

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

Summary of methodologies

- SpaceX Data Collection using SpaceX AP
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- SpaceX Exploratory Data Analysis using SQL
- Space-X EDA DataViz Using Python Pandas and Matplotlib
- Space-X Launch Sites Analysis with Folium-Interactive Visual Analytics and Ploty Dash
- SpaceX Machine Learning Landing Prediction

Summary of all results

- EDA results
- Interactive Visual Analytics and Dashboards
- Predictive Analysis(Classification)

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. This information can be used if an alternate company wants to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch.

Problems you want to find answers

In this capstone, we will predict if the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully using data from Falcon 9 rocket launches advertised on its website.



Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - Describe how data was collected
- Perform data wrangling
 - Describe how data was processed
- 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

Describe how data sets were collected.

Data was first collected using SpaceX API (a RESTful API) by making a get request to the SpaceX API. This was done by first defining a series helper functions that would help in the use of the API to extract information using identification numbers in the launch data and then requesting rocket launch data from the SpaceX API url.

- Finally to make the requested JSON results more consistent, the SpaceX launch data was requested and parsed using the GET request and then decoded the response content as a Json result which was then converted into a Pandas data frame.
- Also performed web scraping to collect Falcon 9 historical launch records from a Wikipedia page titled List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches of the launch records are stored in a HTML. Using BeautifulSoup and request Libraries, I extract the Falcon 9 launch HTML table records from the Wikipedia page, Parsed the table and converted it into a Pandas data frame

Data Collection – SpaceX API

Data collected using SpaceX API (a
 RESTful API) by making a get request to
 the SpaceX API then requested and
 parsed the SpaceX launch data using the
 GET request and decoded the response
 content as a Json result which was then
 converted into a Pandas data frame

