

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

- The Methodologies used include:
 - Data collection
 - Data Wrangling
 - EDA with Data Visualisation
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 - Building an Interactive Dashboard with Plotly Dash
 - Predictive Analysis
- Summary of Results:
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Introduction

Project background and context

The aim of the project was to predict if the Falcon 9 first stage would land successfully. Space X advertises Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website with a cost of \$62 million; other providers cost upward of \$165 million each, the reason for most of this saving is that 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 also be used by alternate companies that want to bid against Space X for a rocket launch.

Key Questions

- What factors influence the rocket landing successfully?
 - The impact of the different rocket variables on success rate of the rocket landing
 - What are the optimal conditions that ensure the SpaceX rocket has the best chance of landing?



Methodology

1. Data collection:

- Data collection was performed using:
 - Space X Rest API
 - · Web Scraping from Wikipedia

2. Data Wrangling:

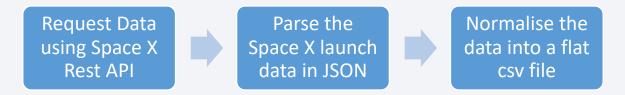
- The data was transformed to make it suitable for Machine learning:
 - Performing one Hot encoding on data fields to express each categoric variable as a binary vector
 - · Dropping irrelevant columns and dealing with missing values appropriately

3. Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) using Visualization and SQL

- EDA was performed by plotting Bar and Scatter Graphs to visualize the relationships between the rocket variables, and identify any patterns in the data.
- SQL queries were used to drill down into the relationships between different variables.
- 4. Interactive Visual Analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- 5. Predictive Analysis using Classification Models
 - How to build, tune, evaluate classification models

Data Collection

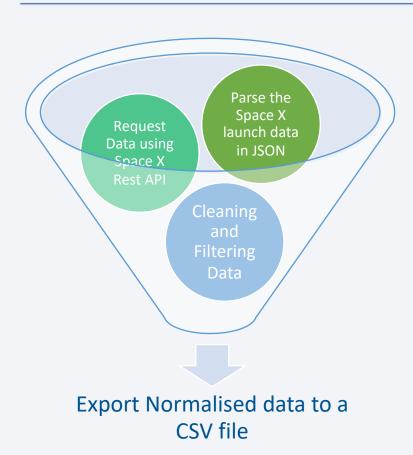
- The Space X launch data was gathered using the Space X Rest API and Web scraping of Wikipedia:
 - Space X Rest API:
 - The data contained information relating to; the type of rocket, the payload used, launch specifications, landing specifications and the outcome of the landing



- Web Scraping:
 - The data obtained specifically focused on the Falcon 9 Launch and Landing Information

Data Collection - SpaceX API

1. Get Response from API

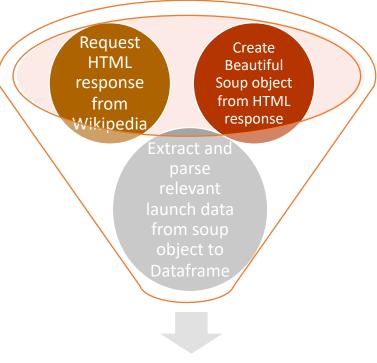


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spacex url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
          response = requests.get(spacex url)
2. Coriver a response to Journ
            response json = response.json()
            data = pd.json normalize(response json)
                      getLaunchSite(data)
4. Create Data getPayloadData(data)
                      getCoreData(data)
                      getBoosterVersion(data)
                    launch_dict = {'FlightNumber': list(data['flight_number']),
                    'Date': list(data['date']),
                    'BoosterVersion': BoosterVersion,
                    'PayloadMass':PayloadMass,
                    'Orbit':Orbit,
'LaunchSite':LaunchSite,
                    'Outcome':Outcome,
                    'Flights':Flights,
                    'GridFins':GridFins,
5. Filter Data 'Reused': Reused, 'Legs': Legs,'
                    'LandingPad':LandingPad,
                    'Block':Block,
                    'ReusedCount':ReusedCount,
                    'Serial':Serial,
                    'Longitude': Longitude,
                    'Latitude': Latitude}
                    launch_df = pd.DataFrame(launch_dict)
```

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```
data_falcon9.loc[:,'FlightNumber'] = list(range(1, data_falcon9.shape[0]+1))
data_falcon9.fillna({'PayloadMass':plm_mean}, inplace=True)
data_falcon9.to_csv('dataset_part_1.csv', index=False)
```

Data Collection - Scraping



Export Normalised data to CSV File

1. Get response from HTML

```
static_url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Falcon_9_and_Falcon_Heavy_launches&oldid=102768
6922"
response = requests.get(static_url)
```

2. Create Beautiful Soup Object

```
soup = BeautifulSoup(response.text, 'html5lib')
```

3. Find Data using tables and obtain column names

```
html_tables= soup.find_all('table')
column_names = []
for i in (first_launch_table.find_all('th')):
    col_name = extract_column_from_header(i)
    print(col_name)
    if col_name is not None and len(col_name) > 0:
        column_names.append(col_name)
```

4. Extract Data by appending to dictionary (See in

notebook by following Github URL)

```
launch dict= dict.fromkeys(column names)
# Remove an irrelvant column
del launch_dict['Date and time ( )']
# Let's initial the launch dict with each value
launch dict['Flight No.'] = []
launch dict['Launch site'] = []
launch dict['Payload'] = []
launch dict['Payload mass'] = []
launch dict['Orbit'] = []
launch dict['Customer'] = []
launch dict['Launch outcome'] = []
# Added some new columns
launch dict['Version Booster']=[]
launch dict['Booster landing']=[]
launch dict['Date']=[]
launch_dict['Time']=[]
```

5. Create Dataframe using Dictionary

```
df = pd.DataFrame(launch_dict)
```

6. Export Dataframe to CSV file

```
df.to_csv('spacex_web_scraped.csv', index=False)
```

Data Wrangling

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Summary

During Data Wrangling Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) identified patterns in the data and the necessity transforming certain variables to appropriate labels that could be used for training supervised models. For example, the dataset possessed several different cases where the booster did not land successfully. Sometimes a landing was attempted but failed due to an accident; for example, True Ocean means the mission outcome was successfully landed to a specific region of the ocean while False Ocean means the mission outcome was unsuccessfully landed to a specific region of the ocean. The main focus of the data transformation was to convert those outcomes into Training Labels with; 1 meaning the booster successfully landed, and 0 meaning it was unsuccessful.

