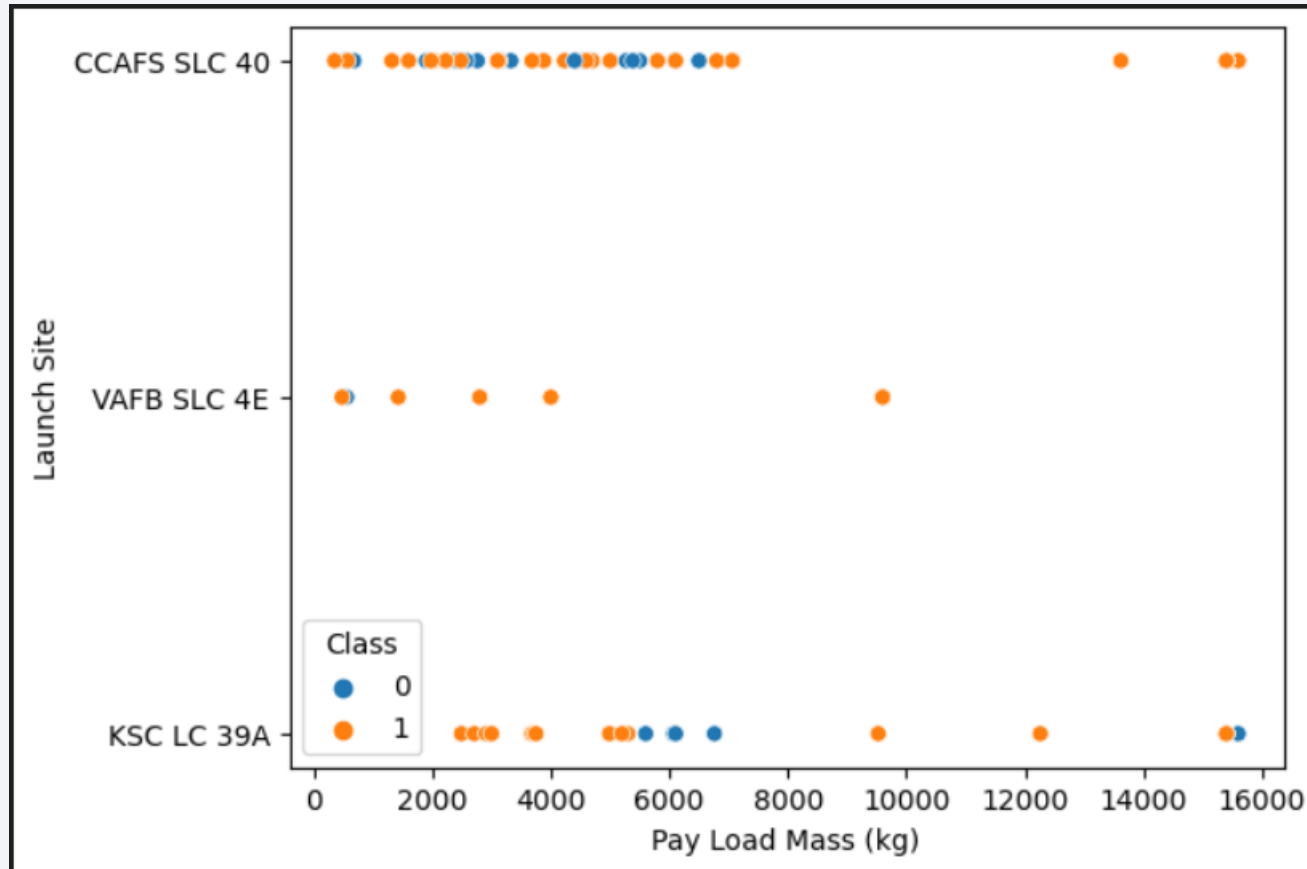


Figure 5: Scatter Plot Payload vs. Launch Site

- Most of the payload mass is in the range of 0 – 8,000 kg.
- The VAFB-SLC Launch Site there are no rockets launched for heavy payload mass (greater than 10,000).

Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

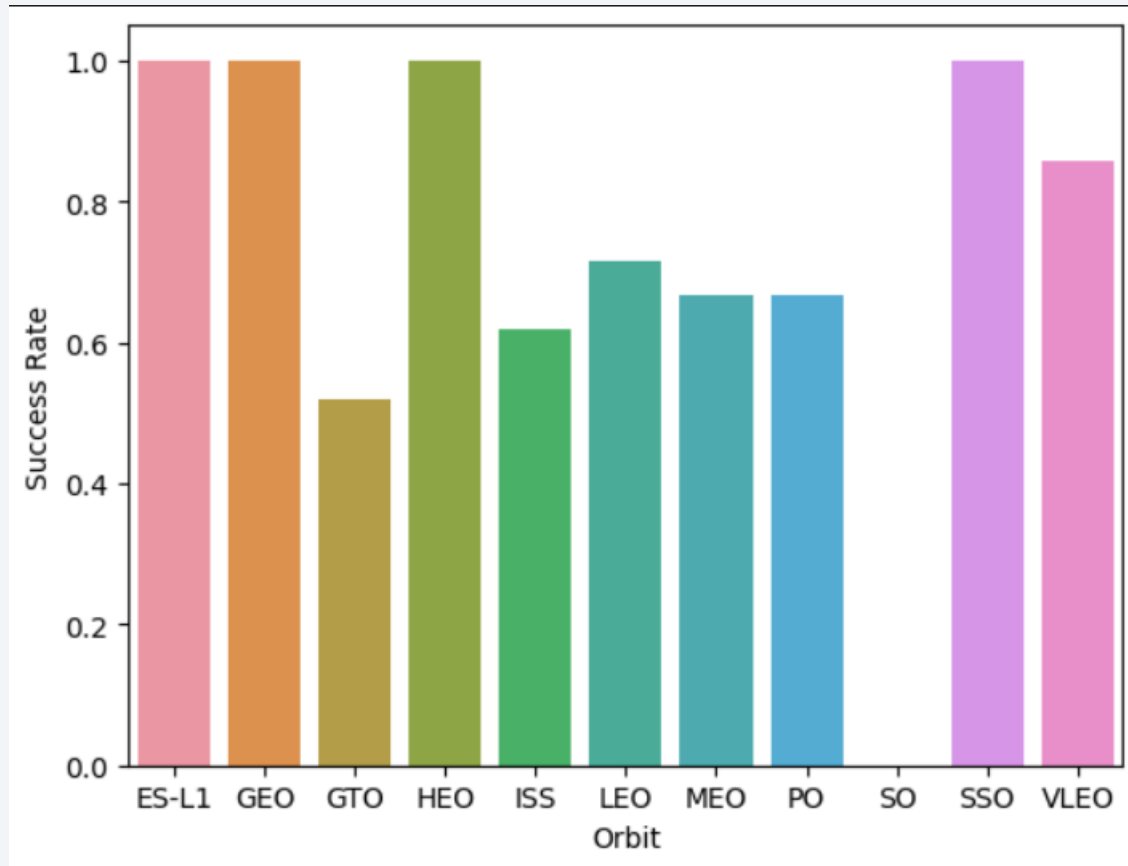


Figure 6: Bar Plot Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

- Orbits with a success rate of up to 100% ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO.
- VLEO has decent success rate and attempts, about 86%.
- GTO has the around 50% success rate but largest sample
- SO has 0% success rate.

Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

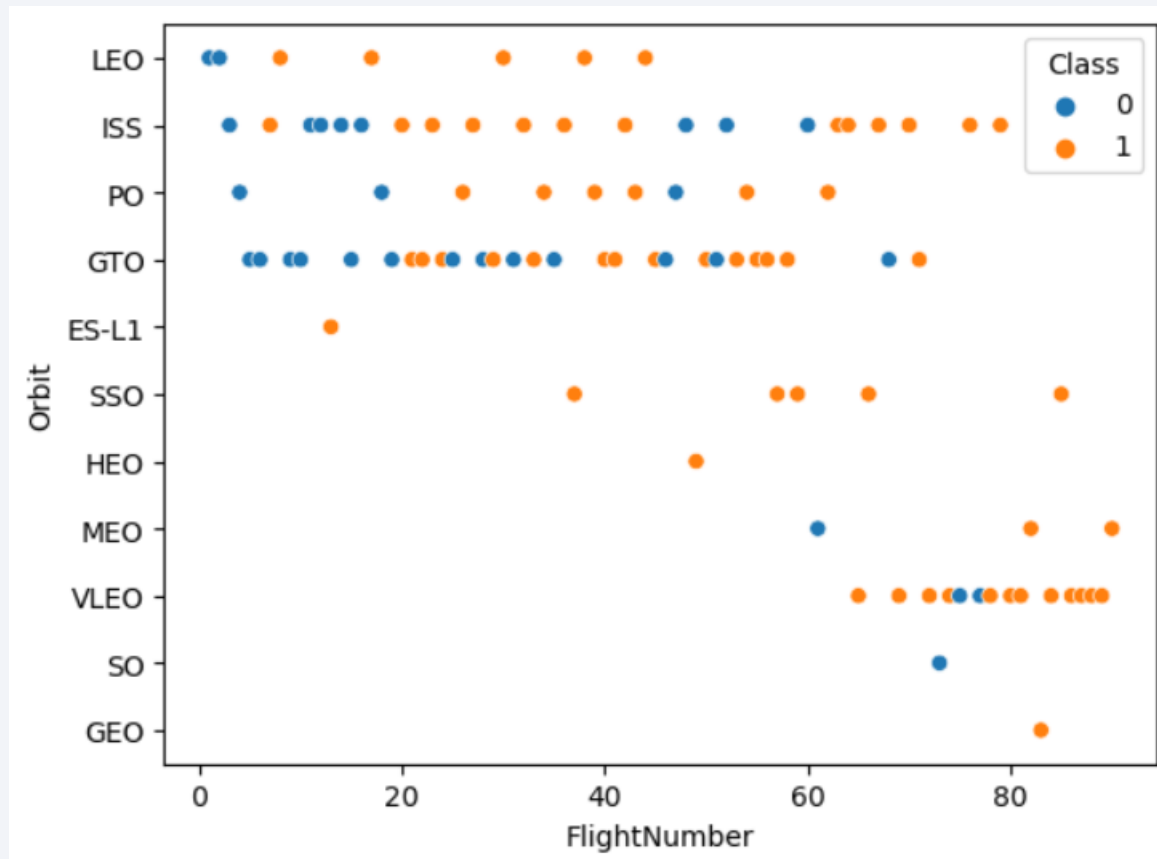


Figure 7: Scatter Plot Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- The LEO orbit the Success appears related to the number of flights.
- On the other hand, there seems to be no relationship between flight number when in GTO orbit.

Payload vs. Orbit Type

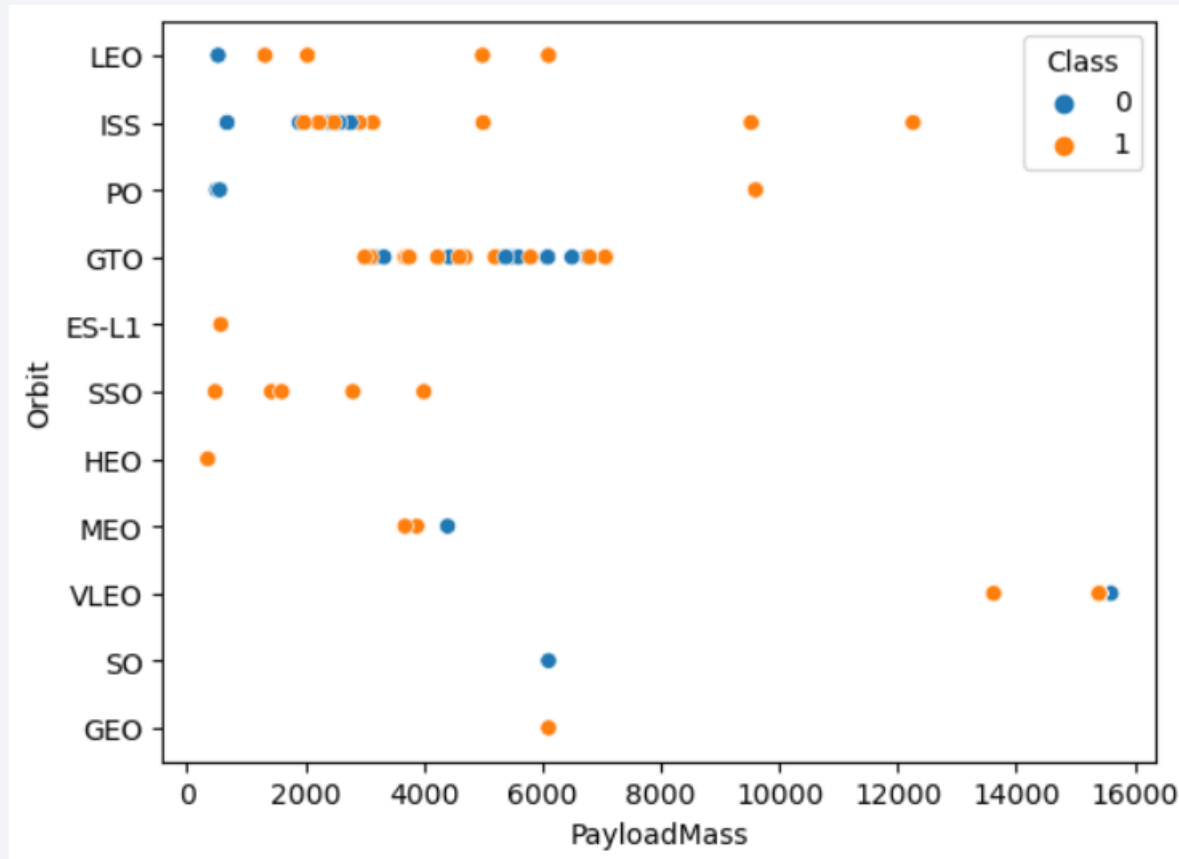
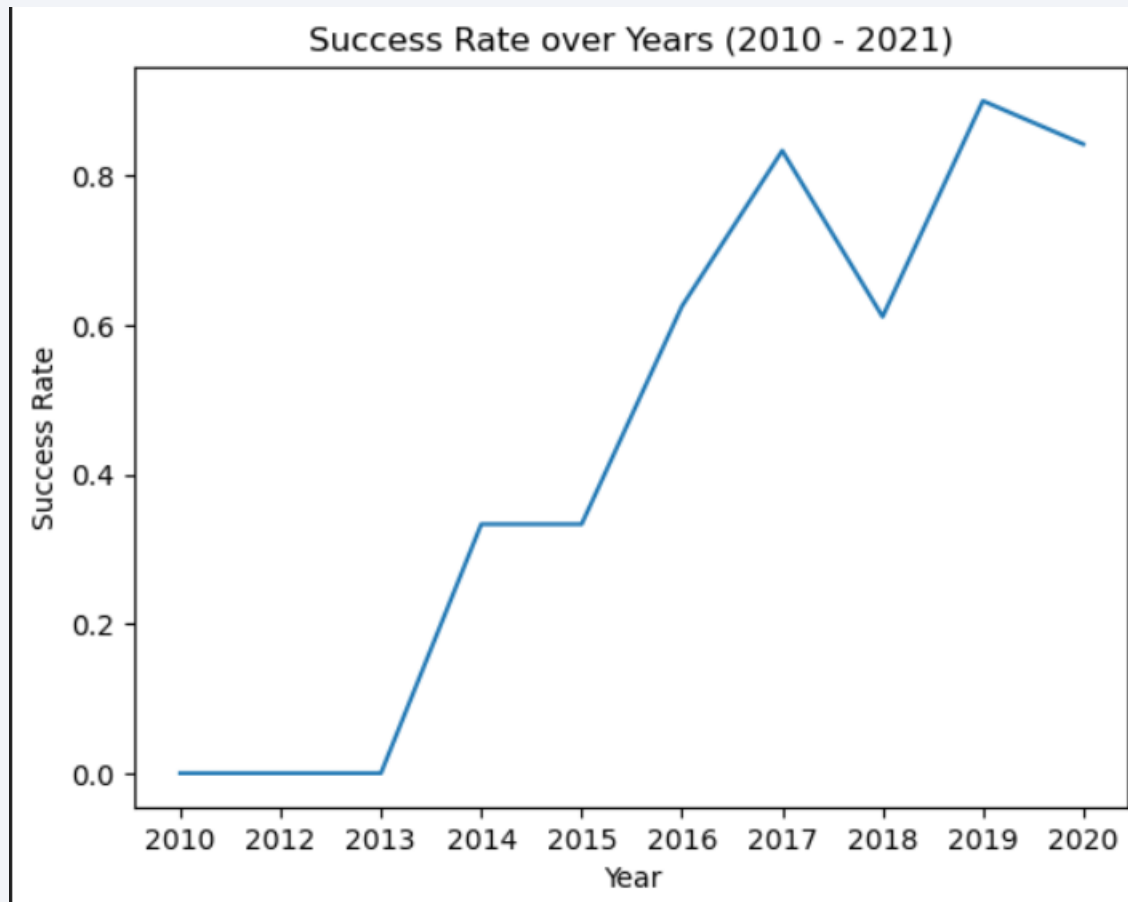


Figure 8: Scatter Plot Payload vs. Orbit Type

- 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(unsuccesful mission) are both there here.

