

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

Summary of methodologies

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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; 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



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
 - Missing Values were taken care of by proper replacements
- 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 such as Logistic regression, KNN, Decision Trees and SVM.

Data Collection

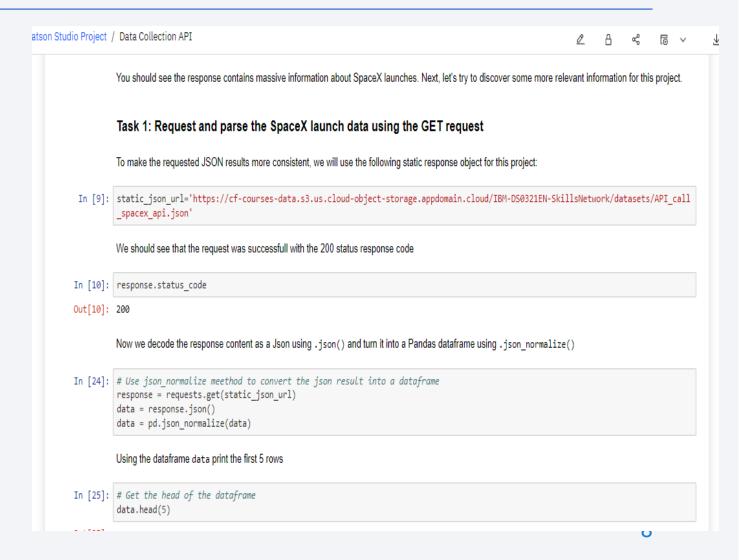
The data was collected as explained below:

- 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

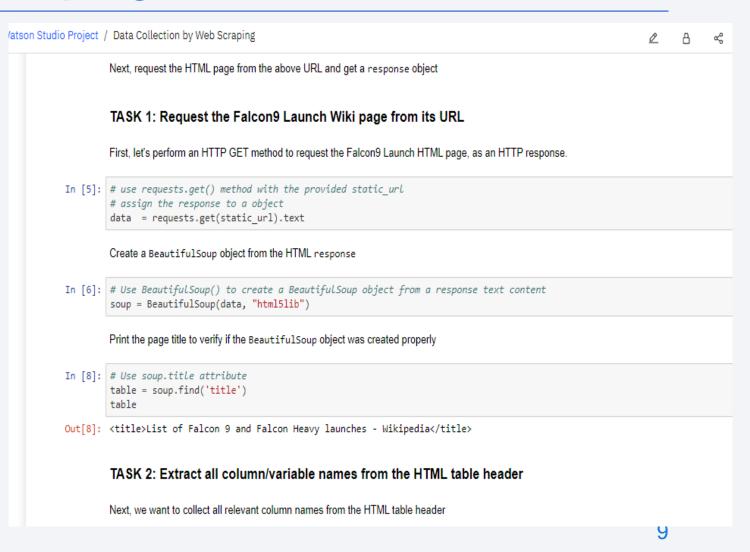
 We used the get request to the SpaceX API to collect data, clean the requested data and did some basic data wrangling and formatting.

 The GitHub link to the notebook is https://github.com/PratikshaGRao/ IBM-Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/Data%20Collec tion%20API.ipynb



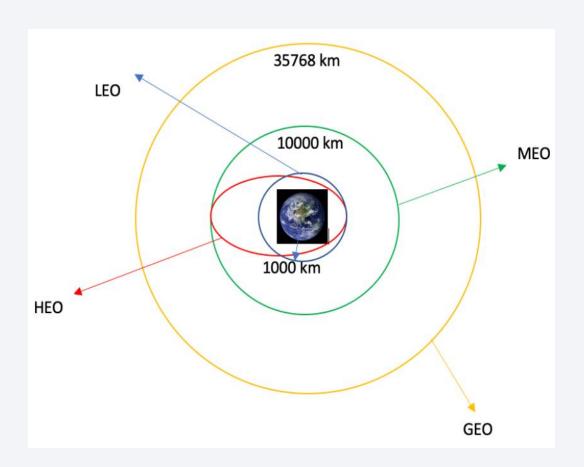
Data Collection - Scraping

- 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/PratikshaGR ao/IBM-Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/Data%20Coll ection%20by%20Web%20Scrap ing.ipynb



