

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

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Introduction

Project background and context

• SpaceX advertises that its Falcon9 rocket launches cost 62 Million dollars on its website, in contrast to which other competitors cost upward of 165 million dollar. Most of the saving is because of SpaceX's ability to 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
- 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 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/Prashy1712/IB M-Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/spacex-datacollection-api1.ipynb.

```
    Get request for rocket launch data using API

           spacex url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
           response = requests.get(spacex url)
   2. Use json normalize method to convert json result to dataframe
           # Use json normalize method to convert the json result into a dataframe
           # decode response content as json
           static json df = res.json()
           # apply json normalize
           data = pd.json_normalize(static_json_df)
   3. We then performed data cleaning and filling in the missing values
In [30]:
           rows = data falcon9['PayloadMass'].values.tolist()[0]
           df rows = pd.DataFrame(rows)
           df rows = df rows.replace(np.nan, PayloadMass)
           data falcon9['PayloadMass'][0] = df rows.values
           data falcon9
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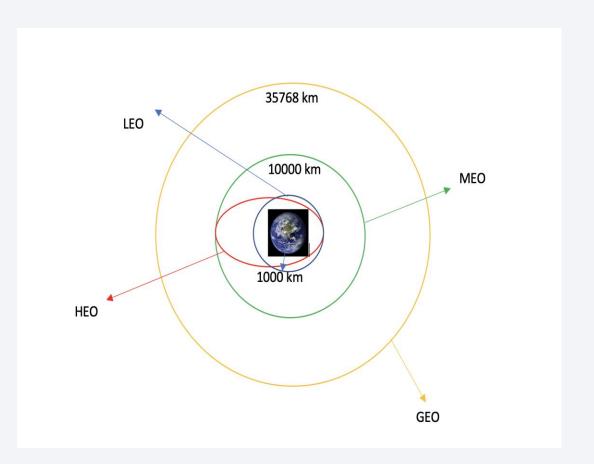
Data Collection - Scraping

- 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/Prashy17 12/IBM-Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/Data%20 Collection%20with%20Web %20Scraping.ipynb.

```
1. Apply HTTP Get method to request the Falcon 9 rocket launch page
In [4]: static_url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Falcon_9_and_Falcon_Heavy_launches&oldid=1027686922"
          # use requests.get() method with the provided static_url
           # assign the response to a object
           html data = requests.get(static url)
           html_data.status_code
Out[5]: 200
    2. Create a BeautifulSoup object from the HTML response
           # Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
           soup = BeautifulSoup(html_data.text, 'html.parser')
          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>
        Extract all column names from the HTML table header
          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) > \theta') into a list called column names
          element = soup.find all('th')
          for row in range(len(element)):
                 name = extract_column_from_header(element[row])
                 if (name is not None and len(name) > 0):
                     column names.append(name)
    4. Create a dataframe by parsing the launch HTML tables
    5. Export data to csv
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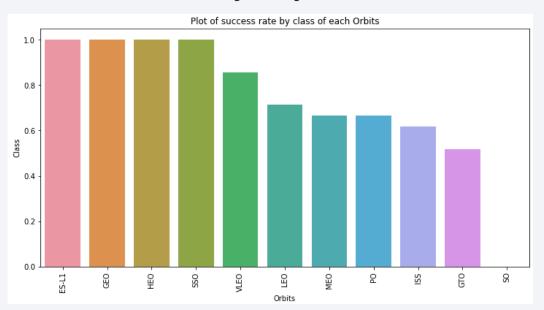
Data Wrangling

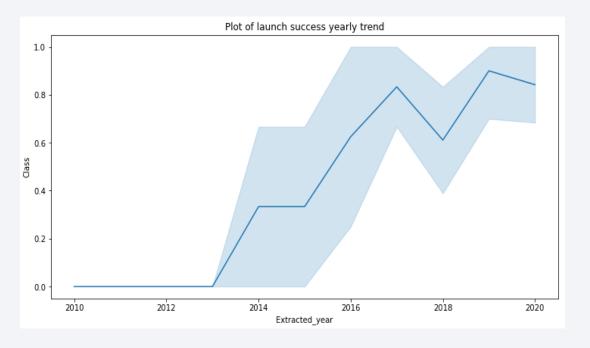
- We performed exploratory data analysis and determined the training labels.
- We calculated the number of launches at each site, and the number and occurrence of each orbits
- We created landing outcome label from outcome column and exported the results to csv.
- The link to the notebook is https://github.com/Prashy1712/IBM-Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/Data%20Wrangling.ip ynb



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/Prashy1712/IBM-
 Data-Science-Capstone-
 SpaceX/blob/main/EDA%20with%20D
 ata%20Visualization.ipynb

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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/Prashy1712/IBM-Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/EDA%20with%20SQL.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.