Process

EDA on the Dataset

Calculating the number of launches on every site

Calculating the number of different mission outcomes per orbit type

EDA on the Dataset

Calculating the occurrences of each orbit

Export Data as CSV

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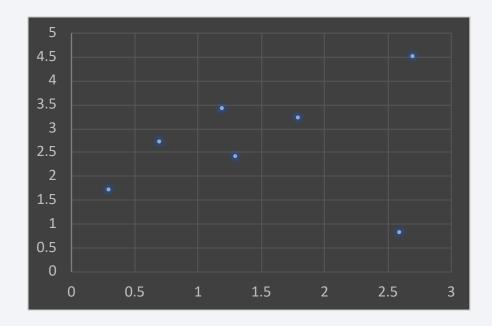
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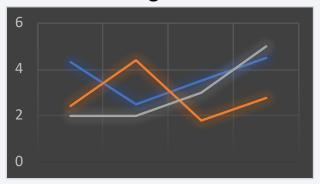
EDA with Data Visualization

Several scatter graphs were plotted to visualise the correlation between the different variables, and further explore the relationship between them

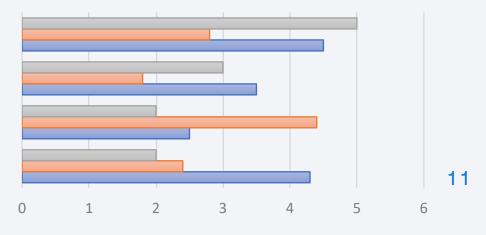


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A line graph was used to visualise the trend in the success rate of launching rockets over time



A bar graph was used to explore how the success rate changed with different orbit types.



EDA with SQL

- Various SQL queries were performed to gather information from the dataset
- In certain cases, the queries were used to drill down into the data, a comprehensive list of the queries that were performed is located below:
 - Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
 - Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
 - Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
 - Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
 - List the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved
 - List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
 - List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
 - List the names of the booster versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery
 - List the failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015
 - Rank 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



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Build an Interactive Map with Folium

Visualising the Launch Data on an Interactive Map

The longitude and latitude was taken at each site and used with the *Circle object* to add a Circle Marker for each launch site to the map.

Assigning Launch Outcomes to Classes

Failures and Successes were mapped to 0 and 1 respectively, those classes were then used to colour the markers that were added to the interactive map by using a *MarkerCluster()*

<u>Calculating the Distance from Various Landmarks to the Launch Sites</u>

These distances were used to explore potential trends between the proximity of launch sites to landmarks such as; cities, railways or highways. Lines were drawn on the map to visualise the distance. The trends explored are detailed in the results.



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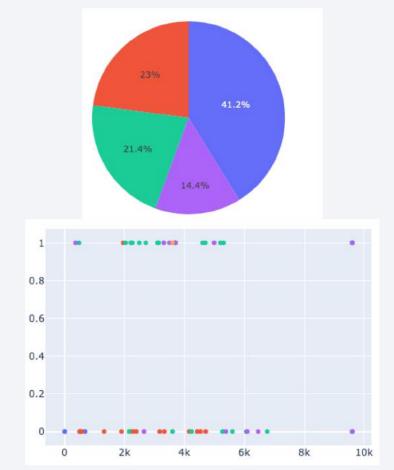
Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

• Dash was used to create an interactive dashboard containing a variety of plots exploring the relationship between; landing outcome, number of launches from the sites, booster version, and Payload Mass.

Graphs

- A Pie chart is located at the top of the dashboard visualising the breakdown of the number of launches from each or every site.
- A scatter graph is located at the bottom of the dashboard displaying the relationship between landing outcome and payload mass for different booster versions. The range of the payload mass can be altered to explore how that particular variable affects landing outcome.

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Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Building Model

- Loading Dataset into NumPy and Pandas
- Transforming Data
- Splitting data into training and test sets
- Select Machine Learning (ML) algorithm to use
- Set parameters to tune in GridSearchCV
- Fit ML algorithms and train them on training data

Evaluating Model

- Calculate accuracy of each ML Model
- Identify best parameters in GridSearchCV for each algorithm
- Plot Confusion Matrix



Engineer features and tune algorithm



Finding Best Performing Model

- Calculate the F1 and Jaccard scores for each model
- Create table and graph comparing the metrics of each model