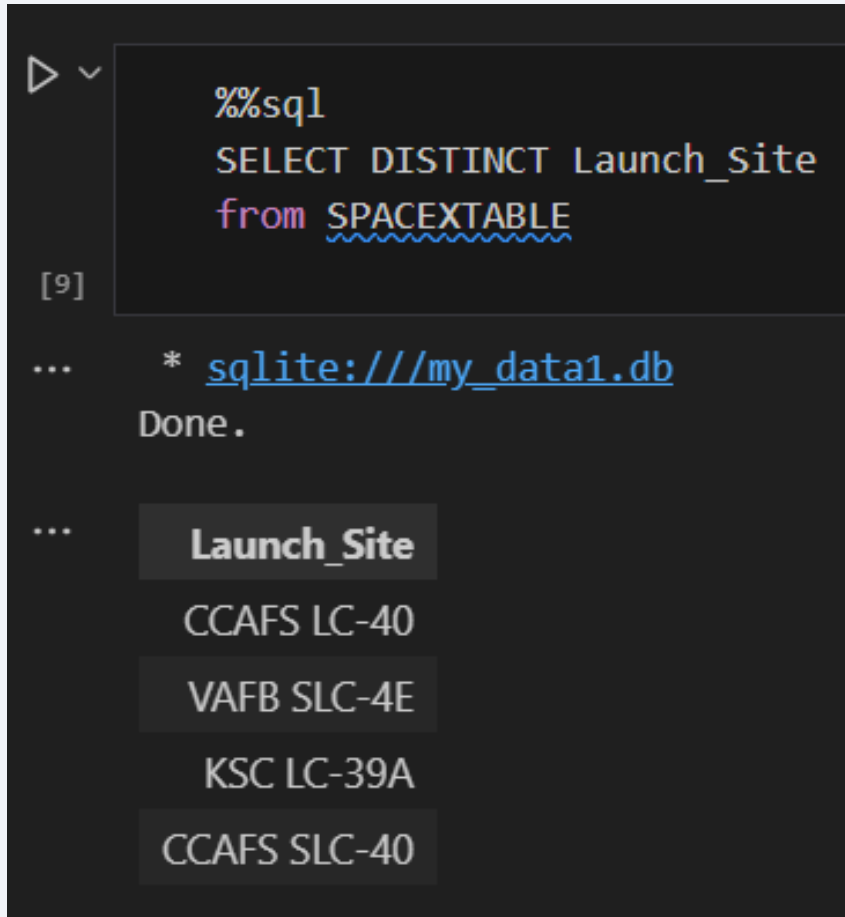
Launch Success Yearly Trend



- The success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2017 (stable in 2014).
- After 2015 it started increasing.
- Slight decrease in 2018.

Figure 9: Line Plot Launch Success Yearly Trend

All Launch Site Names



```
%%sql
SELECT DISTINCT Launch_Site
from SPACEXTABLE
```

[9]

... * [sqlite:///my_data1.db](#)

Done.

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

- The SELECT DISTINCT statement is used to return only distinct (different) values.
- The result has 4 values:
 - CCAFS LC-40
 - VAFB SLC-4E
 - KSC LC-39A
 - CCAFS SLC-40

Figure 10: All Launch Site Names

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

```
%%sql
SELECT *
from SPACEXTABLE
WHERE Launch_Site LIKE 'CCA%'
LIMIT 5
```

[10] ✓ 0.0s Python

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

Done.

...

| 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 |

- Use the LIKE Operator to find strings starting with “CCA”.
- Limit the results displayed using the LIMIT Operator.

Figure 11: Record with Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

Total Payload Mass

```
%%sql
SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) as 'Total Payload from NASA (CRS)'
from SPACEXTABLE
WHERE Customer = 'NASA (CRS)'

[11] ✓ 0.0s

* sqlite:///my\_data1.db
Done.

Total Payload from NASA (CRS)
45596
```

- The SUM() function returns the total sum of a numeric column.
- The result is 45,596 Kg.

Figure 12: Total Payload Mass

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

```
%%sql
SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) as 'Avg Payload carried by version F9 v1.1'
from SPACEXTABLE
WHERE Booster_Version LIKE 'F9 v1.1'

[12] ✓ 0.0s

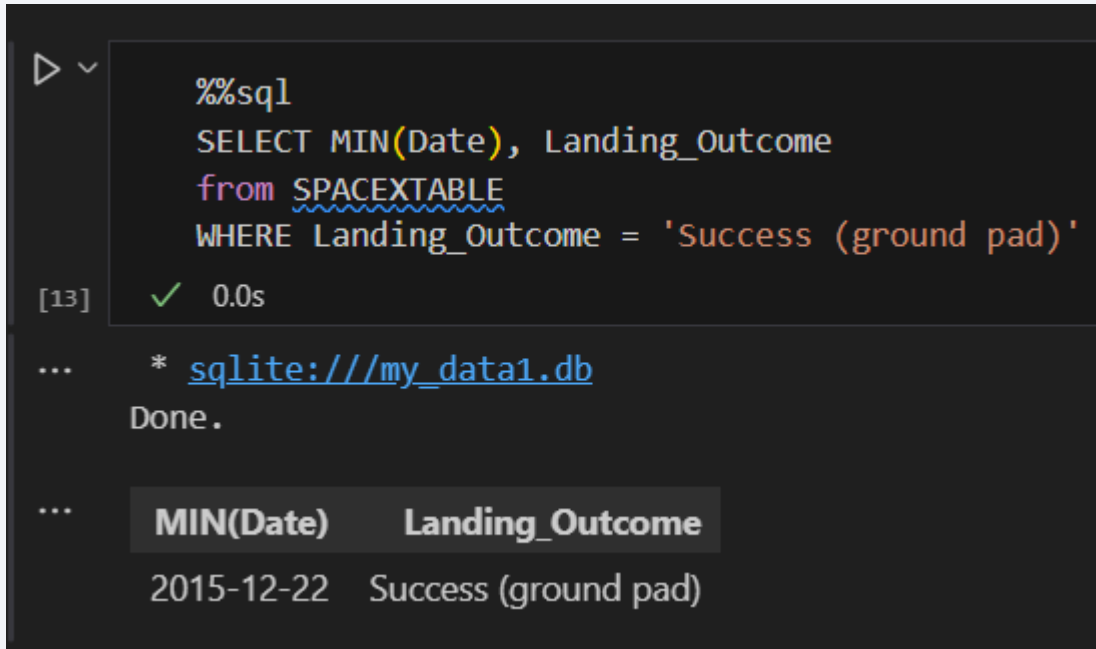
... * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

... Avg Payload carried by version F9 v1.1
2928.4
```

Figure 13: Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

- The AVG() function returns the average value of a numeric column.
- Like Operator used to search for booster version name “F9 v1.1”.

First Successful Ground Landing Date



The screenshot shows a SQLite query execution interface. The query is: `SELECT MIN(Date), Landing_Outcome from SPACEXTABLE WHERE Landing_Outcome = 'Success (ground pad)'`. The execution status is [13] ✓ 0.0s. The connection is * [sqlite:///my_data1.db](#). The result is displayed as a table with two columns: MIN(Date) and Landing_Outcome. The result row shows the date 2015-12-22 and the outcome Success (ground pad).

```
%%sql
SELECT MIN(Date), Landing_Outcome
from SPACEXTABLE
WHERE Landing_Outcome = 'Success (ground pad)'
```

[13] ✓ 0.0s

... * [sqlite:///my_data1.db](#)
Done.

| MIN(Date) | Landing_Outcome |
|------------|----------------------|
| 2015-12-22 | Success (ground pad) |

Figure 14: First Successful Ground Landing Date

- The MIN() function returns the smallest value of the selected column.
- The condition here are successful landing “Success” with landing on the ground “ground pad”.
- The results obtained are December 12, 2015.

