

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

• In the rapidly evolving domain of commercial space travel, SpaceX stands as a beacon of innovation, particularly with its Falcon 9 rockets. The core objective of our study is to anticipate SpaceX's decisions regarding the reuse of the Falcon 9's first stage. This initiative, unique to SpaceX, presents significant financial, competitive, and environmental implications. A successful prediction of such decisions can profoundly influence budgetary planning, offering insights into the competitive dynamics of the space industry and promoting sustainable practices by reducing space debris. Through our analysis, we aim to provide a multifaceted perspective on space exploration, encompassing its economic, environmental, and competitive dimensions.

Introduction

• **Project Background and Context** In this project, we aimed to predict the successful landing of Falcon 9's first stage. SpaceX promotes its Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website at a cost of \$62 million. In contrast, other providers charge upwards of \$165 million. A significant portion of these savings for SpaceX comes from its ability to reuse the first stage of the rocket. By predicting the success of the first stage landing, we can estimate the cost of a launch. This data is invaluable for any competitors aiming to bid against SpaceX for rocket launch contracts.

Key Challenges Addressed:

- Determining factors influencing the successful landing of the rocket.
- Understanding how specific rocket variables impact the landing success rate.
- Identifying the conditions SpaceX must meet to optimize their chances of a successful rocket landing.



Methodology

- Data Collection Methodology:
- Utilized the SpaceX Rest API for primary data extraction.
- Employed **Web Scraping** techniques to gather additional information from Wikipedia.
- Data Wrangling:
- Transformed data to make it suitable for Machine Learning applications.
- Applied One Hot Encoding to relevant data fields.
- Dropped columns that were deemed irrelevant to the analysis.
- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):
- Used both visualization tools and SQL for in-depth data analysis.
- Created visual representations such as **Scatter Graphs** and **Bar Graphs** to elucidate relationships and patterns within the data.
- Interactive Visual Analytics:
- Employed tools like **Folium** and **Plotly Dash** to create dynamic, interactive visual representations of the data.
- Predictive Analysis:
- Utilized various classification models for predictive tasks.
- Detailed the process on how to build, optimize (tune), and evaluate these classification models for best performance

Data Collection – SpaceX API

```
from js import fetch
           import io
           URL = 'https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork/datasets/dataset part 1
           resp = await fetch(URL)
           dataset_part_1_csv = io.BytesIO((await resp.arrayBuffer()).to_py())
          Load Space X dataset, from last section.
In [23]:
           df=pd.read csv(dataset part 1 csv)
           df.head(10)
             FlightNumber Date BoosterVersion PayloadMass Orbit LaunchSite Outcome Flights GridFins Reused Legs LandingPad Block
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Data Collection - Scraping

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1 static url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List of
          executed in 13ms, finished 23:12:03 2023-08-20
     Next, request the HTML page from the above URL and get a response object
     1.2.1 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 F
            1 | # use requests.get() method with the provided static_url
             2 # assign the response to a object
             3 page = requests.get(static url)
             4 page.status code
          executed in 553ms, finished 23:12:04 2023-08-20
Out[4]: 200
     Create a BeautifulSoup object from the HTML response
[5]: N - 1 # Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a res
             2 soup = BeautifulSoup(page.text, 'html.parser')
          executed in 781ms, finished 23:12:04 2023-08-20
     Print the page title to verify if the BeautifulSoup object was created properly
            1 # Use soup.title attribute
             2 soup.title
          executed in 14ms, finished 23:12:04 2023-08-20
Out[6]: <title>List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches - Wikipedia</title>
```

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end of this lab
                                       1 # Use the find_all function in the BeautifulSoup object, with element type `table
                                           2 # Assign the result to a list called `html tables`
                                           3 html_tables = soup.find_all('table')
                                  executed in 19ms, finished 23:12:04 2023-08-20
                       Starting from the third table is our target table contains the actual launch records
In [8]: N - 1 # Let's print the third table and check its content
                                          2 first launch table = html tables[2]
                                         3 print(first launch table)
                                 executed in 15ms, finished 23:12:04 2023-08-20
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                                ref="#cite_note-block_numbers-14">[8]</a></sup>
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                                 ="/wiki/Cape Canaveral Space Launch Complex 40" title="Cape Canaveral Space Launch Comp
                                 <a href="/wiki/Dragon_Spacecraft_Qualification_Unit" title="Dragon Spacecraft Quali-
                                ualification Unit</a>
                                ztds.
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Github URL to Notebook