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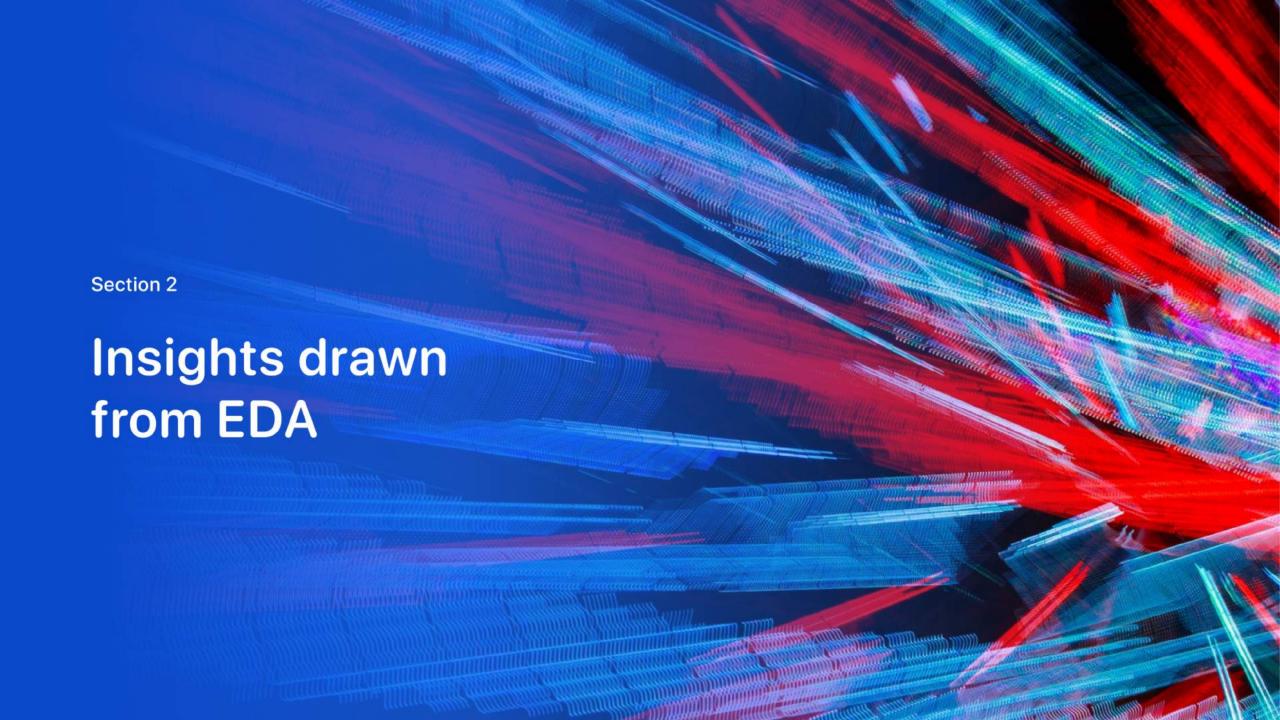
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 Exploratory Data Analysis Results: Visualisation, SQL

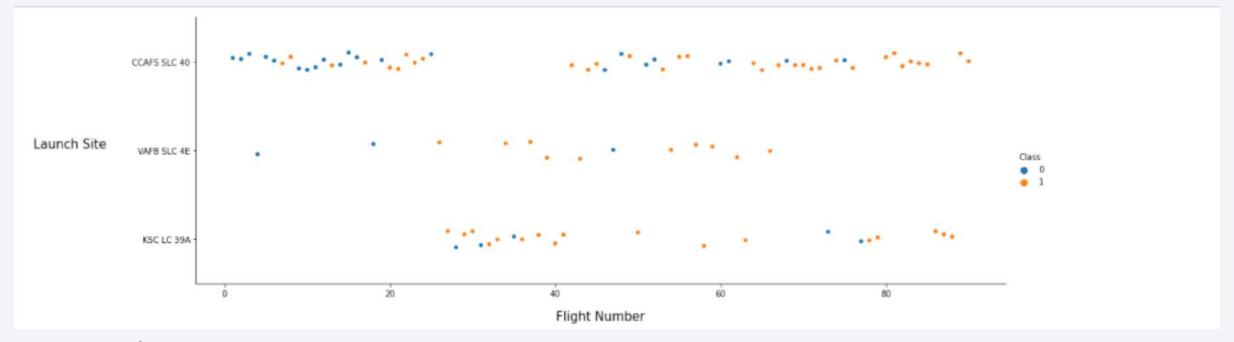
Interactive analytics demo in screenshots

Predictive analysis results





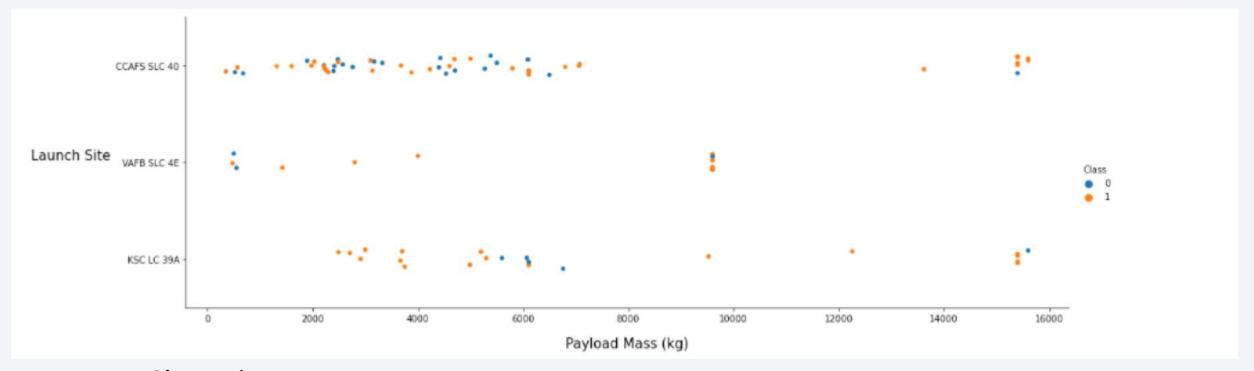
Flight Number vs. Launch Site



Observations

- 1. The first 6 flights all resulted in failures with the last 13 being successful. May suggest that as time has progressed, we have got better at achieving successful launches.
- 2. CCAFS SLC 40 launch site has the most launches when compared with the other two sites
- 3. Comparatively the VAFB SLC 4E and KSC LC 39A have a higher success rate then CCAFS SLC 40
- 4. During a period of no flights from CCAFS SLC 40, KSC LC 39A flights started being launched and more flights were also launched from VAFB SLC 4E