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

```
%%sql
SELECT DISTINCT Booster_Version, PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_, Landing_Outcome
from SPACEXTABLE
WHERE
PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ BETWEEN 4000 and 6000
and
Landing_Outcome = 'Success (drone ship)'
```

[14] ✓ 0.0s

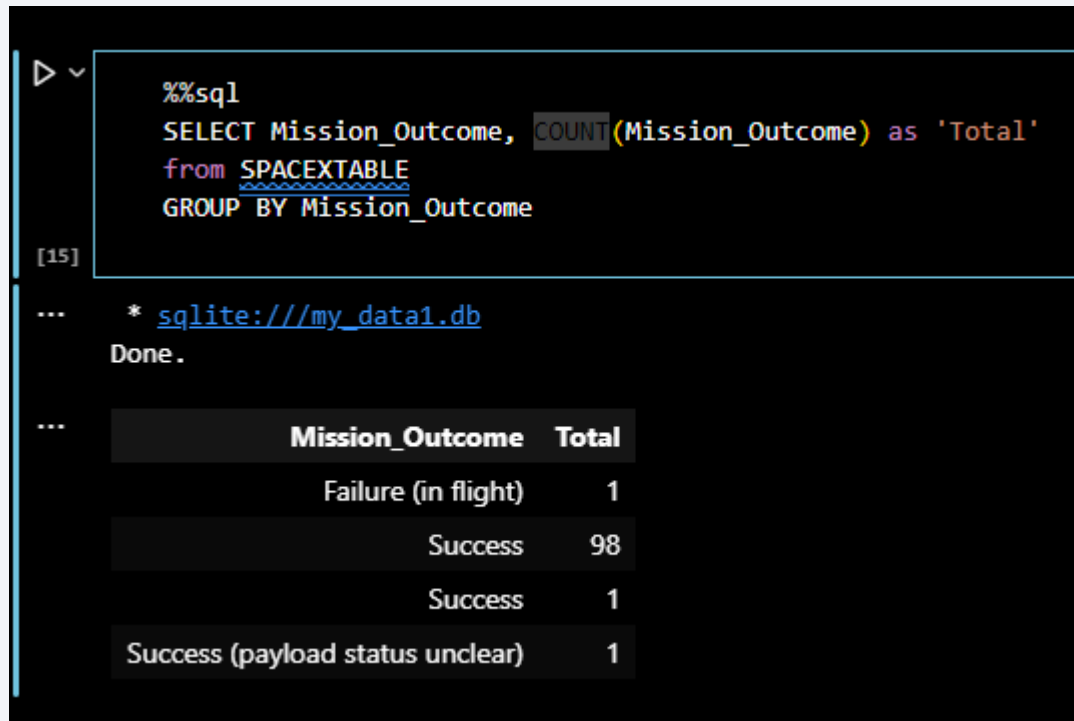
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Done.

| Booster_Version | PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ | Landing_Outcome |
|-----------------|------------------|----------------------|
| F9 FT B1022 | 4696 | Success (drone ship) |
| F9 FT B1026 | 4600 | Success (drone ship) |
| F9 FT B1021.2 | 5300 | Success (drone ship) |
| F9 FT B1031.2 | 5200 | Success (drone ship) |

- The AND operator is used to filter records based on more than one condition.
- First condition, have payload mass greater than 4,000 but less than 6,000.
- Second condition, landing success on the drone ship .

Figure 15: Successful Drone Ship Landing

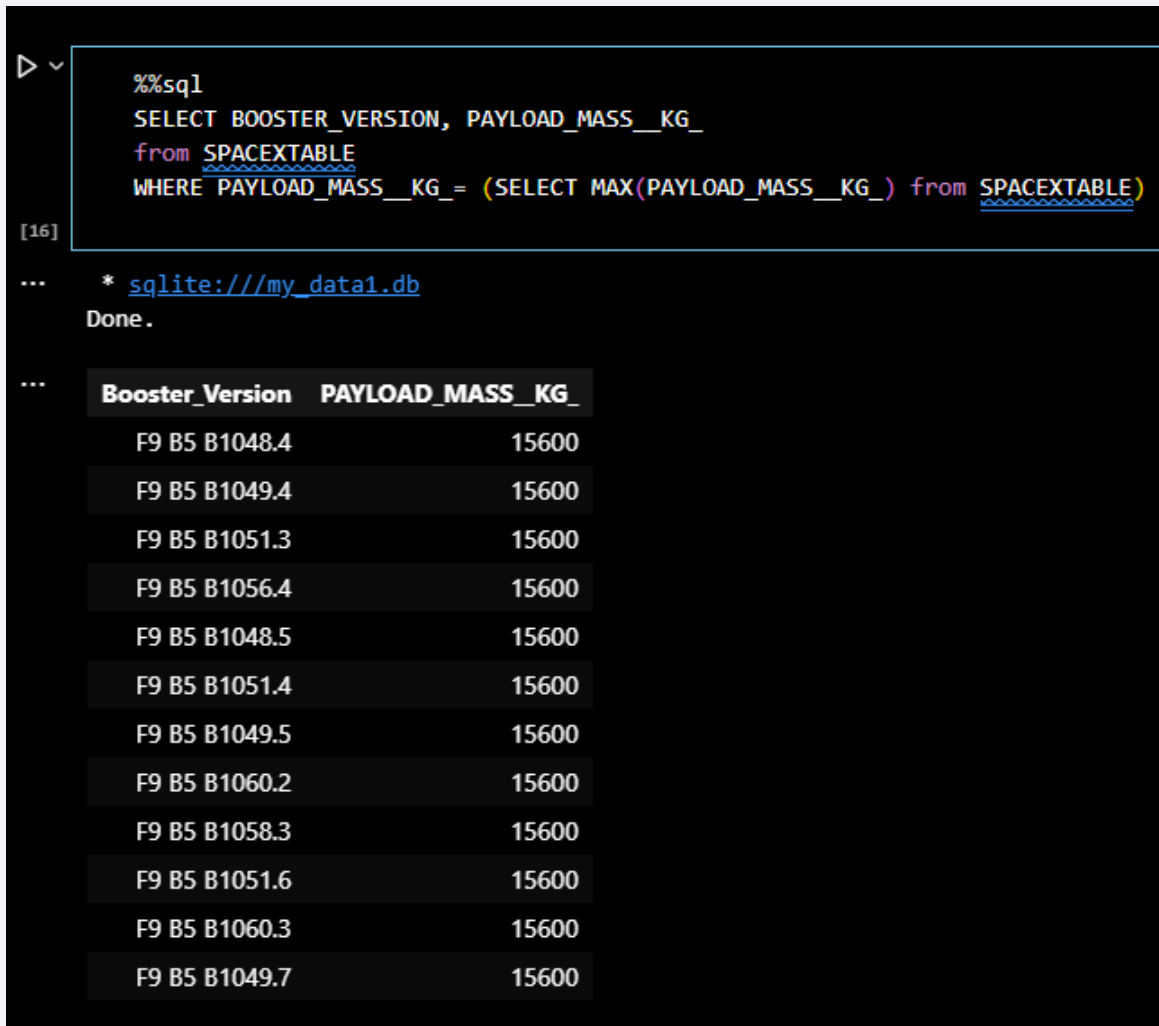
Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes



- The COUNT() function returns the number of rows that matches a specified criterion.
- SpaceX appears to achieve its mission outcome nearly 99% of the time.

Figure 16: Total Number of Successful and Failure

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload



```
%%sql
SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION, PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_
from SPACEXTABLE
WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) from SPACEXTABLE)
```

[16]

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

...

| Booster_Version | PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ |
|-----------------|------------------|
| F9 B5 B1048.4 | 15600 |
| F9 B5 B1049.4 | 15600 |
| F9 B5 B1051.3 | 15600 |
| F9 B5 B1056.4 | 15600 |
| F9 B5 B1048.5 | 15600 |
| F9 B5 B1051.4 | 15600 |
| F9 B5 B1049.5 | 15600 |
| F9 B5 B1060.2 | 15600 |
| F9 B5 B1058.3 | 15600 |
| F9 B5 B1051.6 | 15600 |
| F9 B5 B1060.3 | 15600 |
| F9 B5 B1049.7 | 15600 |

- By using subquery, the result obtained from subquery is 15,600 kg.
- Returning to the main clause, we will list booster names with payload mass reaching a maximum value of 15,600kg.