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df.to_csv('spacex_web_scraped.csv', index=False)
executed in Oms, finished 23:12:05 2023-08-20
```

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1 column_names = []
2 temp = soup.find_all('th')
3 for x in range(len(temp)):
4 try:
5 name = extract_column_from_header(temp[x])
6 if (name is not None and len(name) > 0):
7 column_names.append(name)
8 except:
9 pass
executed in 30ms, finished 23:12:04 2023-08-20
```

heck the extracted column names

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1 print(column_names)
executed in 11ms, finished 23:12:04 2023-08-20
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['Flight No.', 'Date and time ()', 'Launch site', 'Payload' t No.', 'Date and time ()', 'Launch site', 'Payload', 'Paylo 'Date and time ()', 'Launch site', 'Payload', 'Payload mass nd time ()', 'Launch site', 'Payload', 'Payload mass', 'Orb: nd time ()', 'Launch site', 'Payload', 'Payload mass', 'Orb: ()', 'Launch site', 'Payload', 'Payload mass', 'Orbit', 'Cus 'Launch site', 'Payload', 'Payload mass', 'Orbit', 'Customer me ()', 'Launch site', 'Payload', 'Payload mass', 'Orbit', e', 'Payload', 'Payload mass', 'Orbit', 'Customer', 'Launch (t', 'Customer', 'Date and time ()', 'Launch site', 'Payload yload', 'Orbit', 'Customer', 'Date and time ()', 'Launch sit s', 'Crewed missions', 'Commercial satellites', 'Scientific : missions', 'Current', 'In development', 'Retired', 'Cancelled t', 'Retired', 'Unflown', 'Orbital', 'Atmospheric', 'Landing ams', 'Key people', 'Related', 'General', 'General', 'People t', 'Agencies, companies and facilities', 'Other mission list