Data Wrangling

- We performed exploratory data analysis (EDA) to find some patterns in the data and determined the training labels for supervised models.
- We calculated the number of launches at each site, and the number and occurrence of each orbits
- We also calculated the mission outcome for each orbit type
- Finally, we created landing outcome label from outcome column and exported the results to csv.
- The link to the notebook is https://github.com/PratikshaGRao/IBM-Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/EDA%20Lab.ipynb

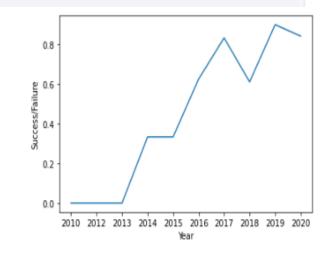


EDA with SQL

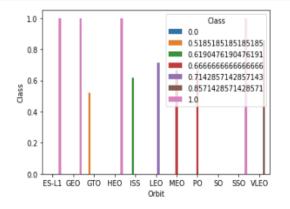
- We loaded the SpaceX dataset into a PostgreSQL database without leaving the Jupyter notebook.
- We applied EDA with SQL to get insight from the data. We wrote queries to find out for instance:
 - The names of unique launch sites in the space mission.
 - The total payload mass carried by boosters launched 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.
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EDA with Data Visualisation

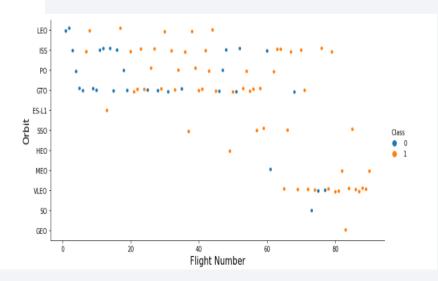
- We explored the data by visualizing the relationship between flight number and launch Site, payload and launch site, success rate of each orbit type, flight number and orbit type, the launch success yearly trend.
- The link to the notebook is https://github.com/PratikshaGRao/I BM-Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/EDA%20with%2 0Data%20visualization.ipynb



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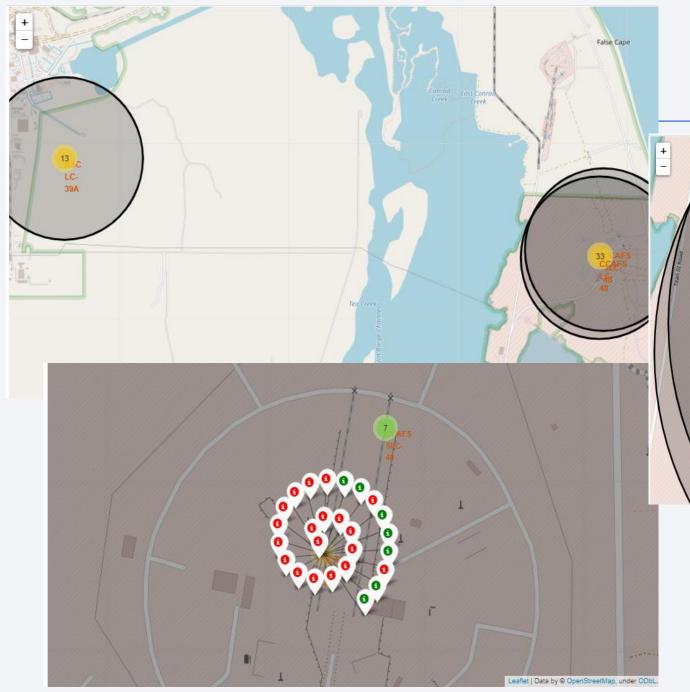


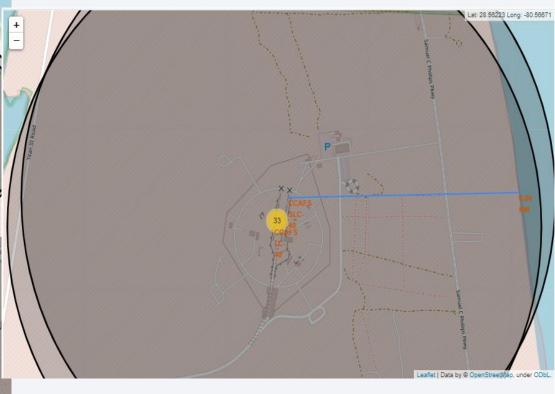
Analyze the ploted bar chart try to find which orbits have high sucess rate.