Figure 17: Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

2015 Launch Records

```
%%sql
SELECT substr(Date, 6,2) as 'Month', substr(Date, 0,5) as 'Year',
Landing_Outcome, Booster_Version, Launch_Site
from SPACEXTABLE
WHERE
substr(Date, 0,5) = '2015'
and
Landing_Outcome LIKE 'Failure%'

[17]
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Done.
...

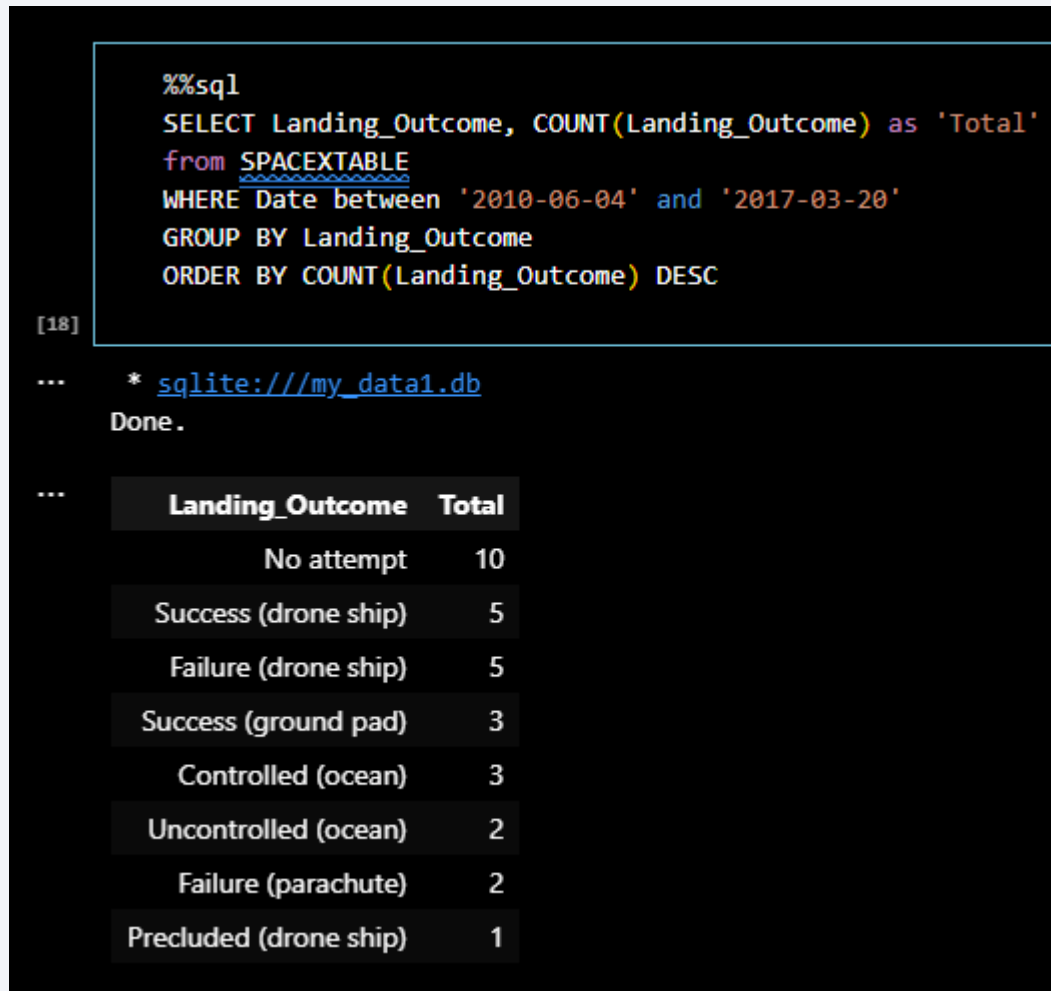

| Month | Year | Landing_Outcome      | Booster_Version | Launch_Site |
|-------|------|----------------------|-----------------|-------------|
| 01    | 2015 | Failure (drone ship) | F9 v1.1 B1012   | CCAFS LC-40 |
| 04    | 2015 | Failure (drone ship) | F9 v1.1 B1015   | CCAFS LC-40 |


```

Figure 18: 2015 Launch Failure Records

- SQLite does not support month names. So, using substr(Date, 6,2) as month to get the months and substr(Date,0,5)='2015' for year.
- The first condition is that the launch must be in 2015.
- And the second condition is that the launch is classified as a failure.

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



- The BETWEEN operator selects values within a given range.
- The DESC command is used to sort the data returned in descending order.
- The condition here is that the experimental data collection date must be between June 4, 2010 and March 20, 2017.

Figure 19: Rank Landing Outcomes

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and city lights at night. The background is a deep blue gradient.