.3 TASK 3: Create a data frame by parsing the

le will create an empty dictionary with keys from the extracted column names is ataframe

```
launch_dict= dict.fromkeys(column_names)

# Remove an irrelvant column

del launch_dict['Date and time ( )']

launch_dict['Flight No.'] = []

launch_dict['Flight No.'] = []

launch_dict['Payload'] = []

launch_dict['Payload mass'] = []

launch_dict['Orbit'] = []

launch_dict['Customer'] = []

launch_dict['Customer'] = []

launch_dict['Version Booster']=[]

launch_dict['Version Booster']=[]

launch_dict['Date']=[]

launch_dict['Time']=[]

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Data Wrangling

Perform Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) on the dataset

Calculate the number of launches at each site

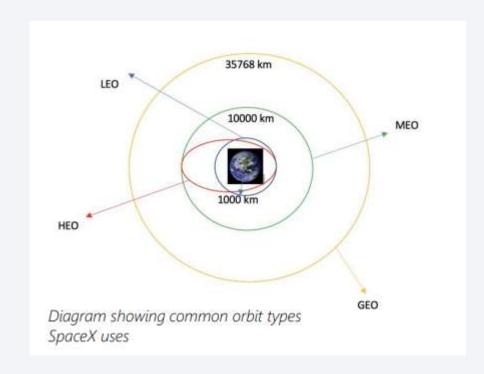
Calculate the number and occurrence of mission outcome per orbit type

Export dataset as .CSV

Calculate the number and occurrence of each orbit

Create a landing outcome label from the "Outcome" column

Work out the success rate for every landing in the dataset



EDA with Data Visualization

- Flight Number vs Launch Site
- Payload vs Launch Site
- Success rate of each orbit type
- FlightNumber vs Orbit type
- Payload vs Orbit type
- Launch success yearly trend

EDA with SQL

- Using bullet point format, summarize the SQL queries you performed
- Add the GitHub URL of your completed EDA with SQL notebook, as an external reference and peer-review purpose
- Unique launch sites in the space mission
- 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
- Total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- Date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved.
- Names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- Total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- Names of the booster versions which have carried the maximum payload mass.
- Records which will display the month names, failure landing outcomes in drone ship ,booster versions, launch site for the months in year 2015.
- 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

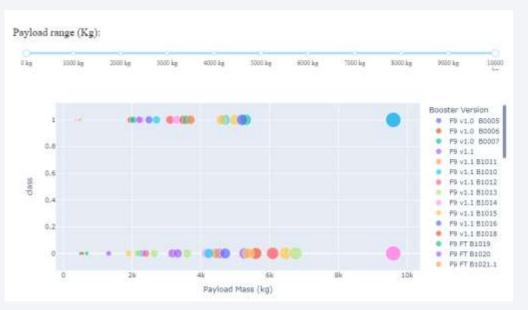
Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Green Marker shows successful Launches
- Red Marker shows Failures
- Circles shows launch sites and scape centers.
- Lines shows distance between a launch site to its closest city, railway, highway, etc.

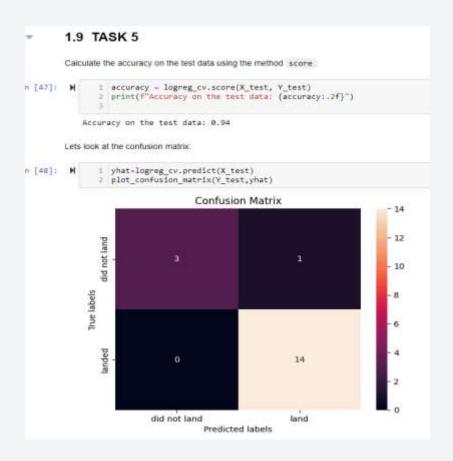
Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

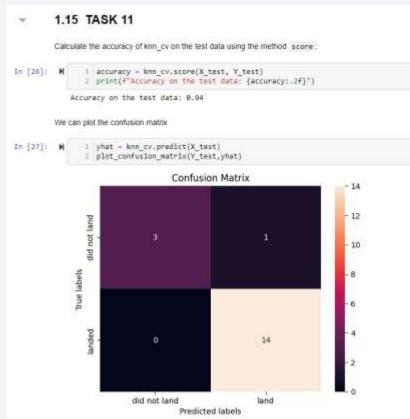
- Pie chart for the launch site with highest launch success ratio
- Payload vs. Launch Outcome scatter plot for all sites, with different payload selected in the range slider

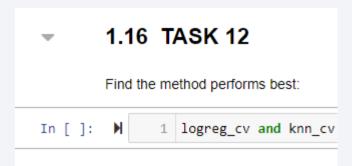




Predictive Analysis (Classification)







Results

Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA):

- •Successful Falcon 9 first stage landings were visualized.
- •Some unsuccessful landings are planned and controlled.

Feature Engineering:

- •Dataset has 12 features and 90 samples.
- •OneHotEncoding was applied to convert categorical data to numerical.
- •Data types for numerical columns were standardized.

Overview of the DataSet

- •SpaceX's capability to return spacecraft from low-earth orbit is highlighted.
- •Reusability of Falcon 9 first stage offers cost advantages.
- •Determining the success of first stage landing can help estimate launch cost.



Flight Number vs Launch Site



Payload Mass vs Launch Site



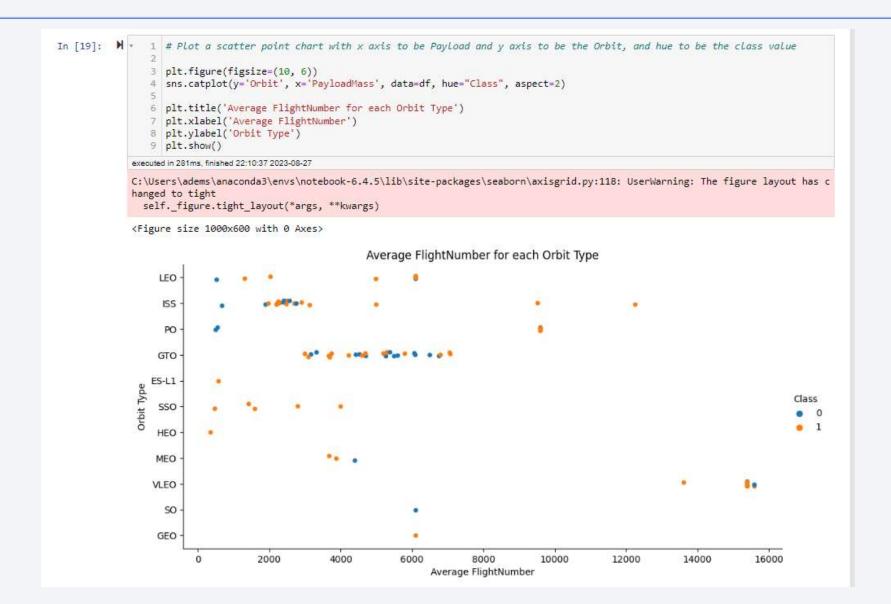
Success Rate vs Orbit Type



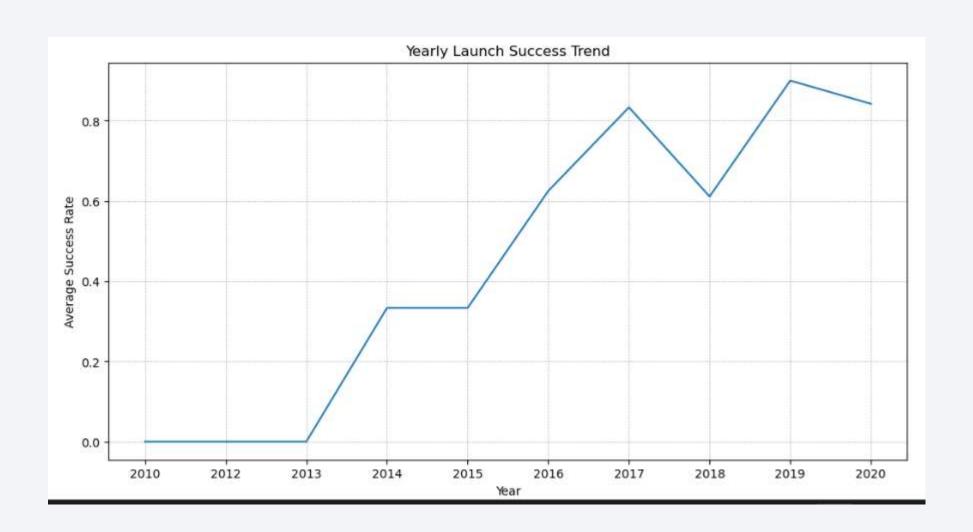
Flight Number vs Orbit Type



Payload vs Orbit Type



Launch Success Yearly Trend



All Launch Site Names



The code retrieves a list of unique Launch Site values from the SPACEXTABLE in the database.

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

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1.3.2 Task 2

Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'

In [8]: M 1 %sql select Launch_Site from SPACEXTABLE where Launch_Site like "CCA%" limit 5

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

Out[8]: Launch_Site

CCAFS LC-40

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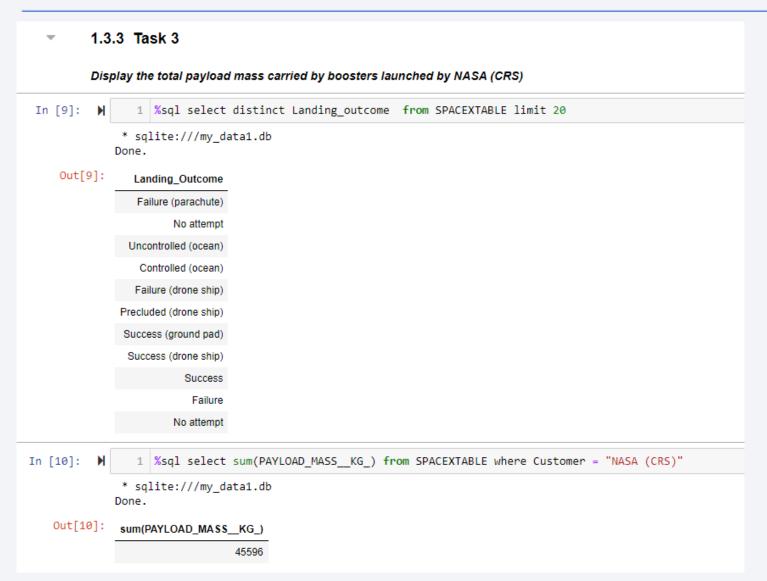
CCAFS LC-40

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CCAFS LC-40
```