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You should see the response contains massive information about SpaceX launches. Next, let's try to discover some more relevant information for this project.
     ### Task 1: Request and parse the SpaceX launch data using the 😝 request
      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
10]: response.status_code
     Now we decode the response content as a Json using .json() and turn it into a Pandas dataframe using .json normalize()
11]: # Use json_normalize meethod to convert the json result into a dataframe
     respjson = response.json()
      data = pd.json normalize(respjson)
```

Data Collection - Scraping

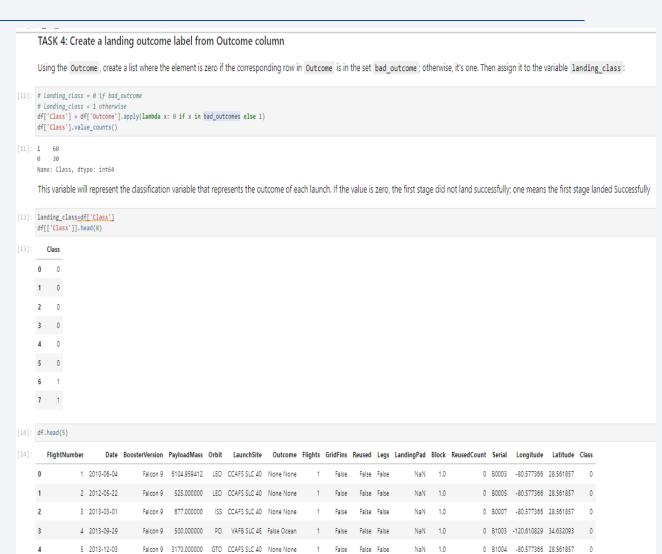
• Performed web scraping to collect Falcon 9 historical launch records from a Wikipedia using BeautifulSoup and request, to extract the Falcon 9 launch records from HTML table of the Wikipedia page, then created a data frame by parsing the launch HTML.

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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. [5]: # 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 [6]: # Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, 'html.parser') Print the page title to verify if the BeautifulSoup object was created properly [7]: # Use soup.title attribute soup.title [7]: <title>List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches - Wikipedia</title>

Data Wrangling

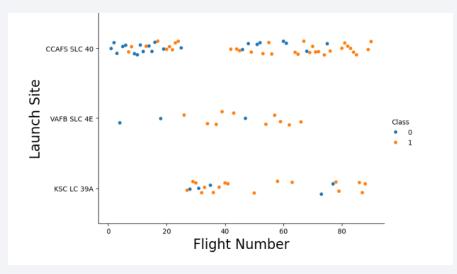
- After obtaining and creating a Pandas DF from the collected data, data was filtered using the BoosterVersion column to only keep the Falcon 9 launches, then dealt with the missing data values in the LandingPad and PayloadMass columns. For the PayloadMass, missing data values were replaced using mean value of column.
- Also performed some Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) to find some patterns in the data and determine what would be the label for training supervised models
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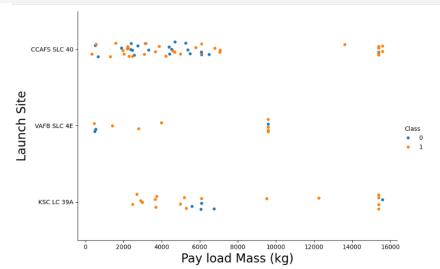


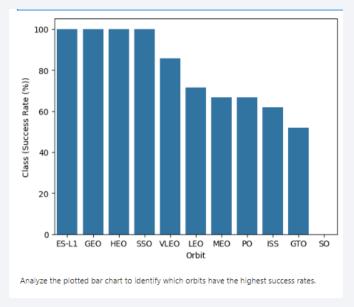
EDA with Data Visualization

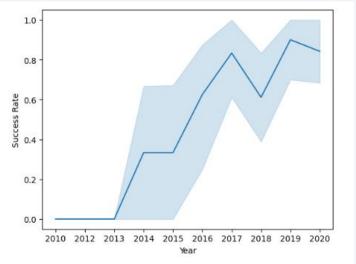
- Performed data Analysis and Feature Engineering using Pandas and Matplotlib.i.e.
- Exploratory Data Analysis
- Preparing Data Feature Engineering
- Used scatter plots to Visualize the relationship between Flight Number and Launch Site, Payload and Launch Site, FlightNumber and Orbit type, Payload and Orbit type.
- Used Bar chart to Visualize the relationship between success rate of each orbit type
- Line plot to Visualize the launch success yearly trend.
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EDA with Data Visualization Part 2









EDA with SQL

- The following SQL queries were performed for EDA
- Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission

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%sql SELECT DISTINCT LAUNCH_SITE as "Launch_Sites" FROM SPACEXTBL;
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Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'

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%sql SELECT * FROM 'SPACEXTBL' WHERE Launch_Site LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5;
```

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

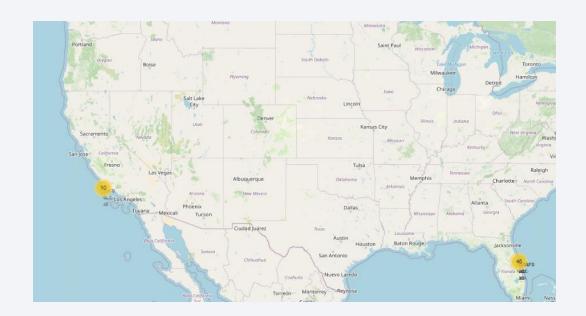
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%sql SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) as "Total Payload Mass(Kgs)", Customer FROM 'SPACEXTBL' WHERE Customer = 'NASA (CRS)';
```

Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

```
%sql SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) as "Payload Mass Kgs", Customer, Booster_Version FROM 'SPACEXTBL' WHERE Booster_Version LIKE 'F9 v1.1%';
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Build an Interactive Map with Folium