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/PratikshaGRao/IBM-Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/Folium%20Lab.ipynb





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/PratikshaGRao/IBM-Data-Science-Capstone-SpaceX/blob/main/Machine%20Learning%20Prediction.ipynb

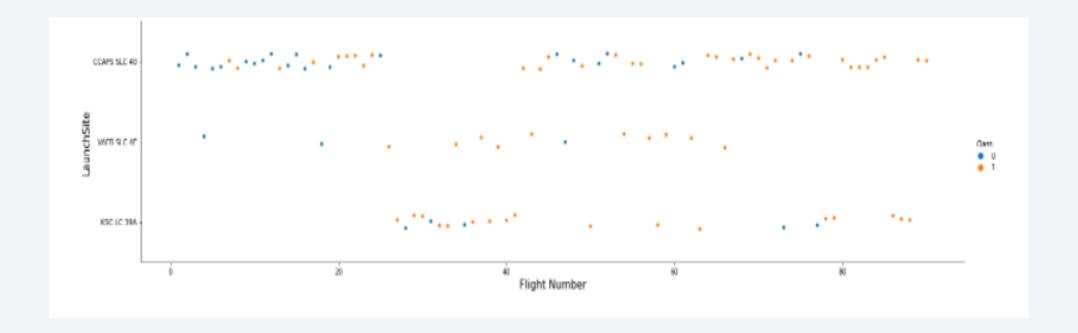
Results

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



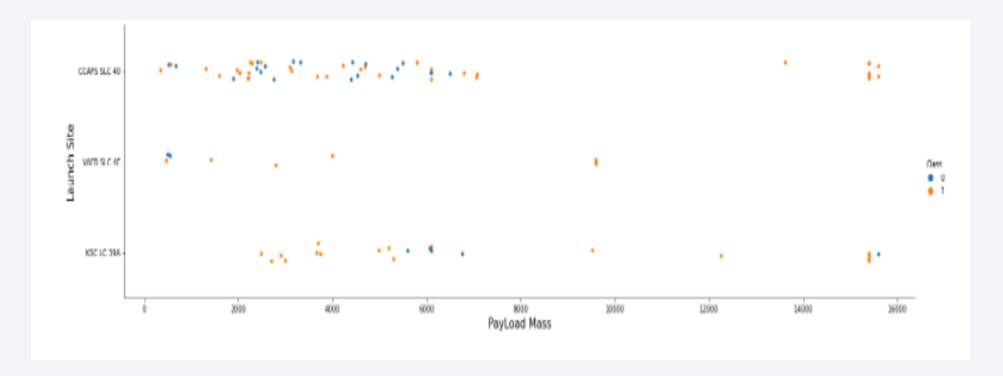
Flight Number vs. Launch Site

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



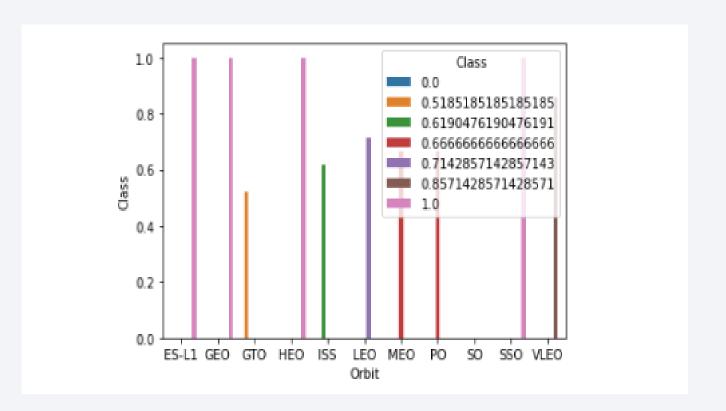
Payload vs. Launch Site