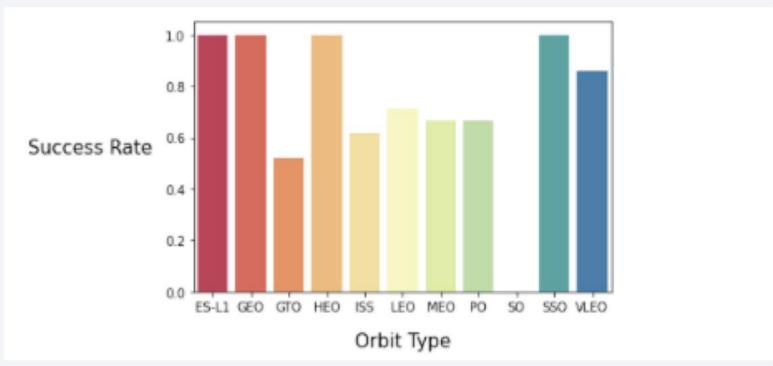
Payload vs. Launch Site



Observations

- 1. Higher payload masses have a higher rate of success then the low payload masses
- 2. Appears to be certain payload weights that have been used as a standard across multiple launches (especially around 10000 and 15000), they can be seen on the graph forming almost straight lines
- 3. The low payload masses launched from KSC LC 39A were successful

Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



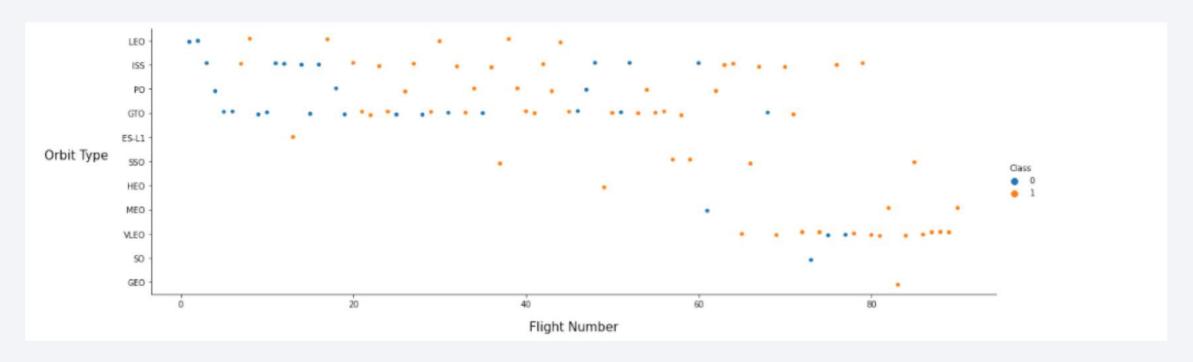
Observations

1. ES-L1, GEO, HEO AND SSO are the standout performers with a 100% success rate

	Orbit	Success Rate
0	ES-L1	1.000000
1	GEO	1.000000
3	HEO	1.000000
9	SSO	1.000000
10	VLEO	0.857143
5	LEO	0.714286
6	MEO	0.666667
7	PO	0.666667
4	ISS	0.619048
2	GTO	0.518519
8	so	0.000000

- 2. Then; VLEO, LEO, MEO and PO,ISS, GTO
- 3. The worst performer with 0% success rate is SO

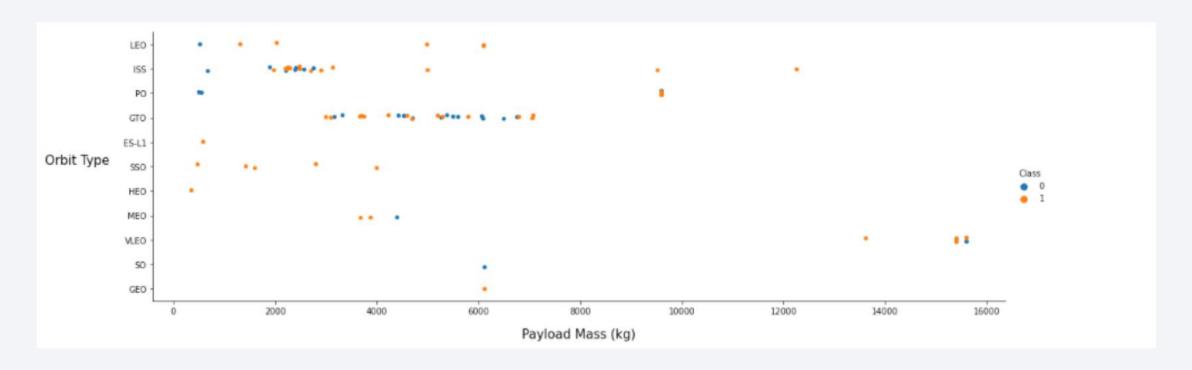
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



Observations

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.