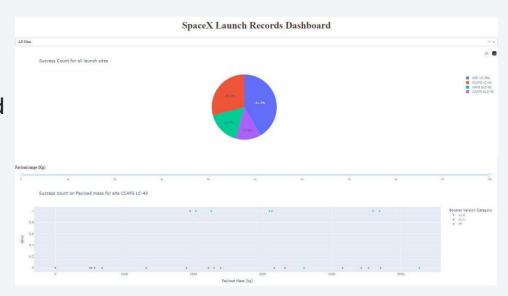
- Created folium map to marked all the launch sites, and created map objects such as markers, circles, lines to mark the success or failure of launches for each launch site.
- Created a launch set outcomes (failure=0 or success=1).
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Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Built an interactive dashboard application with Plotly dash by:
- Adding a Launch Site Drop-down Input Component
- Adding a callback function to render success-pie-chart based on selected site dropdown
- Adding a Range Slider to Select Payload
- Addeng a callback function to render the success-payloadscatter-chart scatter plot

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Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- Summary of how I built, evaluated, improved, and found the best performing classification model
- After loading the data as a Pandas Dataframe, I set out to perform exploratory Data Analysis and determine Training Labels by creating a NumPy array from the column Class in data, by applying the method to_numpy() then assigned it to the variable Y as the outcome variable.
- Then standardized the feature dataset (x) by transforming it using preprocessing. Standard Scaler() function from Sklearn.
- After which the data was split into training and testing sets using the function train_test_split from sklearn.model_selection with the test_size parameter set to 0.2 and random_state to 2.
- In order to find the best ML model/ method that would performs best using the test data between SVM, Classification Trees, k nearest neighbors and Logistic Regression.
- First created an object for each of the algorithms then created a GridSearchCV object and assigned them a set of parameters for each model.
- For each of the models under evaluation, the GridsearchCV object was created with cv=10, then fit the training data into the GridSearch object for each to Find best Hyperparameter.
- After fitting the training set, we output GridSearchCV object for each of the models, then displayed the best parameters using the data attribute best_params_ and the accuracy on the validation data using the data attribute best_score_.
- Finally using the method score to calculate the accuracy on the test data for each model and plotted a confussion matrix for each using the test and predicted outcomes.

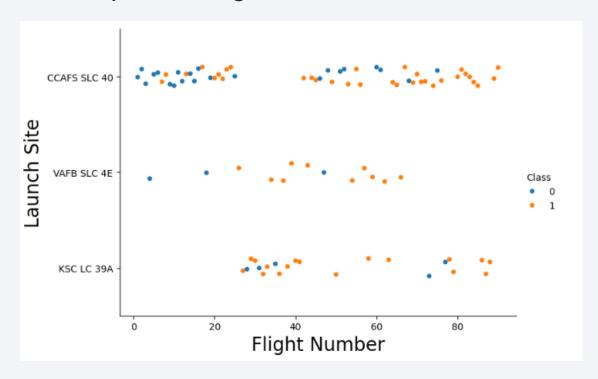
Results

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



Flight Number vs. Launch Site

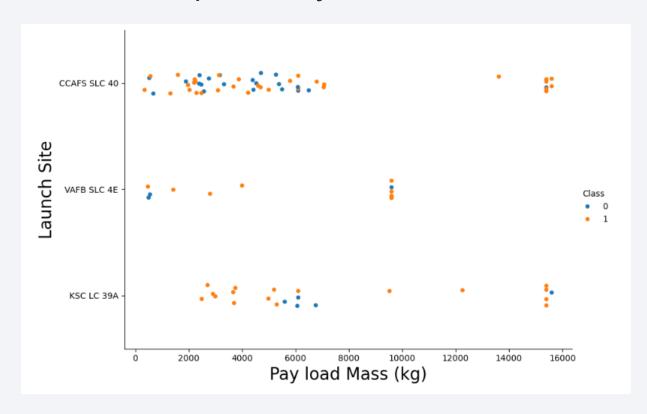
A scatter plot of Flight Number vs. Launch Site



What we can infer from this scatterplot is that as the number of launches increase the likelihood of success also increase.