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
- We plotted scatter graph showing the relationship with Outcome and Payload Mass (Kg) for the different booster version.
- The link to the notebook is https://github.com/Prashy1712/IBM-Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/plotapp.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/Prashy1712/IBM-Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/Machine%20Learning%20Prediction.ipynb

Results

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



Flight Number vs. Launch Site

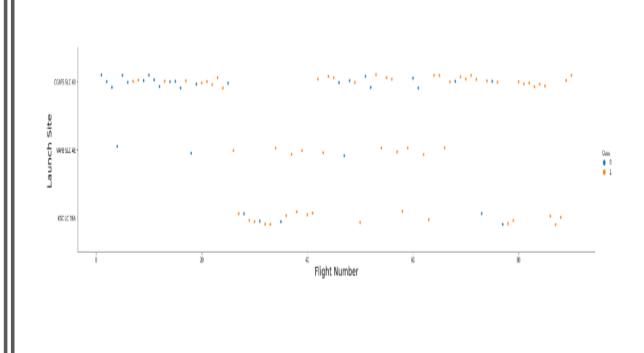
• From the plot, we found that the larger the flight amount at a launch site, the greater the success rate at a launch site.



Payload vs. Launch Site

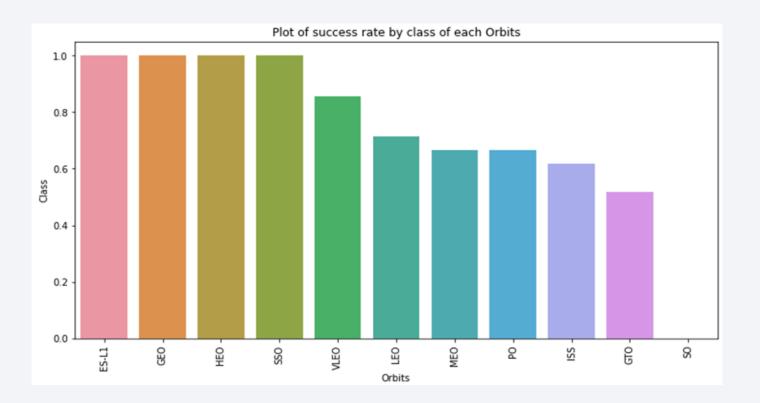


The greater the payload mass for launch site CCAFS SLC 40 the higher the success rate for the rocket.



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

• The plot below shows the Flight Number vs. Orbit type. 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.

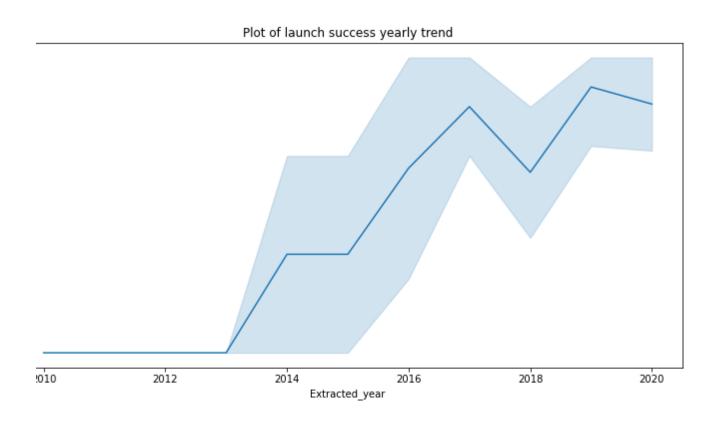


Payload vs. Orbit Type

• We can observe that with heavy payloads, the successful landing are more for PO, LEO and ISS orbits.



Launch Success Yearly Trend



• From the plot, we can observe that success rate since 2013 kept on increasing till 2020.