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



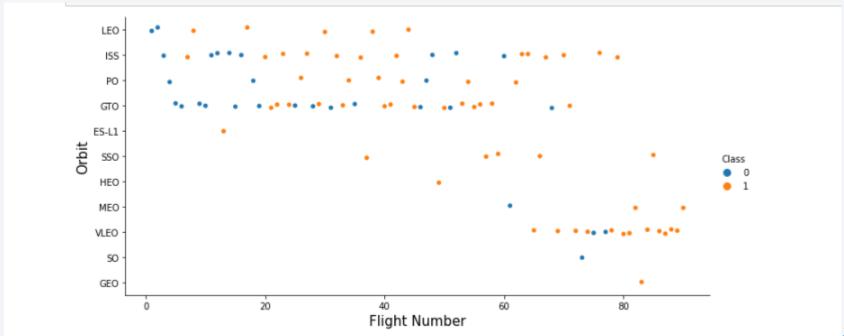
Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

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



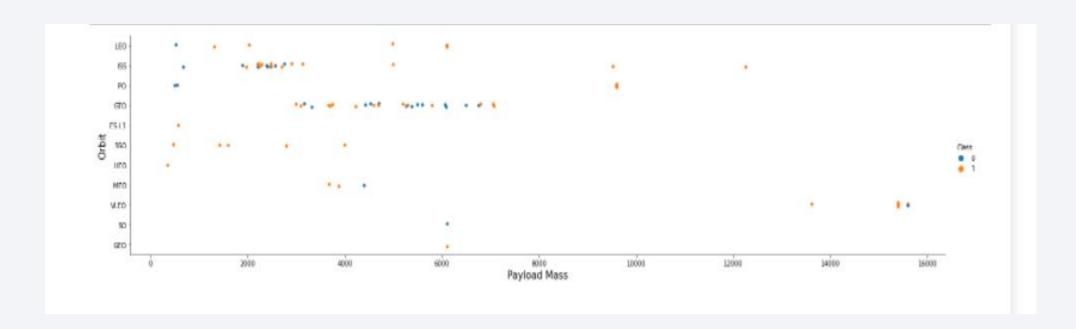
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

 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.



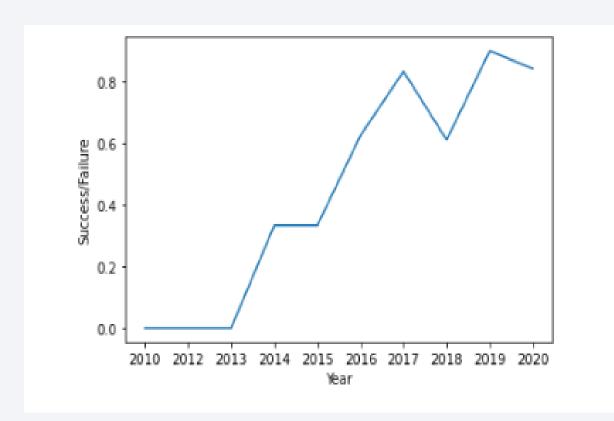
Payload vs. Orbit Type

 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

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



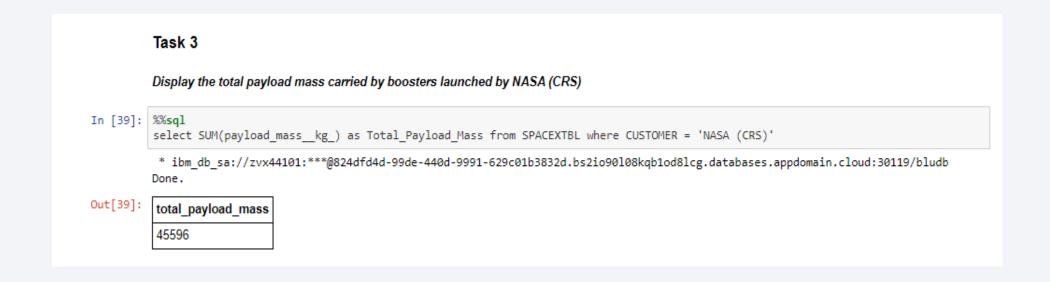
Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