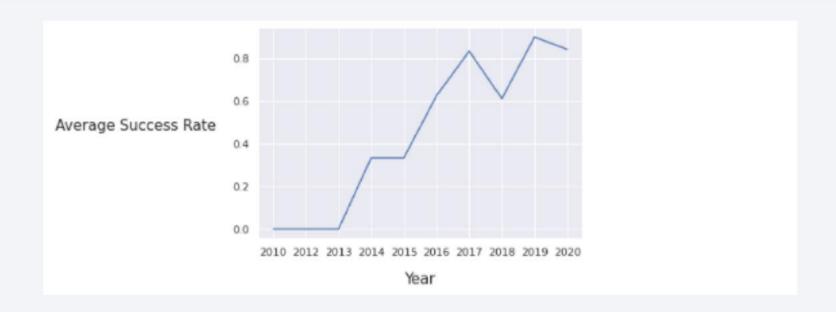
Payload vs. Orbit Type



Observations

Heavy payloads have a negative influence on GTO orbits and positive on GTO and Polar LEO (ISS) orbits.

Launch Success Yearly Trend



Observations

Average Success rate has kept increasing from 2013 to 2020, with a slight decrease during 2018.



All Launch Site Names

SQL QUERY:

select DISTINCT(launch_site) as "Unique launch sites" from SPACEXTBL

Task 1

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

```
%sql select DISTINCT(launch site) as "Unique launch sites" from SPACEXTBL
```

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Done.

Unique launch sites

CCAFS LC-40

CCAFS SLC-40

KSC LC-39A

VAFB SLC-4E

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

SQL QUERY:

select * from SPACEXTBL where launch_site like 'CCA%' limit 5

Task 2

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

%sql select * from SPACEXTBL where launch site like 'CCA%' limit 5

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Done.

DATE	Time (UTC)	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

SQL QUERY:

select sum(payload_mass__kg_) as "Total payload mass (including NASA CRS, KACIFIC 1) " from SPACEXTBL where customer like 'NASA (CRS)%'

Or

select sum(payload_mass__kg_) as "Total payload mass (excluding NASA CRS, KACIFIC 1) " from SPACEXTBL where customer like 'NASA (CRS)'

```
Task 3

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

*sql select sum(payload_mass__kg_) as "Total payload mass (including NASA CRS, KACIFIC 1) " from SPACEXTBL where customer like 'NASA (CRS)%'

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Done.

Total payload mass(including NASA CRS, KACIFIC 1)

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*sql select sum(payload_mass__kg_) as "Total payload mass (excluding NASA CRS, KACIFIC 1) " from SPACEXTBL where customer like 'NASA (CRS)'

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Done.

Total payload mass (excluding NASA CRS, KACIFIC 1)

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Total payload mass (excluding NASA CRS, KACIFIC 1)
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Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

SQL QUERY:

select AVG(payload_mass__kg_) from SPACEXTBL where booster_version like '%F9 v1.1%'



First Successful Ground Landing Date

SQL QUERY:

select min(DATE) as "1st succesfsul landing" from SPACEXTBL where "Landing _Outcome" like 'Success (ground pad)'

Task 5 List the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was acheived. Hint:Use min function %sql select min(DATE) as "1st successful landing" from SPACEXTBL where "Landing _Outcome" like 'Success (ground pad)' * ibm_db_sa://qdg91234:****@21fecfd8-47b7-4937-840d-d791d0218660.bs2io90108kqblod8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:31864/bludb Done. 1st successful landing 2015-12-22

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

SQL QUERY:

select booster_version from SPACEXTBL where "Landing _Outcome" like 'Success (drone ship)' and payload_mass__kg_ between 4000 and 6000

Task 6

List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

```
%sql select booster_version from SPACEXTBL where "Landing _Outcome" like 'Success (drone ship)' and payload_mass __kg_ between 4000 and 6000
```

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Done.

booster_version

F9 FT B1022

F9 FT B1026

F9 FT B1021.2

F9 FT B1031.2

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

SQL QUERY:

select count(*) as "Sucess" from SPACEXTBL where mission_outcome like 'Success%'



select count(*) as "Failure" from SPACEXTBL where mission_outcome like 'Failure%'

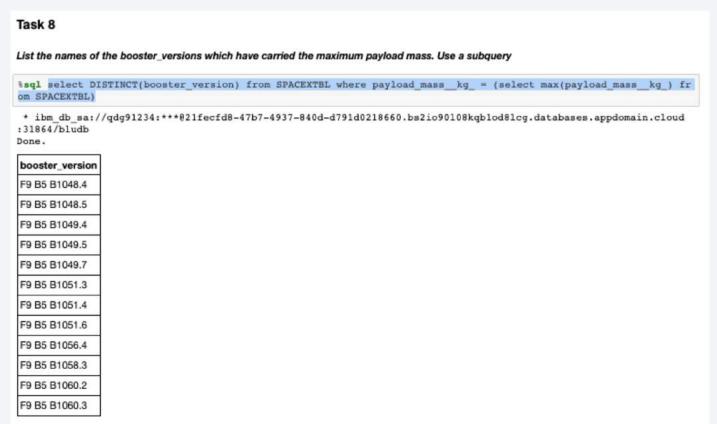
```
%sql select count(*) as "Failure" from SPACEXTBL where mission_outcome like 'Failure%'