Section 3

Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

Marked Launch Sites

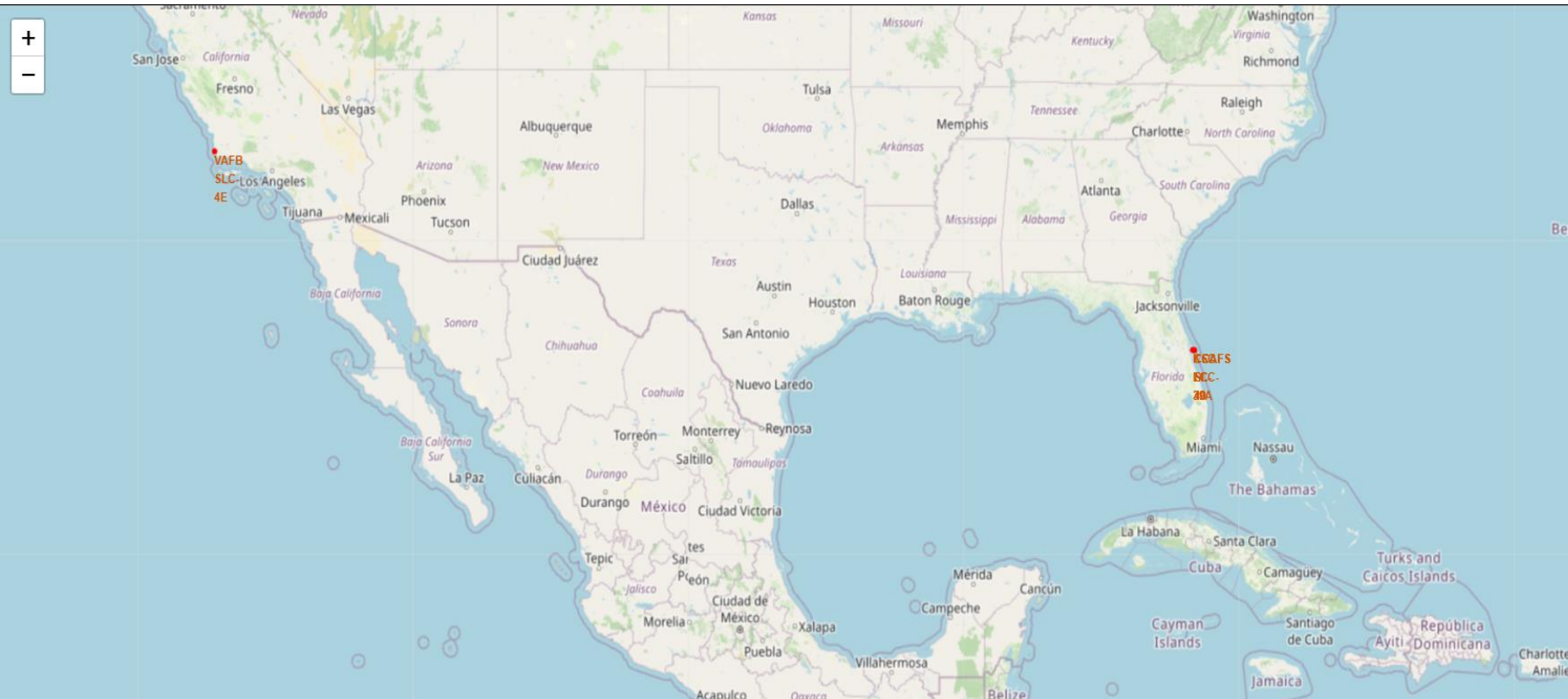
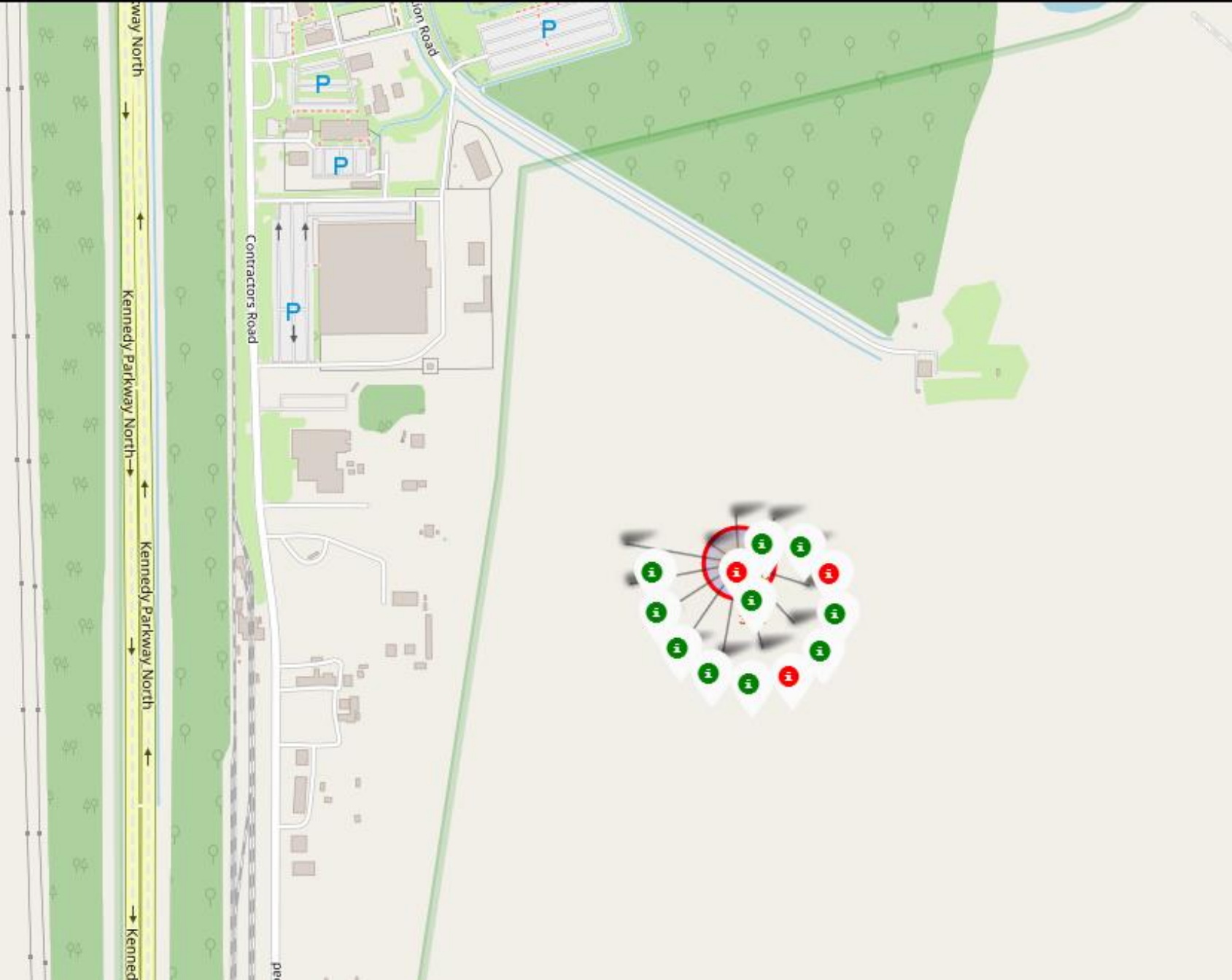


Figure 20: Folium map with marked launch sites

- There are a total of 4 launch sites in the map shown.
- Particularly, the 3 launch sites, “CCAFS LC-40”, “CCAFS SLC-40”, “KSC LC-39A”, are located quite close to each other, so the names of launch site are overlapped.



Color-labeled Launch Outcomes

- This is KSC LC-39A launch site.
- Clusters on Folium map can be clicked on to display each successful landing (green icon) and failed landing (red icon).

Figure 21: Folium map color-labeled launch outcomes

Proximities

- Using VAFB SLC-4E as an example, launch sites are very close to railways for large part and supply transportation (1,51 km).
- Also close to highways for human and supply transport (0,85 Km).
- And especially far away from city areas to avoid affecting the city and its people (14,15 km).

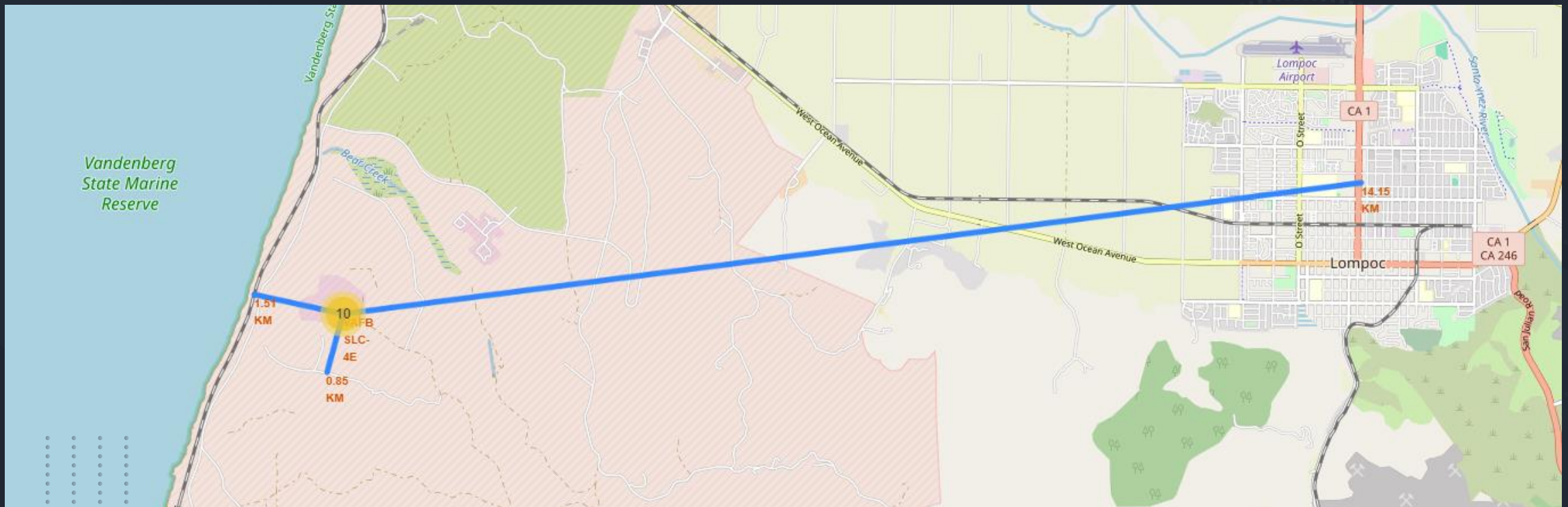


Figure 22: Folium map with Proximities



Section 4

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Successful Launches Across Launch Sites