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

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Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'											
%%sql select * from SPACEXTBL where LAUNCH_SITE LIKE 'CCA%' limit 5											
* ibm_db_sa://zvx44101:***@824dfd4d-99de-440d-9991-629c01b3832d.bs2io90l08kqb1od8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:30119/bludb Done.											
DATE	timeutc_	booster_version	launch_site	payload	payload_masskg_	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	07:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt		
2012- 10-08	00:35:00	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		

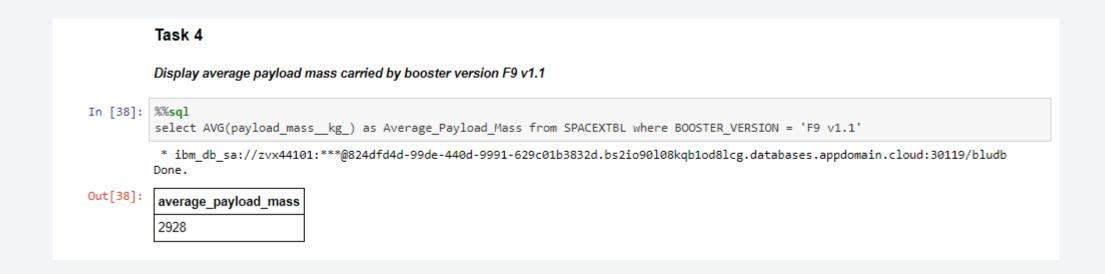
Total Payload Mass

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



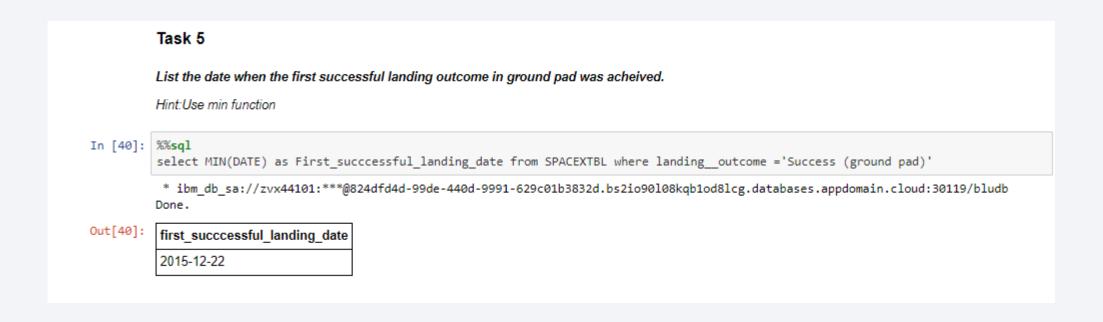
Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