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:31864/bludb
Done.
Failure
1
```

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

SQL QUERY:

select DISTINCT(booster_version) from SPACEXTBL where payload_mass__kg_ = (select max(payload_mass__kg_) from SPACEXTBL)



2015 Launch Records

SQL QUERY:

select "Landing _Outcome", booster_version, launch_site from SPACEXTBL where "Landing _Outcome" like 'Failure (drone ship)' and DATE like '2015%'

Task 9

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

%sql select "Landing _Outcome", booster_version, launch_site from SPACEXTBL where "Landing _Outcome" like 'Failu re (drone ship)' and DATE like '2015%'

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Done.

Landing _Outcome	booster_version	launch_site
Failure (drone ship)	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40
Failure (drone ship)	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40

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

SQL QUERY:

select "Landing _Outcome", COUNT("Landing _Outcome") as "No. of Outcomes" from SPACEXTBL where DATE between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20' group by "Landing _Outcome" order by "No. of Outcomes" DESC

Task 10

Rank 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

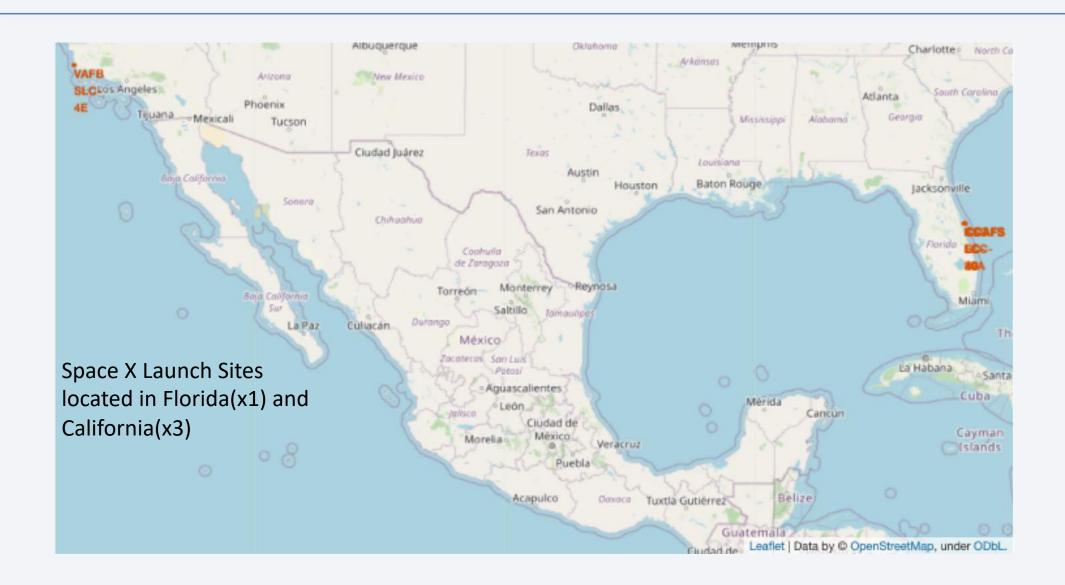
%sql select "Landing _Outcome", COUNT("Landing _Outcome") as "No. of Outcomes" from SPACEXTBL where DATE between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20' group by "Landing _Outcome" order by "No. of Outcomes" DESC

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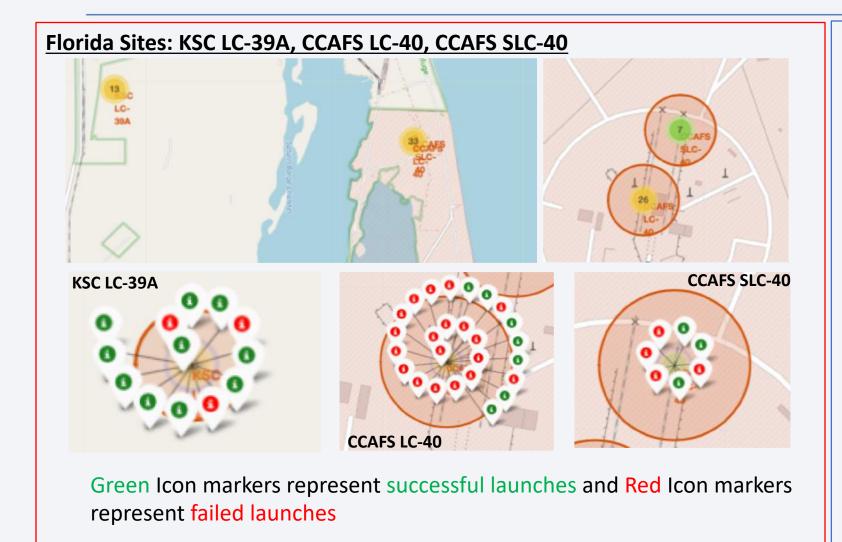
Landing _Outcome	No. of Outcomes
No attempt	10
Failure (drone ship)	5
Success (drone ship)	5
Controlled (ocean)	3
Success (ground pad)	3