This query fetches the first 5 Launch_Site values from the SPACEXTABLE table that start with "CCA".

Total Payload Mass



The first query calculates the total payload mass (in kilograms) for all entries in the **SPACEXTABLE** table where the customer is "NASA (CRS)".

The second this query retrieves the first 20 unique landing outcomes from the **SPACEXTABLE** table.

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

this query calculates the average payload mass (in kilograms) for all entries in the SPACEXTABLE table where the booster version is "F9 v1.1".

First Successful Ground Landing Date

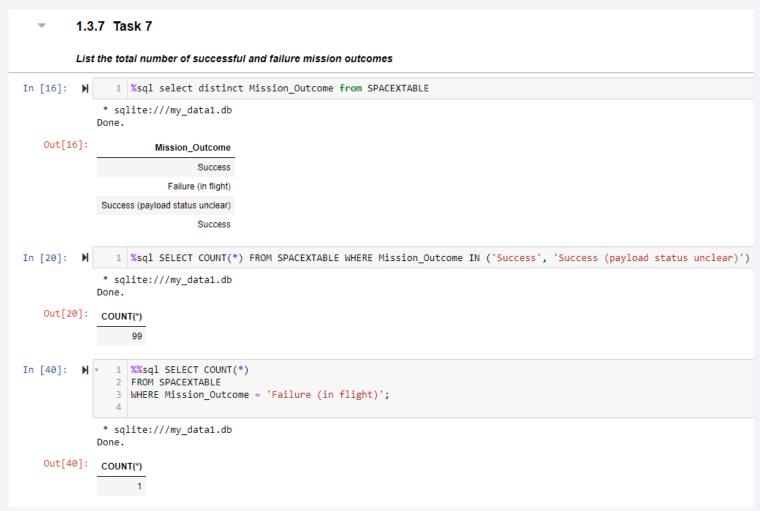
This query determines the earliest date on which a successful landing on a ground pad was recorded in the SPACEXTABLE table.

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

This query seeks the earliest (minimum) date from the SPACEXTABLE where the Landing_Outcome column has the value "Success (ground pad)".

In essence, it's trying to find out the date of the first successful landing on a ground pad recorded in the SPACEXTABLE.