All Launch Site Names

Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission

```
Out[10]: launchsite

0 KSC LC-39A

1 CCAFS LC-40

2 CCAFS SLC-40

3 VAFB SLC-4E
```

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

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA' In [11]: task_2 = ''' SELECT * FROM SpaceX WHERE LaunchSite LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5 create_pandas_df(task_2, database=conn) Out[11]: launchsite payload payloadmasskg customer missionoutcome landingoutcome time boosterversion orbit CCAFS LC-2010-04-Failure 18:45:00 F9 v1.0 B0003 Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit LEO SpaceX Success (parachute) CCAFS LC-Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel LEO NASA (COTS) Failure F9 v1.0 B0004 Success 40 (ISS) (parachute) CCAFS LC-LEO F9 v1.0 B0005 Dragon demo flight C2 525 NASA (COTS) Success No attempt (ISS) CCAFS LC-LEO F9 v1.0 B0006 SpaceX CRS-1 500 NASA (CRS) Success No attempt CCAFS LC-F9 v1.0 B0007 677 NASA (CRS) SpaceX CRS-2 Success No attempt (ISS)

We used the query above to display 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`

Total Payload Mass

 We calculated the total payload carried by boosters from NASA as 45596 using the query below

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

In [12]: 

task_3 = '''

SELECT SUM(PayloadMassKG) AS Total_PayloadMass
FROM SpaceX
WHERE Customer LIKE 'NASA (CRS)'

'''

create_pandas_df(task_3, database=conn)

Out[12]: 

total_payloadmass

0     45596
```

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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

 We calculated the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 as 2928.4

First Successful Ground Landing Date

2015-12-22

0

 We observed that the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad was 22nd December 2015

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

Out[15]: boosterversion 0 F9 FT B1022 1 F9 FT B1026 2 F9 FT B1021.2 3 F9 FT B1031.2

 We used the WHERE clause to filter for boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and applied the AND condition to determine successful landing with payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

```
In [16]:
          task 7a = '''
                  SELECT COUNT(MissionOutcome) AS SuccessOutcome
                  FROM SpaceX
                  WHERE MissionOutcome LIKE 'Success%'
          task 7b = '''
                  SELECT COUNT(MissionOutcome) AS FailureOutcome
                  FROM SpaceX
                  WHERE MissionOutcome LIKE 'Failure%'
          print('The total number of successful mission outcome is:')
          display(create pandas df(task 7a, database=conn))
          print()
          print('The total number of failed mission outcome is:')
          create pandas df(task 7b, database=conn)
         The total number of successful mission outcome is:
            successoutcome
         0
                      100
         The total number of failed mission outcome is:
            failureoutcome
Out[16]:
```

 We used wildcard like '%' to filter for WHERE MissionOutcome was a success or a failure.

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

List the names of the booster_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery

Out[17]:		boosterversion	payloadmasskg
	0	F9 B5 B1048.4	15600
	1	F9 B5 B1048.5	15600
	2	F9 B5 B1049.4	15600
	3	F9 B5 B1049.5	15600
	4	F9 B5 B1049.7	15600
	5	F9 B5 B1051.3	15600

 We determined the booster that have carried the maximum payload using a subquery in the WHERE clause and the MAX() function.

2015 Launch Records

• We used a combinations of the WHERE clause, LIKE, AND, and BETWEEN conditions to filter for failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for year 2015



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