 We calculated the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 as 2928



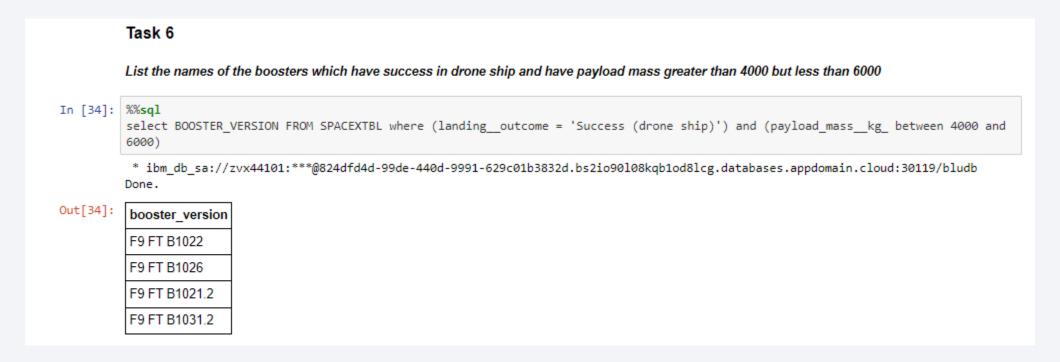
First Successful Ground Landing Date

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



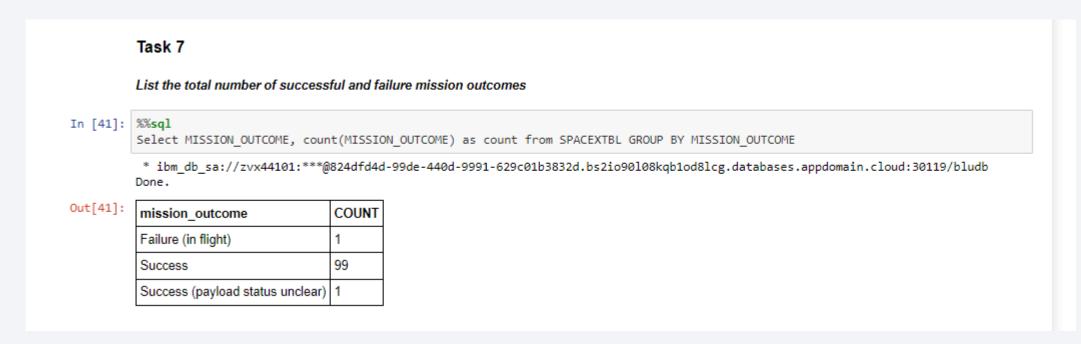
Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

 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



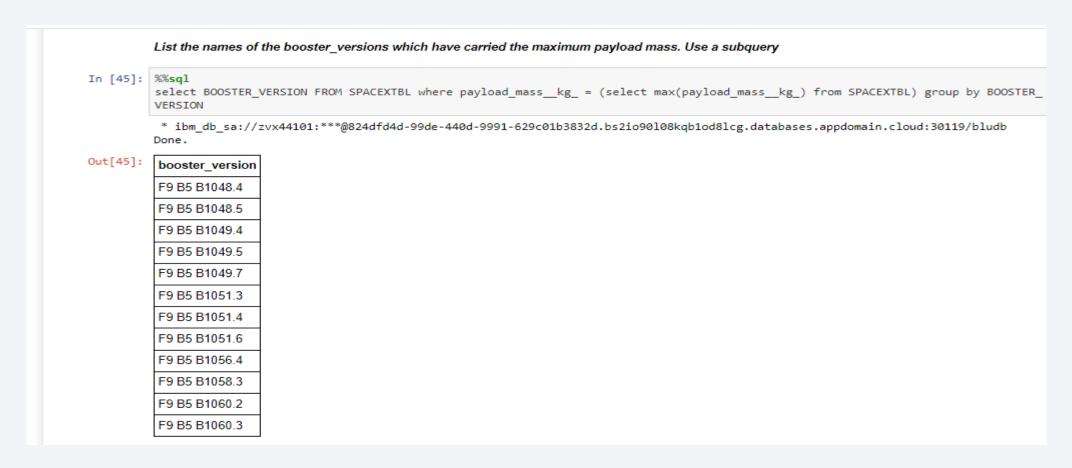
Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

 We counted the mission outcome and used a group by on Mission_Outcome to find number of success or failure.



Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

 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 and AND 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

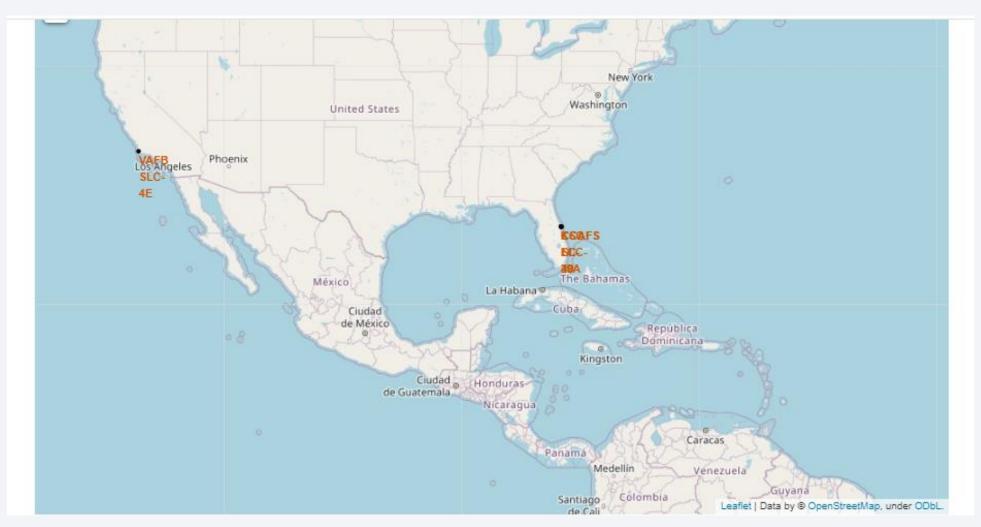
- We selected Landing outcomes and the COUNT of landing outcomes from the data and used the WHERE clause to filter for landing outcomes BETWEEN 2010-06-04 to 2010-03-20.
- We applied the GROUP BY clause to group the landing outcomes and the ORDER BY clause to order the grouped landing outcome in descending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