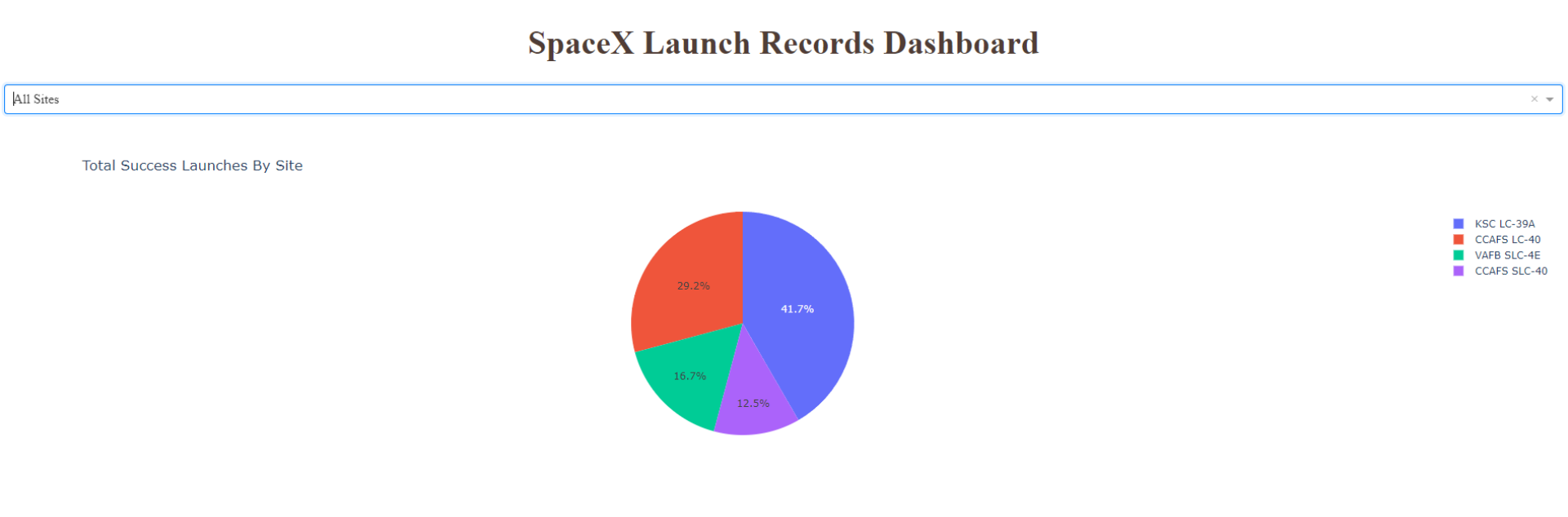


Figure 23: All launch site success rate

- This is the distribution of successful landings across all launch sites.
- CCAFS LC-40 is the old name of CCAFS SLC-40 so CCAFS and KSC have the same landing success rate.
- VAFB has the smallest successful landing rate.

Launch Site Highest Success Rate

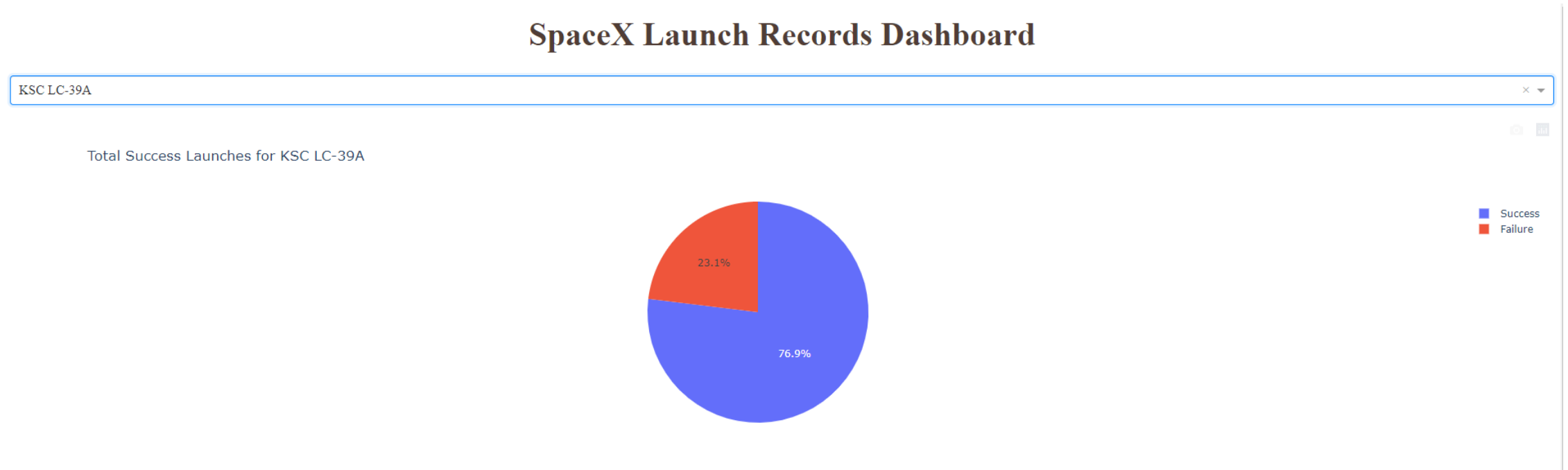


Figure 24: Launch Site has the highest success rate

- KSC LC-39A has the highest success rate with 10 successful landing and 3 failed landing

Payload Mass vs. Success vs. Booster Version Category

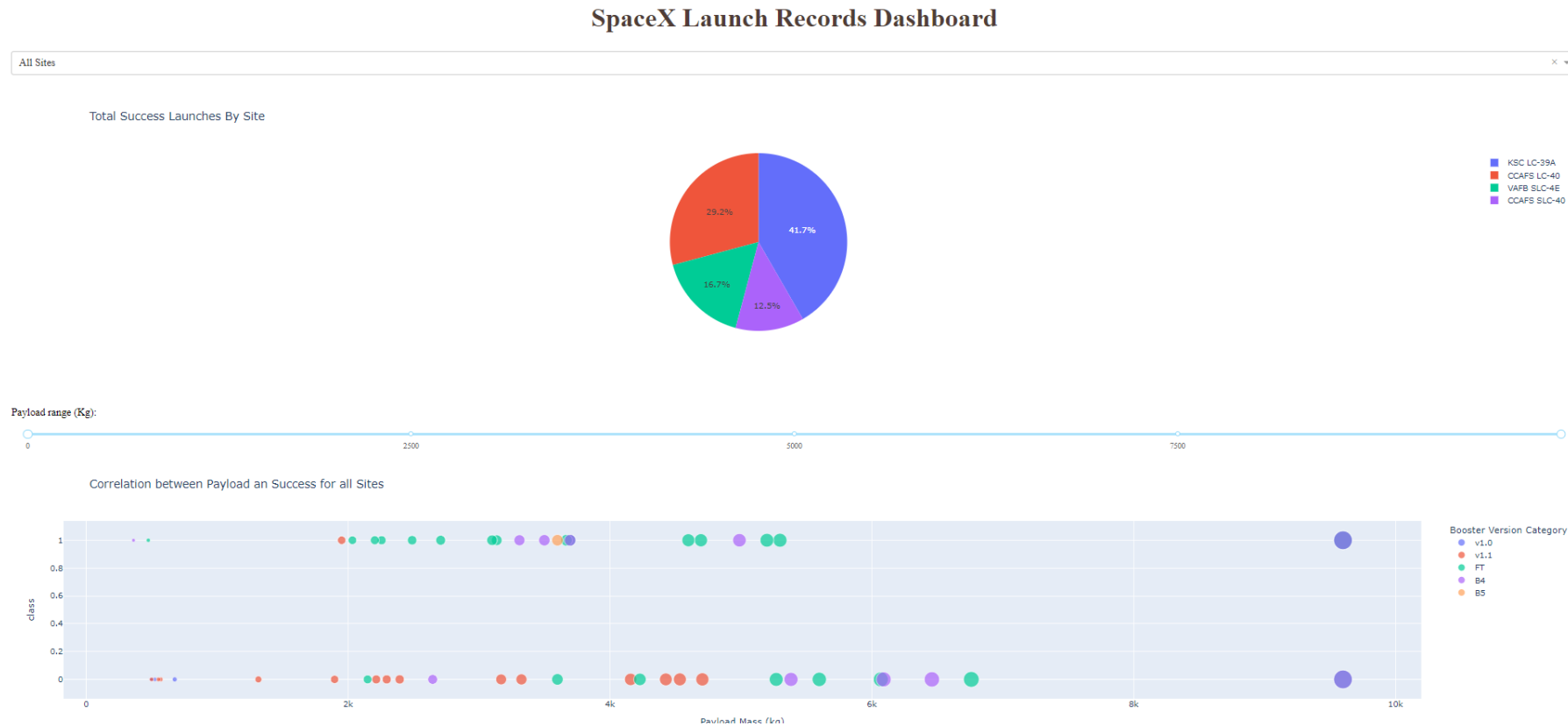


Figure 25: Scatter plot Payload Mass vs. Success Rate vs. Booster Version Category

- The Dashboard has a Payload slider with values set from 0 - 10,000 kg.
- The class represents 1 for a successful landing and 0 for a failed landing.