Payload vs. Launch Site

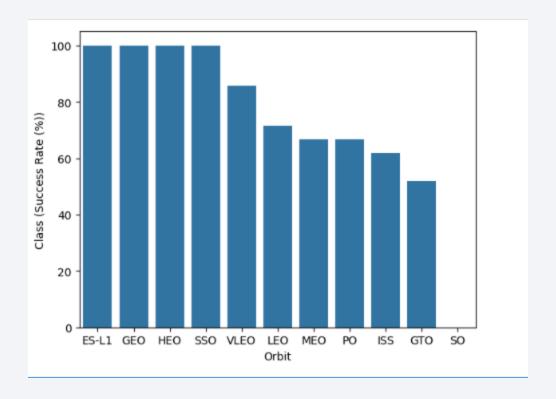
A scatter plot of Payload vs. Launch Site



Payload mass does not appear to effect launch success but launch site VAFB SLC 4E does not launch more than 10000kg

Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

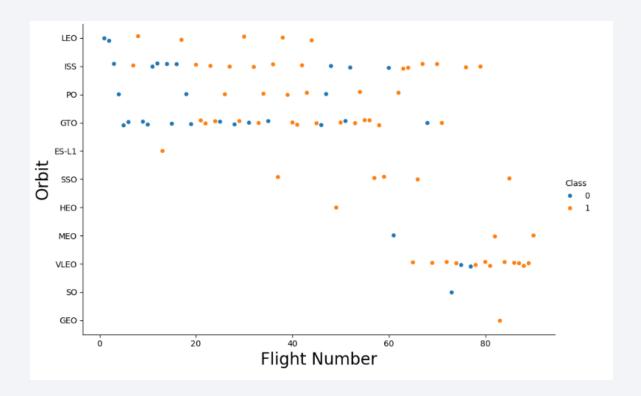
A bar chart of success rate of each orbit type



ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO all have the highest success rate of 100%. The worst is SO with a 0% success rate

Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

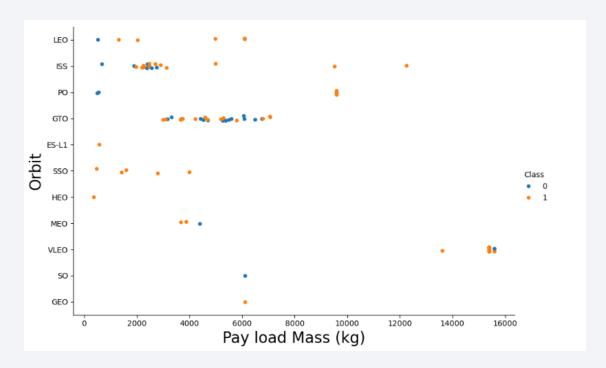
A scatter point of Flight number vs. Orbit type



You can observe that in the LEO orbit, success seems to be related to the number of flights. Conversely, in the GTO orbit, there appears to be no relationship between flight number and success.

Payload vs. Orbit Type

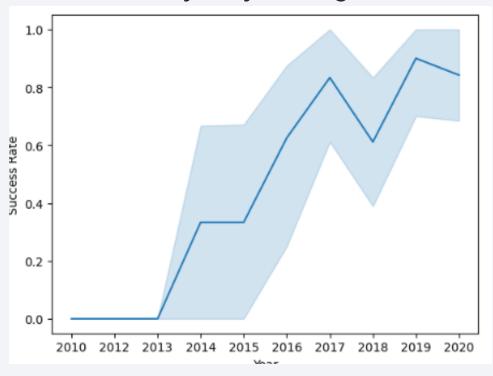
• A scatter point of payload vs. orbit type



For most orbits the higher the payload mass the greater the success rate

Launch Success Yearly Trend

A line chart of yearly average success rate



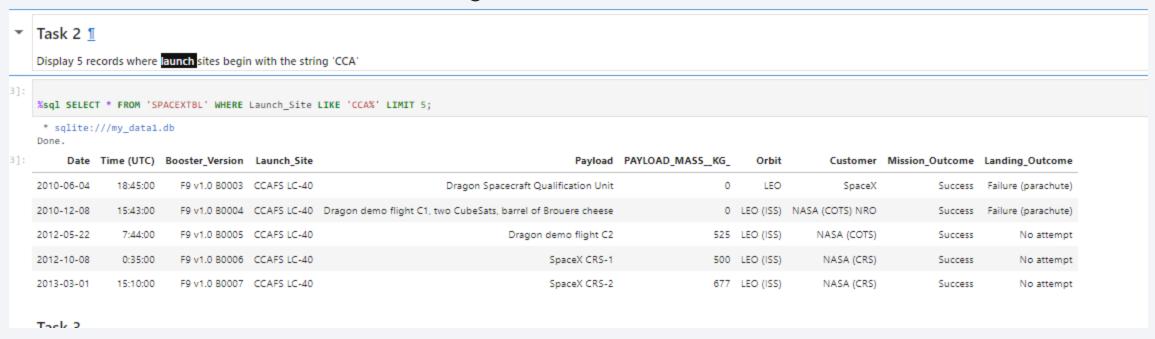
Success has gone up since 2013 except for dip in 2018 and a slight dip in 2020 but has general upwards trend