Failure (parachute)	2
Uncontrolled (ocean)	2
Precluded (drone ship)	1



Launch Sites on Global Map

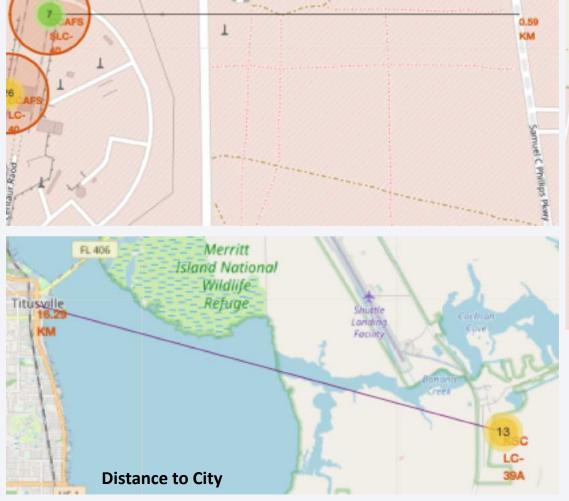


Coloured Labelled Markers: Success and Failure

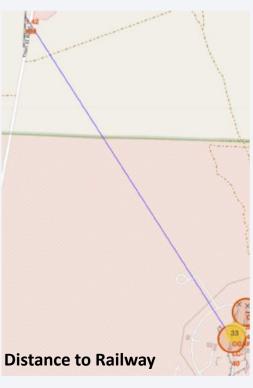




Launch Sites Proximity to Cities, Railways, and Highways



Distance to Highway





Observations

Are launch sites in close proximity to; railways, highways, and coastlines?

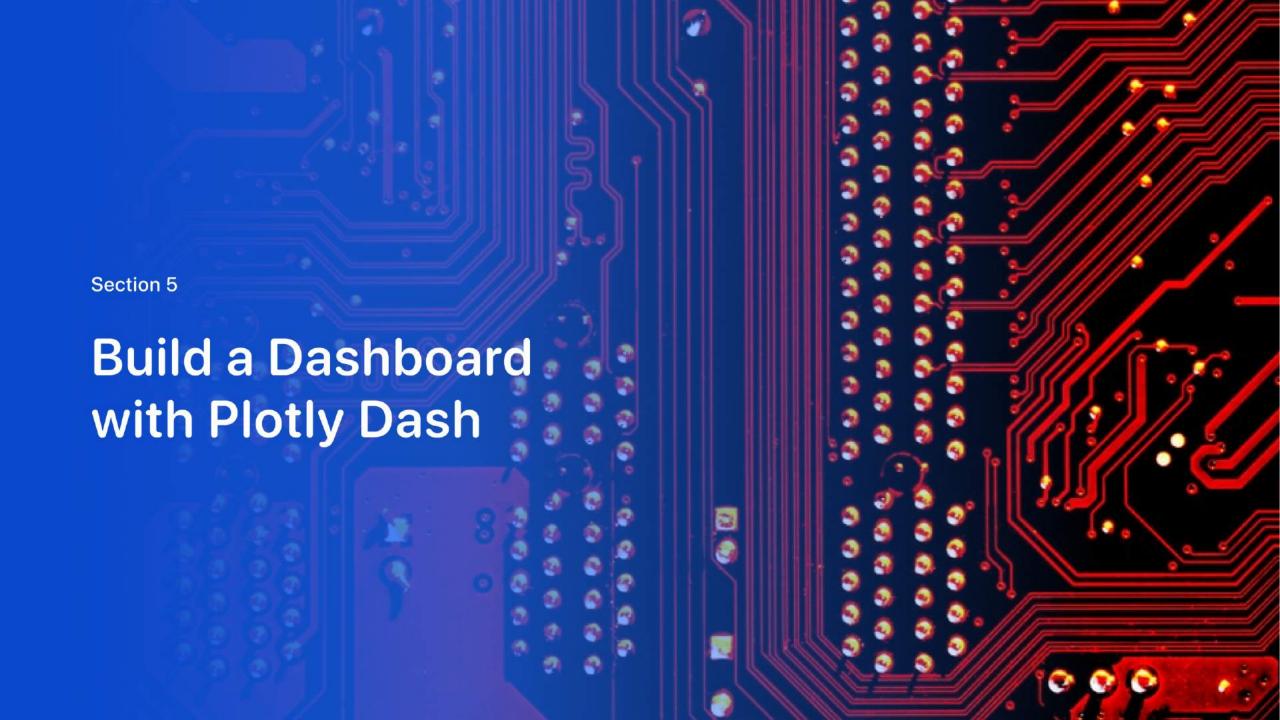
They are in close proximity to all of those:

- To the coastline so they can launch rockets with the added layer of safety of the ocean
- They are relatively close to railways and highways as people need to get in and out of the launch sites for work, also if something wen wrong they may need an easy to to evacuate the sites

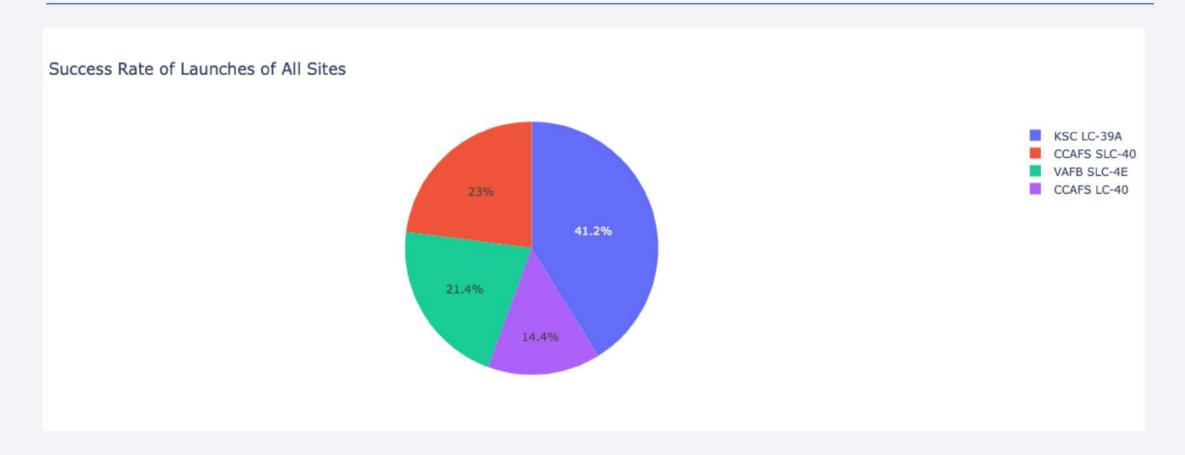
Do launch sites keep certain distance away from cities?

They are likely situated away from cities to reduce the threat to populated areas and any noise disruption that may occur

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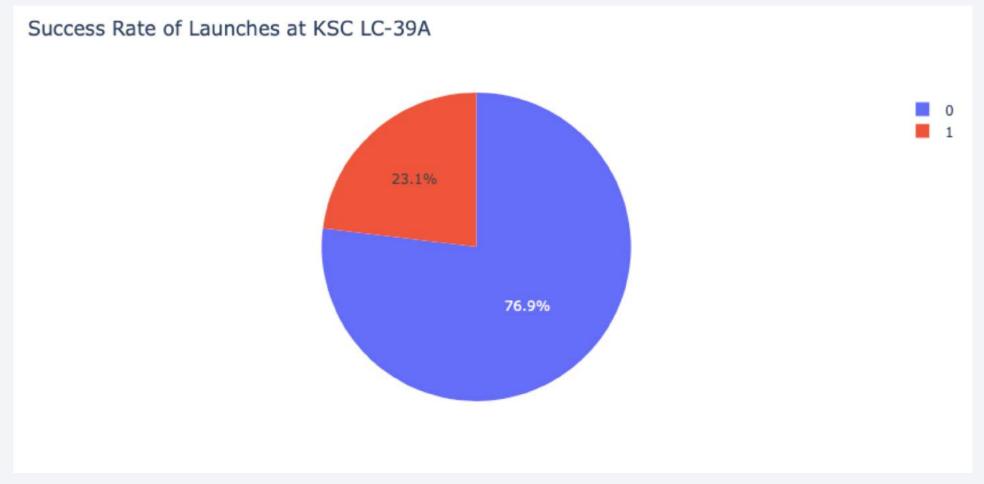
Dashboard: Success Rate Achieved by all Sites



Observations

KSC LC-394 had the highest successful rate when compared with the other sites.

Dashboard: Success Rate of Most Successful Launch Site



Observations

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< Dashboard Screenshot 3>

Where Payload Mass between: 0- 4000Kg



Where Payload Mass between: 4000- 10000Kg



Observations

There are more rockets with lower weighted payloads (0-4000Kg) who have successfully landed compared with rockets with a larger payload. This suggests that rockets with a lower payload mass are more successful than rockets with a higher payload mass

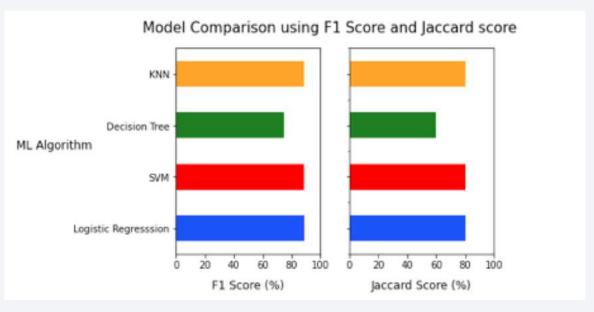


Classification Accuracy