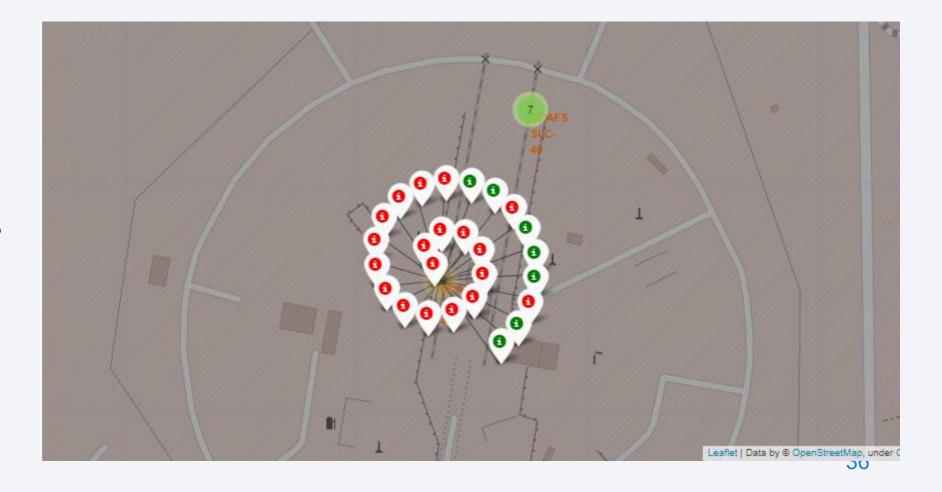
All launch sites global map markers

We can see that the SpaceX launch sites are in the coasts of United States of America, Florida and Caalifornia.



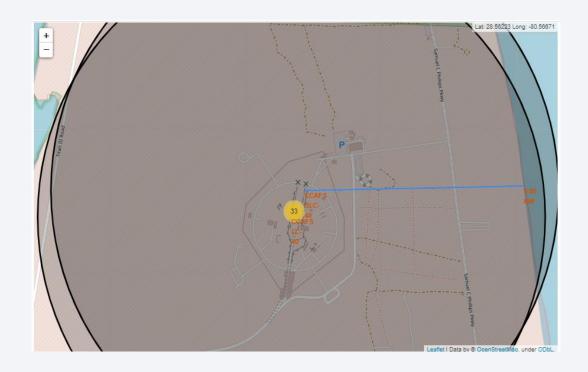
Markers showing launch sites with color labels

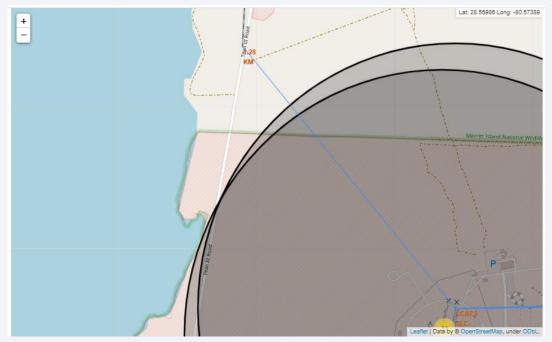
 Green marker shows successful launches where as Red marker shows Failures