Section 5

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Classification Accuracy

- The model with the highest performs is “Decision Tree” with value of 87.5%.

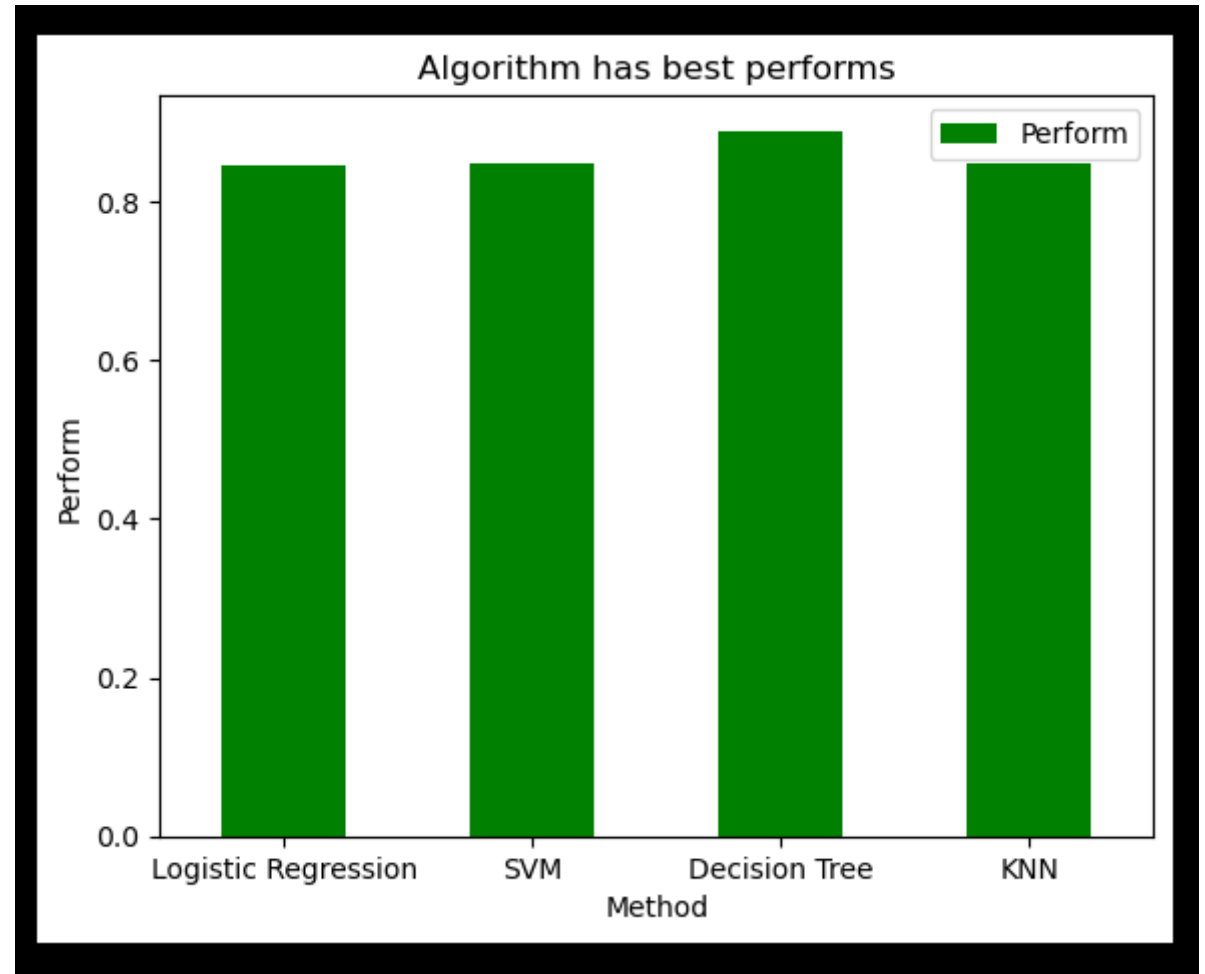
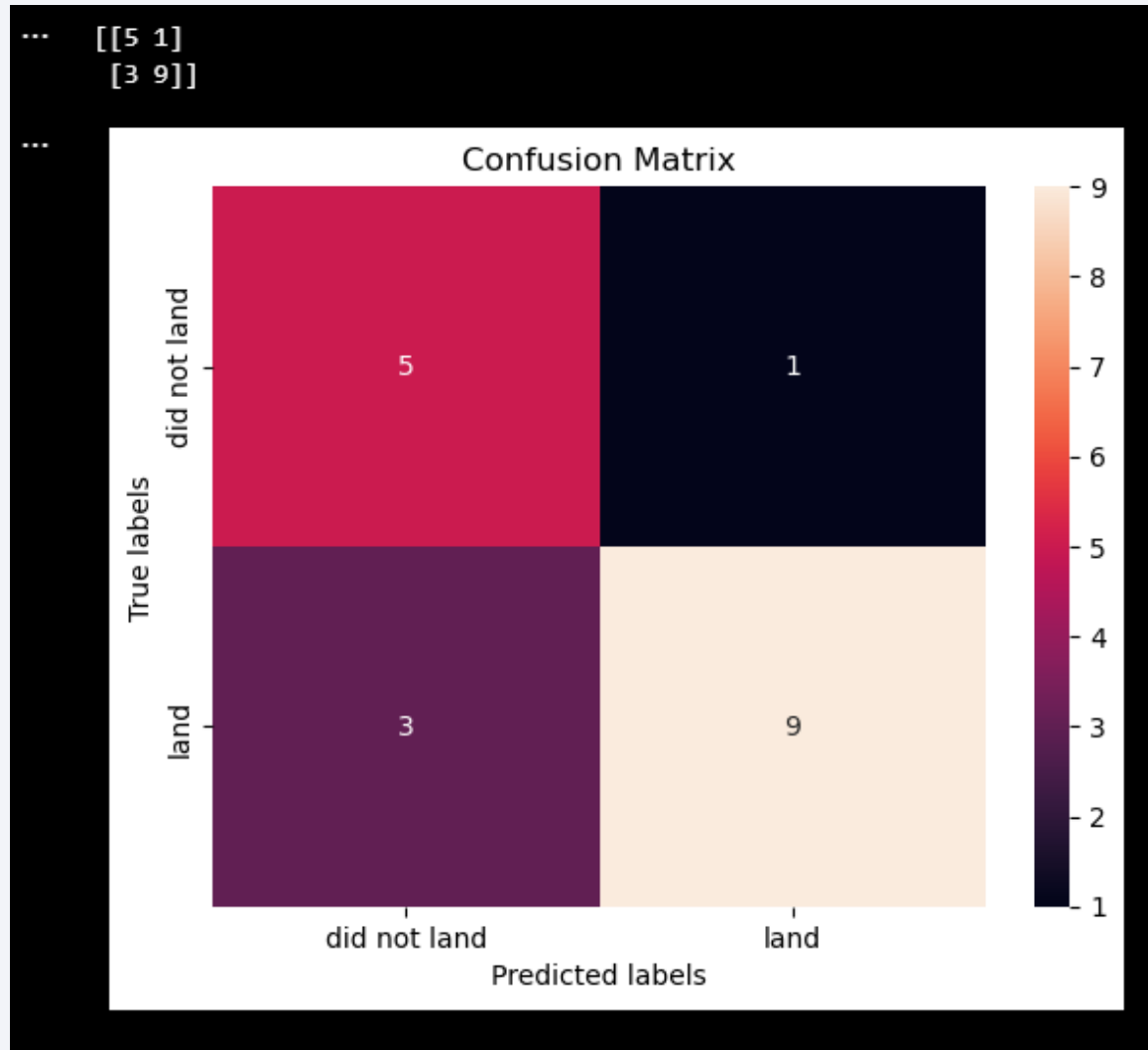


Figure 26: Bar Plot Model Accuracy

Confusion Matrix



- The values obtained are:
 - True Positive: 9
 - True Negative: 3
 - False Positive: 5
 - False Negative: 1

Figure 27: Confusion Matrix

Conclusions

- 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.
- After finished the project 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

- Include any relevant assets like Python code snippets, SQL queries, charts, Notebook outputs, or data sets that you may have created during this project

Thank you!