All Launch Site Names

Unique launch site names

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`



• Used 'LIKE' command with '%' wildcard in 'WHERE' clause to select and dispay a table of all records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA' and limit 5 to only show 5

Total Payload Mass

The total payload carried by boosters from NASA

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Task 3

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

****Sql SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) as "Total Payload Mass(Kgs)", Customer FROM 'SPACEXTBL' WHERE Customer = 'NASA (CRS)';

*** sqlite:///my_datal.db
Done.

***Total Payload Mass(Kgs) Customer

45596 NASA (CRS)
```

Used the 'SUM()' function to return and display the total sum of 'PAYLOAD_MASS_KG' column for Customer 'NASA(CRS)'

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

The average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1



• Used the 'AVG()' function to return and dispaly the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

First Successful Ground Landing Date

The dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad

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Task 5

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

HintUse min function

[20]: %sql SELECT MIN(DATE) FROM 'SPACEXTBL' WHERE "Landing_Outcome" = "Success (ground pad)";

* sqlite://my_datal.db
Done.

[20]: MIN(DATE)

2015-12-22
```

Used the 'MIN()' function to return and display the first (oldest) date when first successful landing outcome

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

 List the names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

Present your query result with a short explanation here

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

- Calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- Present your query result with a short explanation here

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

- List the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass
- Present your query result with a short explanation here

2015 Launch Records

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

• Present your query result with a short explanation here

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

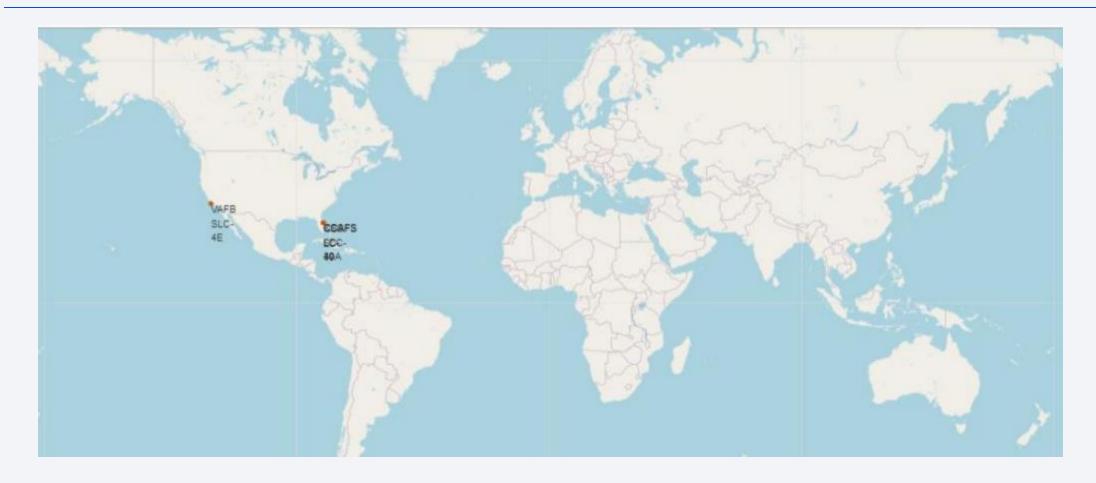
• The count of landing outcomes (such as Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad)) between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20, in descending order



• Used 'Select Distinct' statement to return and list the 'unique' names of boosters with operators >4000 and <6000 to only list booster with payloads btween 4000-6000 with landing outcome of 'Success (drone ship)'.