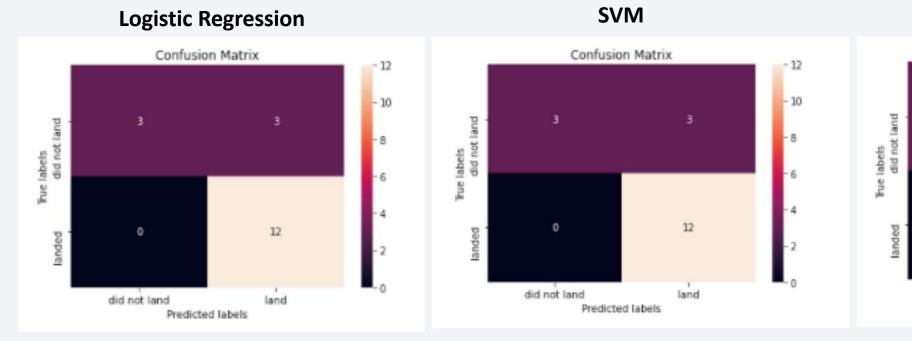
The ML Models were evaluated on the test set using various metrics including; Accuracy Score, F1 score, Jaccard Score, and Log Loss.

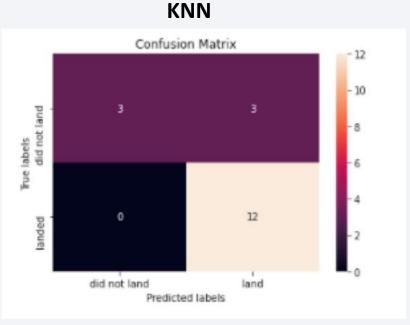
SVM, Logistic regression and KNN performed identically in terms of; Accuracy, F1 and Jaccard Score. While the models scored highly they were all susceptible to false positives. The decision tree algorithm performed worse than the others, with it being susceptible to both false positives and false negatives.

ML Algorithm	F1 Score(%)	Jaccard Score (%)	Log Loss (%)	Accuracy Score (%)
Logistic Regresssion	88.889	0.08	Na	83.333
SVM	88.889	0.08	Na	83.333
Decision Tree	75.000	60.0	Na	66.667
KNN	88.889	80.0	47.867	83.333



Confusion Matrix





It's no surprise that the Logistic Regression, SVM and KNN models all performed identically when being evaluated as they had the exact same number of; True positive, True Negative, False Negatives and False Positives. The models all performed relatively the models main limitation was incorrectly predicting the positive class (because of the three occurrences of False Positives).

		Actual		
		Positive	Negative	
Predicted	Positive	True Positive	False Positive	
	Negative	False Negative	True Negative	

Conclusion

- Three ML algorithms performed identically; Logistic Regression, SVM, and KNN. They were equally the best choice for the dataset.
- Space X Success Rates:
 - Rockets with a lower payload mass perform better than rockets with a larger payload mass
 - Orbit types; GEO, SSO, ES-L1 and HEO are most successful for landing rockets.
 - KCS LC-39A is the most successful site for launching rockets
 - From 2013 to the present day, the success rates of Space X have steadily increased and continue to trend upwards.