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

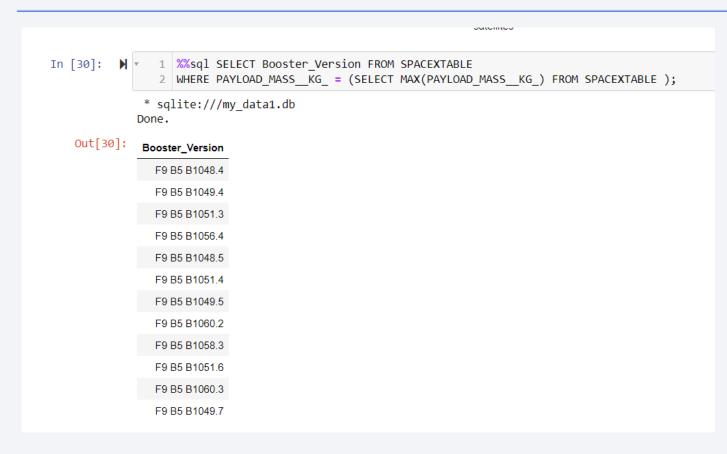


The first query retrieves all unique values of the Mission_Outcome column from the SPACEXTABLE. It gives you an idea of the different mission outcomes that have been recorded in the table.

The second query counts the number of records in **SPACEXTABLE** where the **Mission_Outcome** is either 'Success' or 'Success (payload status unclear)'. It tells you how many missions had these particular outcomes.

The third query counts the number of records in **SPACEXTABLE** where the **Mission_Outcome** is 'Failure (in flight)'. It gives you the number of missions that failed in flight.

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload



This subquery finds the maximum value of the PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ column from the SPACEXTABLE. It identifies the heaviest payload ever launched as per the records in the table.

This query then uses the result of the subquery to filter the SPACEXTABLE and retrieve the Booster_Version for the record(s) with that maximum payload mass.

2015 Launch Records

```
In [59]: ▶ ▼
                 1 %%sql SELECT
                        substr(Date, 6, 2) as Month,
                        Landing Outcome,
                        Booster Version,
                        Launch Site
                 6 FROM SPACEXTABLE
                 7 WHERE
                        Landing Outcome = "Failure (drone ship)"
                        AND substr(Date, 1, 4) = '2015';
                 9
               * sqlite:///my data1.db
              Done.
    Out[59]:
              Month Landing_Outcome Booster_Version
                                                     Launch_Site
                  10 Failure (drone ship)
                                        F9 v1.1 B1012 CCAFS LC-40
                  04 Failure (drone ship)
                                        F9 v1.1 B1015 CCAFS LC-40
```

substr(Date, 6, 2) as Month:

This extracts the month from the Date column, assuming the Date is in a format like YYYY-MM-DD. The result will be assigned the alias Month.

Landing_Outcome, Booster_Version, Launch_Site:

These select the respective columns from the table, retrieving the landing outcome, booster version, and launch site details.

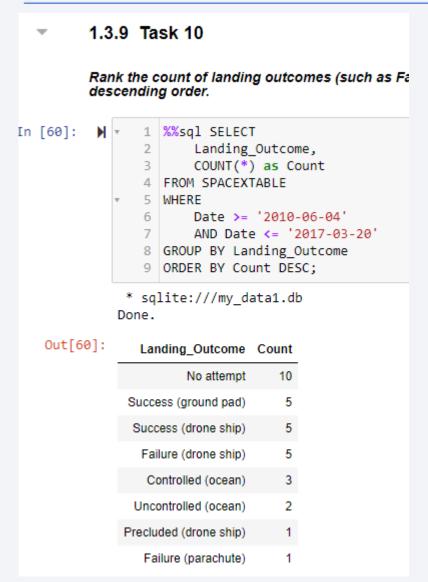
WHERE Landing_Outcome = "Failure (drone ship)":

This filters the records to only those where the landing outcome was a failure on a drone ship.

AND substr(Date, 1, 4) = '2015':

This further filters the results to only include records from the year 2015. It uses the substr function to extract the year portion of the Date column and compares it to '2015'.

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



Landing_Outcome, COUNT(*) as Count:

This selects the Landing_Outcome column and counts the number of occurrences of each unique landing outcome. The count is given an alias Count.

WHERE Date >= '2010-06-04' AND Date <= '2017-03-20': This filters the records to only those that have a Date between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20' inclusive.

GROUP BY Landing Outcome:

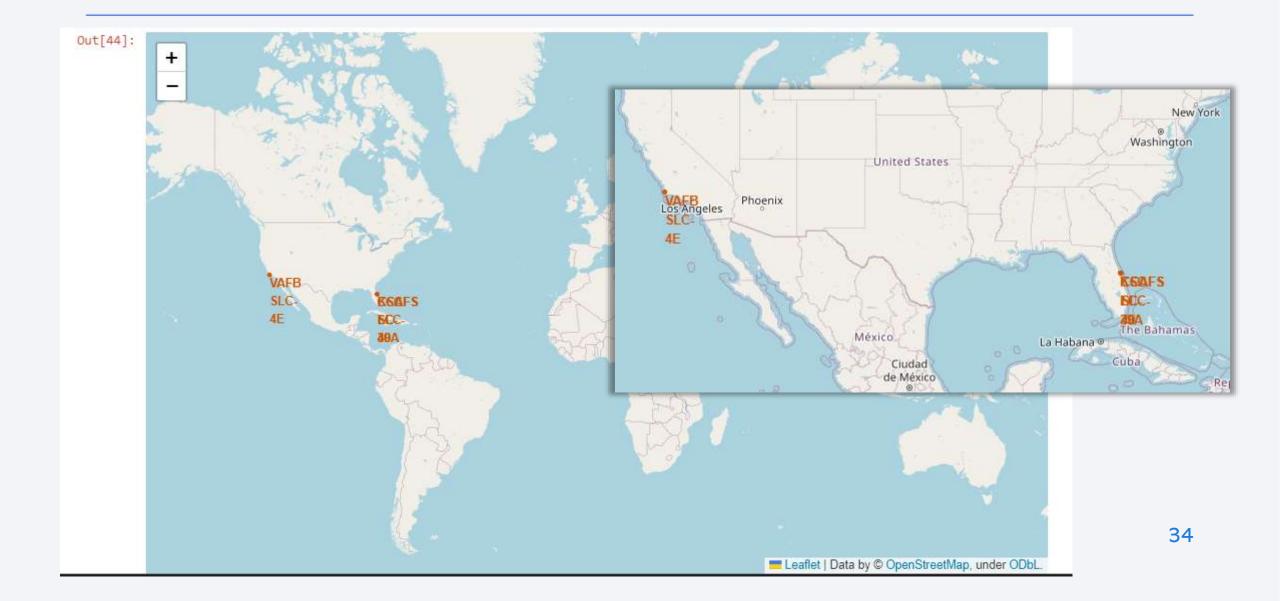
This groups the results by unique values in the Landing_Outcome column, which allows the COUNT(*) function to count the occurrences of each landing outcome.

ORDER BY Count DESC:

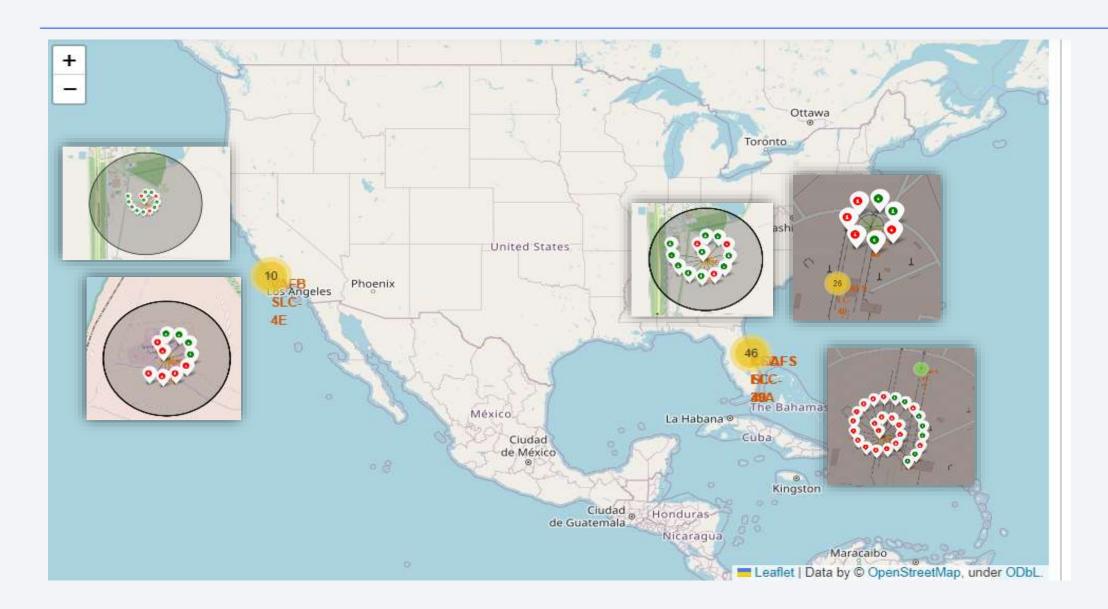
This orders the results in descending order based on the count of each landing outcome, so the most frequent outcomes will appear first.