```
Rank the count of landing outcomes (such as Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad))
In [19]:
           task 10 = '''
                    SELECT LandingOutcome, COUNT(LandingOutcome)
                    FROM SpaceX
                    WHERE DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20'
                    GROUP BY LandingOutcome
                    ORDER BY COUNT(LandingOutcome) DESC
           create pandas df(task 10, database=conn)
                  landingoutcome count
Out[19]:
                      No attempt
                                     10
               Success (drone ship)
                Failure (drone ship)
              Success (ground pad)
                 Controlled (ocean)
              Uncontrolled (ocean)
           6 Precluded (drone ship)
                 Failure (parachute)
```

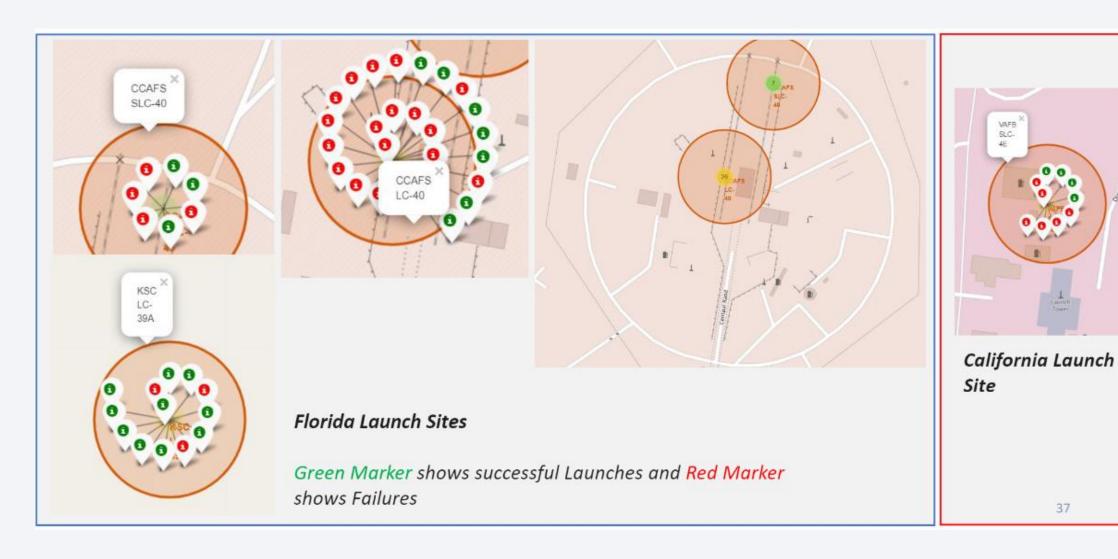