Markers of all launch sites on global map



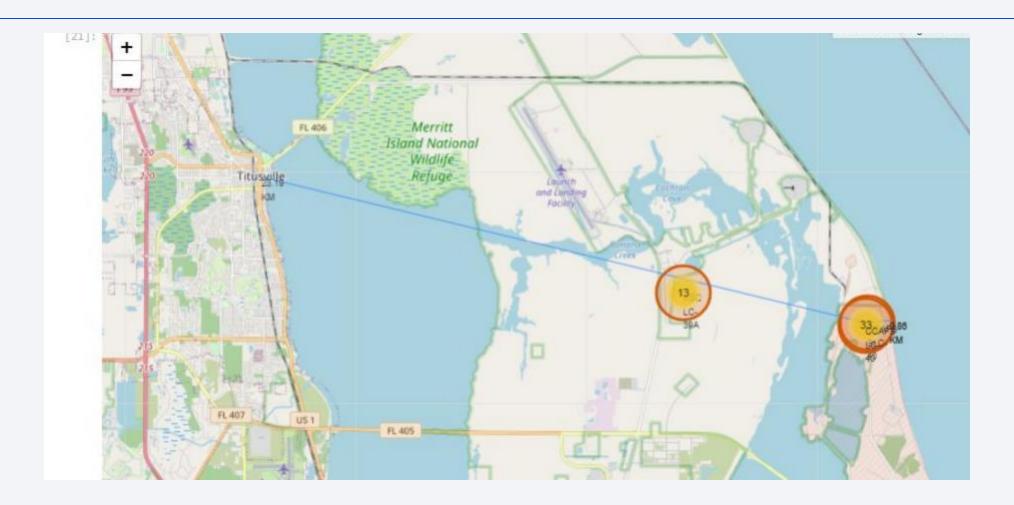
• All launch sites are in proximity to the Equator. Also all the launch sites are on the coast.

Launch outcomes for Florida with color markers



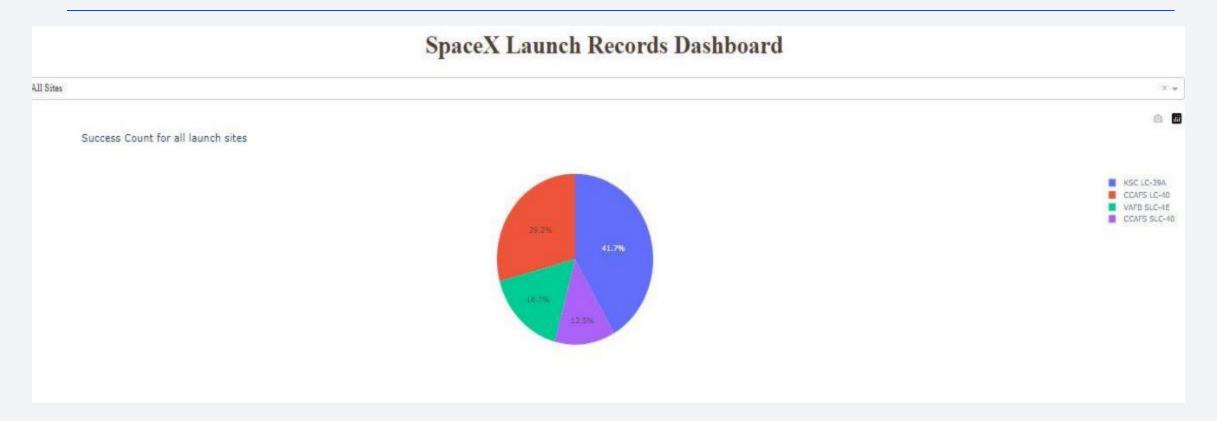
In Florida Launch site KSC LC-39A has relatively high success rates compared to CCAFS SLC-40 & CCAFS LC-40.