Launch Sites

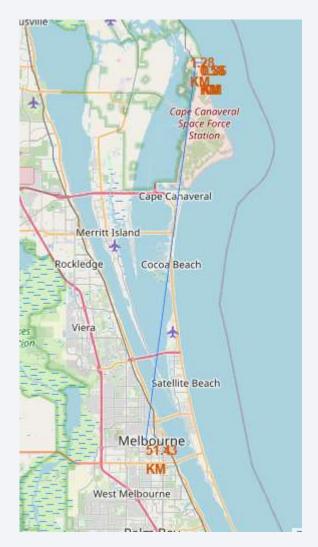


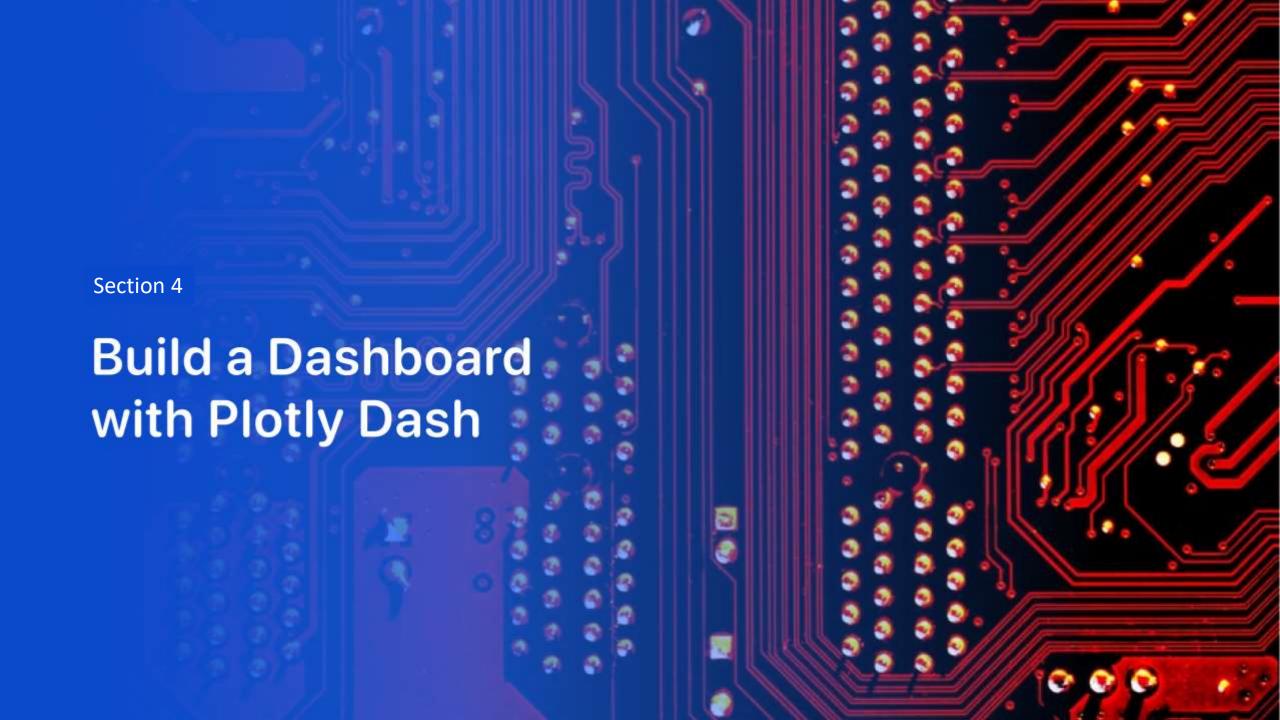
Launch Sites' Success



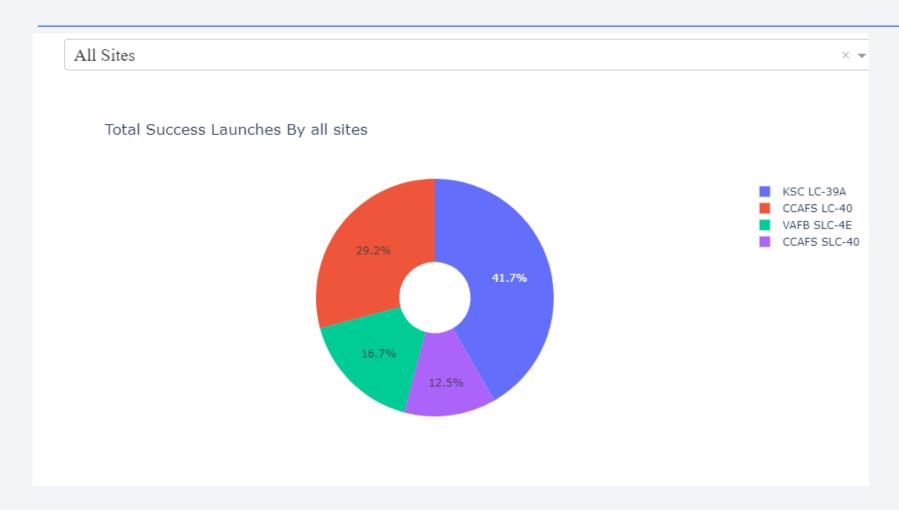
Proximities to railway, highway, closest city,