Launch Site distance to landmarks

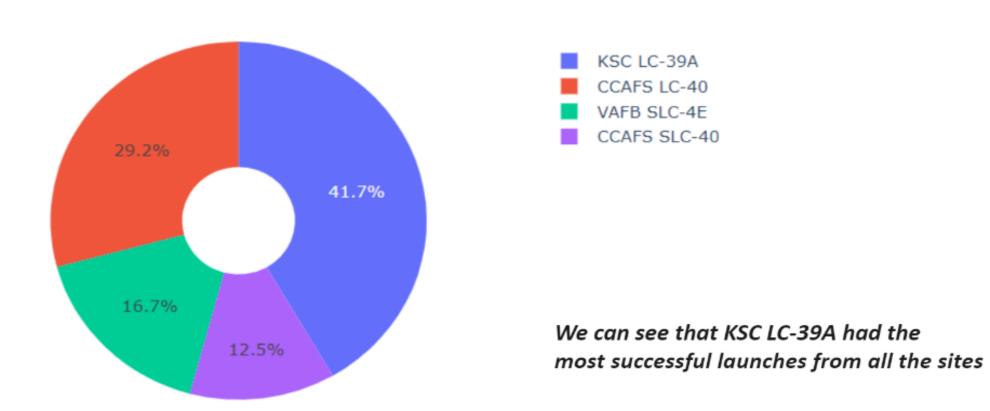
• Distance to closest highway and closest railway line, respectively.



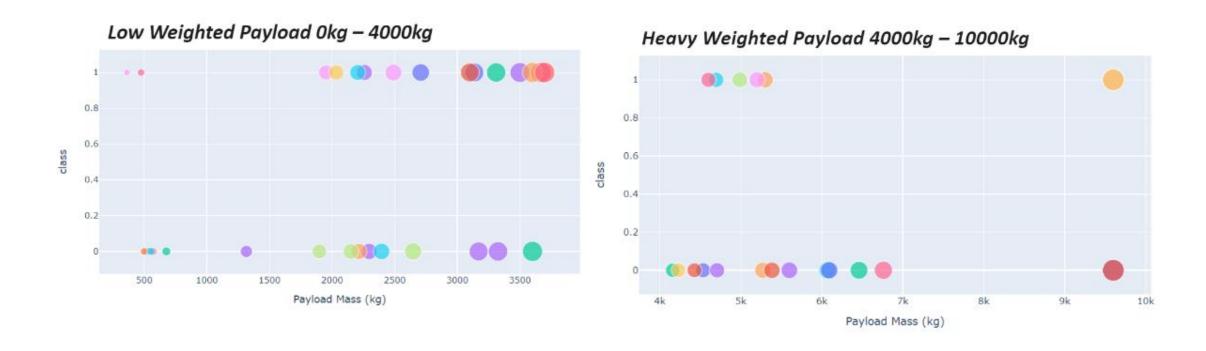


Pie chart showing the success percentage achieved by each launch site

Total Success Launches By all sites



Scatter plot of Payload vs Launch Outcome for all sites, with different payload selected in the range slider



We can see the success rates for low weighted payloads is higher than the heavy weighted payloads



Classification Accuracy

 The logistic regression classifier is the model with the highest classification accuracy.

```
In [71]: accuracy = [svm_score, logreg_score, knn_score, tree_score]
    accuracy = [i * 100 for i in accuracy]

method = ['Support Vector Machine', 'Logistic Regression', 'K Nearest Neighbour', 'Decision Tree']
    models = {'ML Method':method, 'Accuracy Score (%)':accuracy}

ML_df = pd.DataFrame(models)
    ML_df
```

Out[71]:

	ML Method	Accuracy Score (%)
0	Support Vector Machine	77.777778
1	Logistic Regression	81.481481
2	K Nearest Neighbour	81.481481
3	Decision Tree	70.370370

In [76]: sns.barplot(method, accuracy, data=ML_df)

/opt/conda/envs/Python-3.9/lib/python3.9/site-packages/seaborn/_decorators.py:36: FutureWarning: Pass the following variables a s keyword args: x, y. From version 0.12, the only valid positional argument will be `data`, and passing other arguments without an explicit keyword will result in an error or misinterpretation.

warnings.warn(

Out[76]: <AxesSubplot:>



Confusion Matrix



 The confusion matrix for the logistic regression 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 Logistic Regression classifier is the best machine learning algorithm for this task.