Distances between a launch site to its proximities



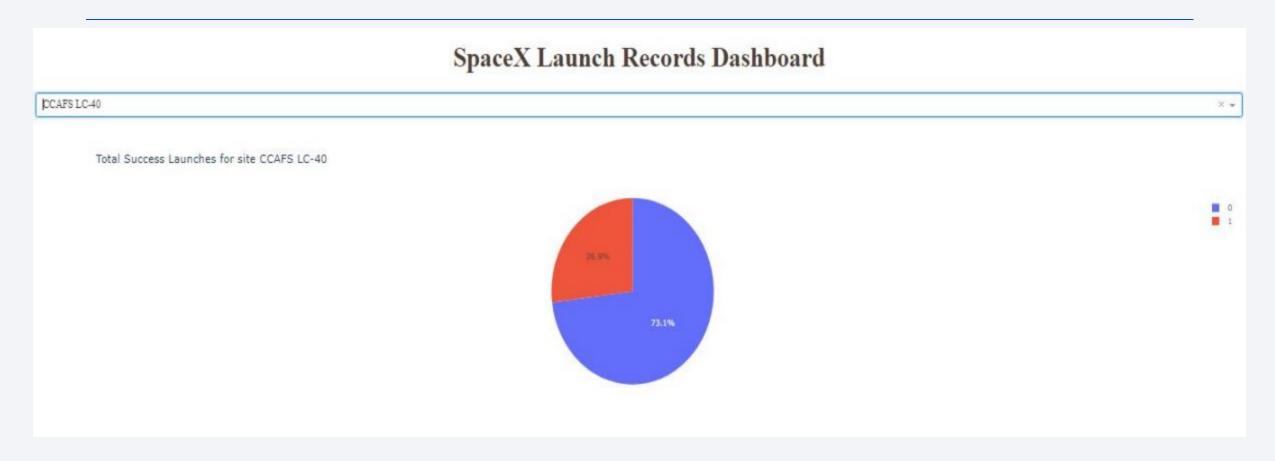


Pie-Chart for launch success count for all sites



Launch site KSC LC-39A has the highest launch success rate at 42% followed by CCAFS LC-40 at 29%, VAFB SLC-4E at 17% and lastly launch site CCAFS SLC-40 with a success rate of 13%

Pie chart for the launch site with 2nd highest launch success ratio



• Launch site CCAFS LC-40 had the 2nd highest success ratio of 73% success against 27% failed launches

Payload vs. Launch Outcome scatter plot for all sites



• For Launch site CCAFS LC-40 the booster version FT has the largest success rate from a payload mass of >2000kg

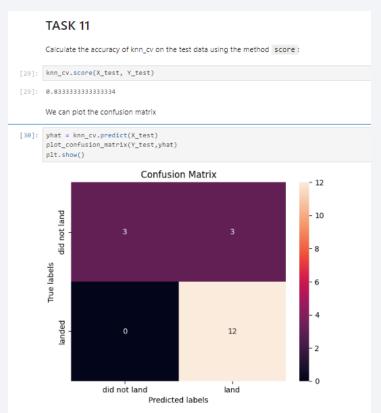


Classification Accuracy



They all have the same accuarcy

Confusion Matrix



• All the 4 classification model had the same confusion matrixes and were able equally distinguish between the different classes. The major problem is false positives for all the models.

Conclusions

- Different launch sites have different success rates. CCAFS LC-40, has a success rate of 60 %, while KSC LC-39A and VAFB SLC 4E has a success rate of 77%.
- We can deduce that, as the flight number increases in each of the 3 launch sites, so does the success rate. For instance, the success rate for the VAFB SLC 4E launch site is 100% after the Flight number 50. Both KSC LC 39A and CCAFS SLC 40 have a 100% success rates after 80th flight
- If you observe Payload Vs. Launch Site scatter point chart you will find for the VAFB-SLC launch site there are no rockets launched for heavy payload mass(greater than 10000).
- Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO & SSO have the highest success rates at 100%, with SO orbit having the lowest success rate at ~50%. Orbit SO has 0% success rate.
- 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
- 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
- Finally the success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020.