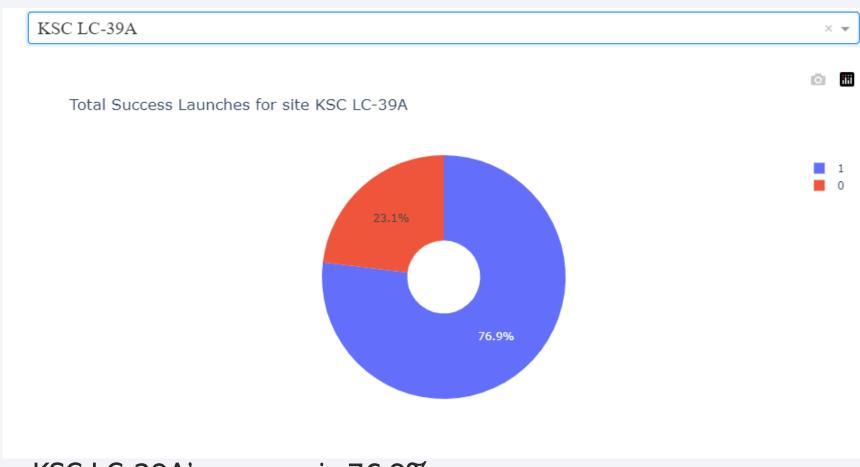


Total Success Launches By all sites



• Highest success among all sites belongs to KSC LC-39A with 41.7%

< Dashboard Screenshot 2>



• KSC LC-39A's success is 76.9%.

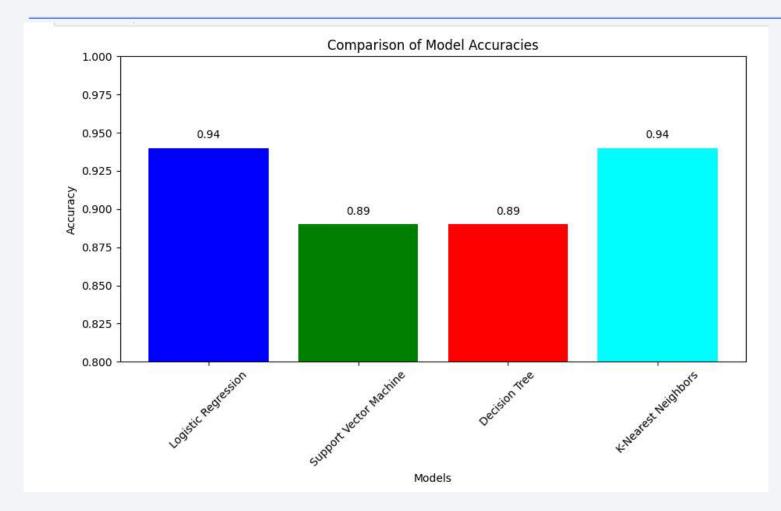
Payload Mass vs Success



• Distribution of Booster versions regarding to payload mass between 3000-8000 kg.

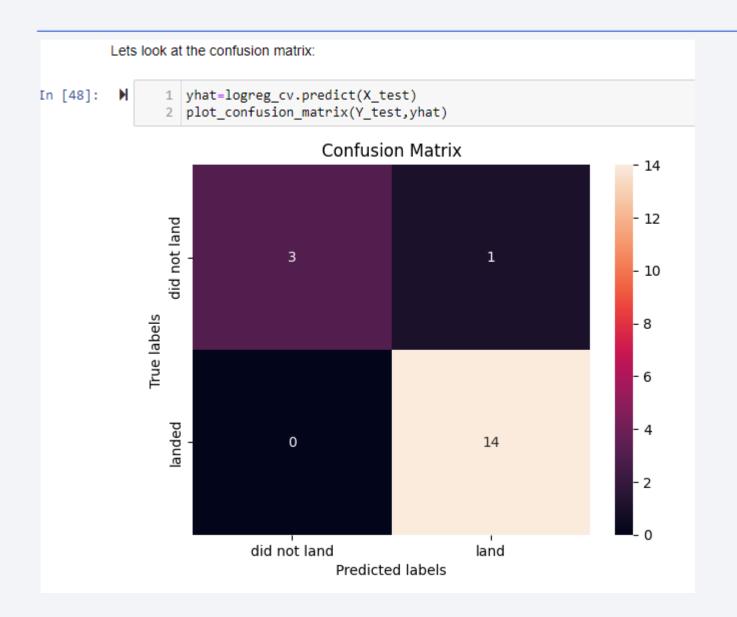


Classification Accuracy



• While both Logistic Regression and KNN achieved the same top accuracy on the test data, Logistic Regression is selected based on its advantages in interpretability, model complexity, prediction speed, and potential for better generalization.

Confusion Matrix



Conclusions

- Logistic Regression algorithm appears to be the most suitable for this dataset even it has the same accuracy score (0.94) with KNN.
- Lighter payloads tend to have better performance compared to heavier ones.
- As time progresses, SpaceX's launch success rates improve, suggesting they are on a path to perfecting their launch capabilities.
- Among all launch sites, KSC LC-39A has the highest number of successful launches.
- The orbits GEO, HEO, SSO, and ES-L1 demonstrate the highest success rates.
- The total payload mass (in kilograms) for NASA (CRS) is 45596 kg.