- We selected Landing outcomes and the COUNT of landing outcomes from the data and used the WHERE clause to filter for landing outcomes BETWEEN 2010-06-04 to 2010-03-20.
- We applied the GROUP BY clause to group the landing outcomes and the ORDER BY clause to order the grouped landing outcome in descending order.



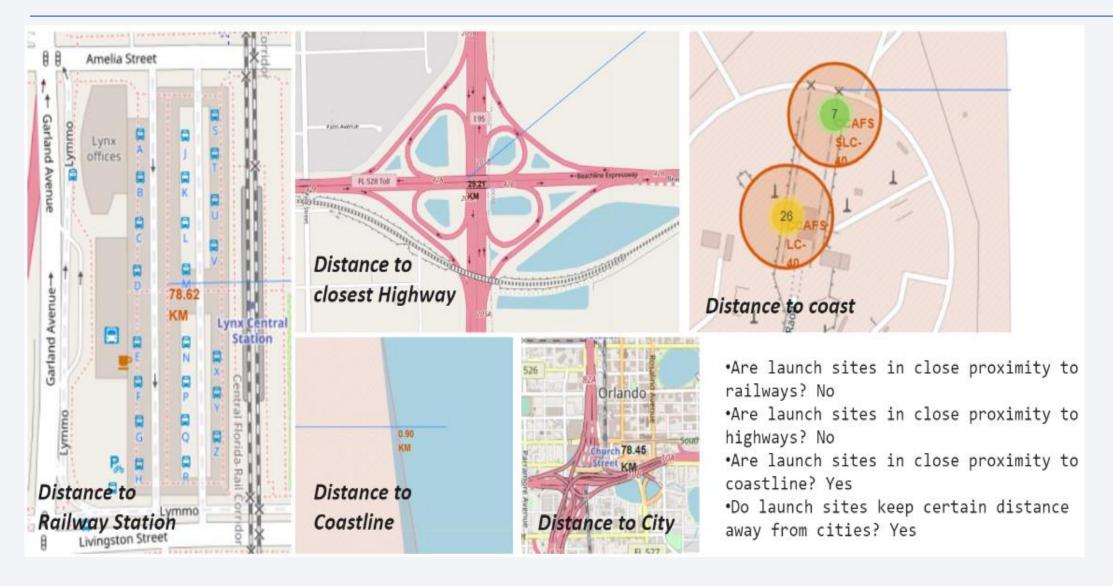
All Global Launch Sites



Color Labeled Launch Site Markers

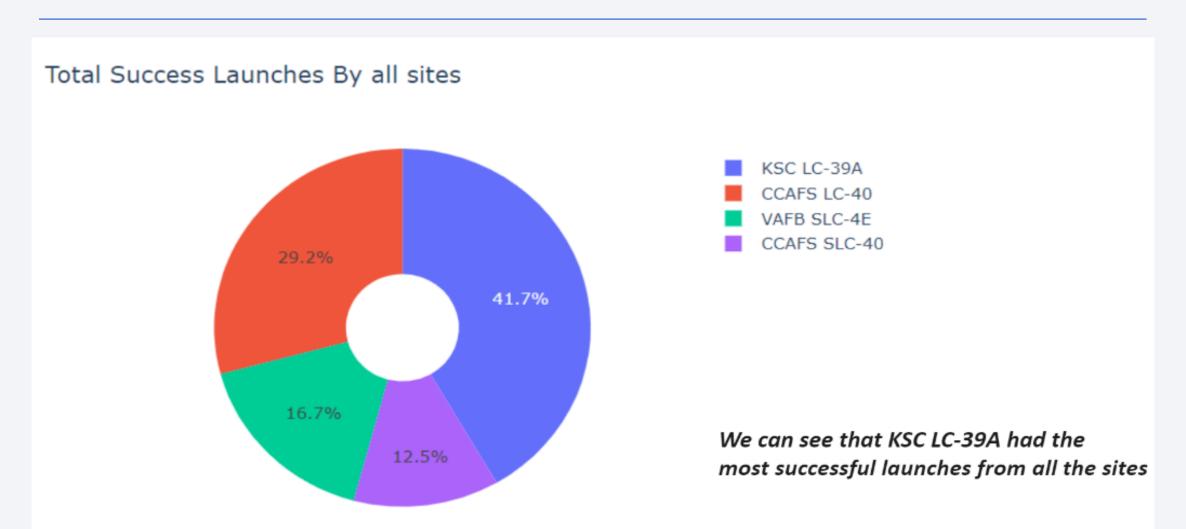


Launch Site's distance from major landmarks

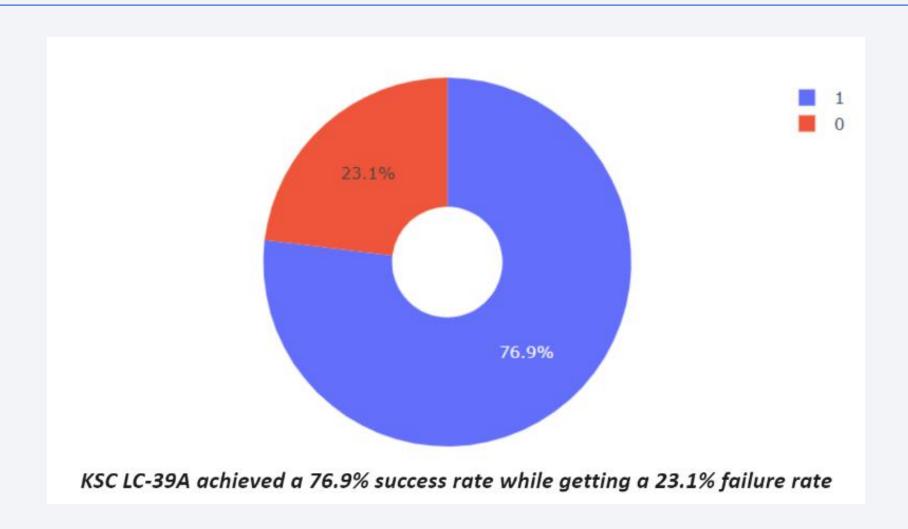




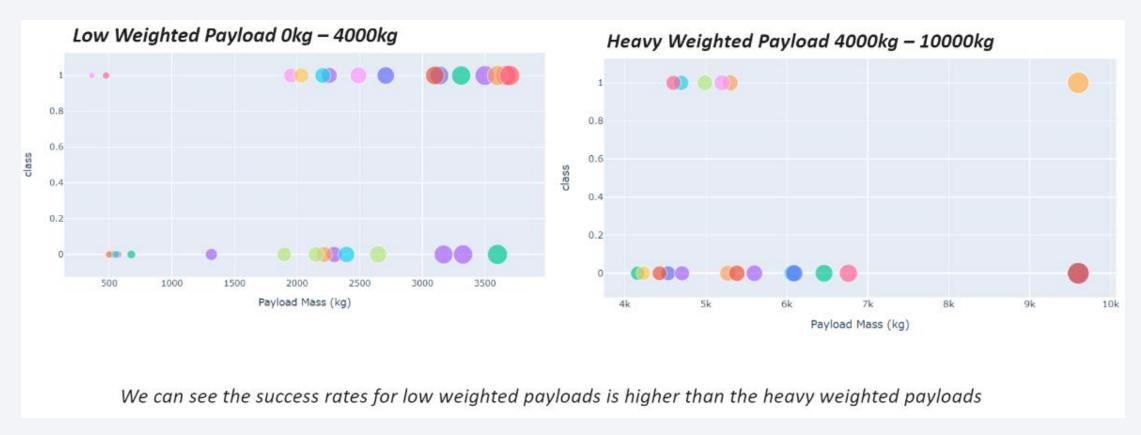
Success percentage by each launch site – Pie Chart



Highest launch success ratio – Pie Chart



Scatter plot of Payload vs Launch Outcome for all sites, with different payload selected





Classification Accuracy

 The decision tree classifier is the model with the highest classification accuracy

```
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.

