

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

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Introduction

Summary of methodologies

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.

Summary of all results

Objective is to predict if the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully.



Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - Via SpaceX REST API
 - Web Scrapping with BeautifulSoup from Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
 - Replaced missing values with mean, and O for non-relevant fields, one hot encoding for data normalization
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using Data Visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using machine learning with classification models
 - Data validation, Model building, and Model evaluation for Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree, and K-Nearest Neighbours

Data Collection

- The data was collected using two methods in order to get an additional asset with more specific and also additional information to keep for further analysis:
 - Data collection of SpaceX Falcon 9 launch records was performed by making a get request to the SpaceX REST API and then extracting text data to store it into a pandas data frame.
 - Data collection of SpaceX for specific Falcon 9 launch records was performed by making web scraping to Wikipedia and then convert it to a pandas data frame.

Data Collection - SpaceX API

- Starting with the get request to the SpaceX REST API we get and check the response as well as status code.
- The content response was decoded using .json() and .json_normalize() to convert it to a pandas data frame.
- https://github.com/carloseguzf/Applied
 Capstone-IBM_DS SpaceX_Launches/blob/main/jupyter labs-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb

```
In [6]:
                spacex_url = "https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
In [7]:
                response = requests.get(spacex url)
         static json url='https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetworl
         We should see that the request was successfull with the 200 status response code
          response.status code
Out[10]: 200
         Now we decode the response content as a Json using .json() and turn it into a Pandas dataframe using
         .json normalize()
         # Use ison normalize meethod to convert the ison result into a dataframe
          response alt = requests.get(static json url)
          json_response = response_alt.json()
          data = pd.json_normalize(json_response)
          # Get the head of the dataframe
          data.head()
            static fire date utc static fire date unix
                                                                                       rocket success
                                                                                                         details crev
                                                                                                         Engine
                                                                                                        failure at
                                    1.142554e+09 False False
                                                                 0.0 5e9d0d95eda69955f709d1eb
                                                                                                      and loss of
                                                                                                         vehicle
                                                                                                      Successful
                                                                                                      first stage
```

Data Collection - Scraping

 Data was collected by applying web scrapping to Wikipedia using BeautifulSoup.

- Data was parsed from tables and converted to a pandas data frame
- https://github.com/carloseguz f/Applied_Capstone-IBM_DS-SpaceX_Launches/blob/main/j upyter-labs-webscraping.ipynb

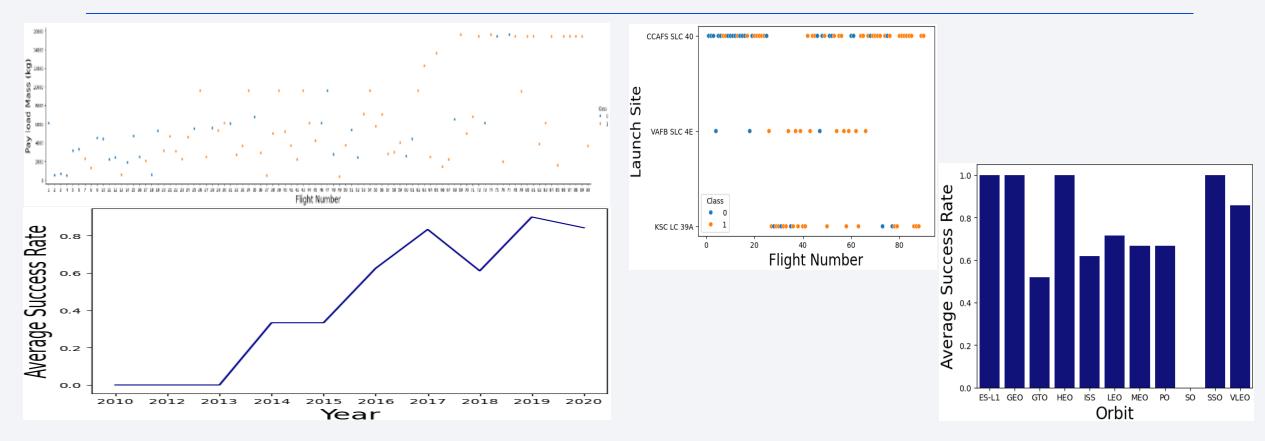
```
In [6]:
         # Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
         soup = BeautifulSoup(response.text, 'html.parser')
        # Let's print the third table and check its content
        first launch table = html_tables[2]
        print(first launch table)
      Flight No.
      Date and<br/>time (<a href="/wiki/Coordinated Universal Time" title="Coordinated Universal Tim</pre>
      e">UTC</a>)
        df = pd.DataFrame({ key:pd.Series(value) for key, value in launch_dict.items() })
        df.head()
          Flight Launch
                                                                 Version
                                                                           Booster
                          Payload
                                        Orbit Customer
                                                                                     Date Time
                  site
                                                                 Booster
                                                                           landing
                        Spacecraft
                                               SpaceX Success\n
                                                                            Failure
              2 CCAFS
                          Dragon
                                                                            Failure December 15:43
                                                                                     2010
```

Data Wrangling

- The exploratory data analysis was performed and dataset was cleaned using python and several libraries.
- Data types were fixed to make them compatible with ML algorithms.
- Null values were replaced.
- The data was filtered to only preserve Falcon 9 launches.
- Descriptive analysis to identify relevant features to calculate the dependent variable.

]:	df.head(!	5)										
	FlightN	Number	Date	BoosterVersion	PayloadMass	Orbit	LaunchSite	Outcome	Flights	GridFins	Reused	Legs
	0	1	2010- 06-04	Falcon 9	6104.959412	LEO	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False
	1	2	2012- 05-22	Falcon 9	525.000000	LEO	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False
	2	3	2013- 03-01	Falcon 9	677.000000	ISS	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False
	3	4	2013- 09-29	Falcon 9	500.000000	РО	VAFB SLC 4E	False Ocean	1	False	False	False
	4	5	2013- 12-03	Falcon 9	3170.000000	GTO	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False
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EDA with Data Visualization

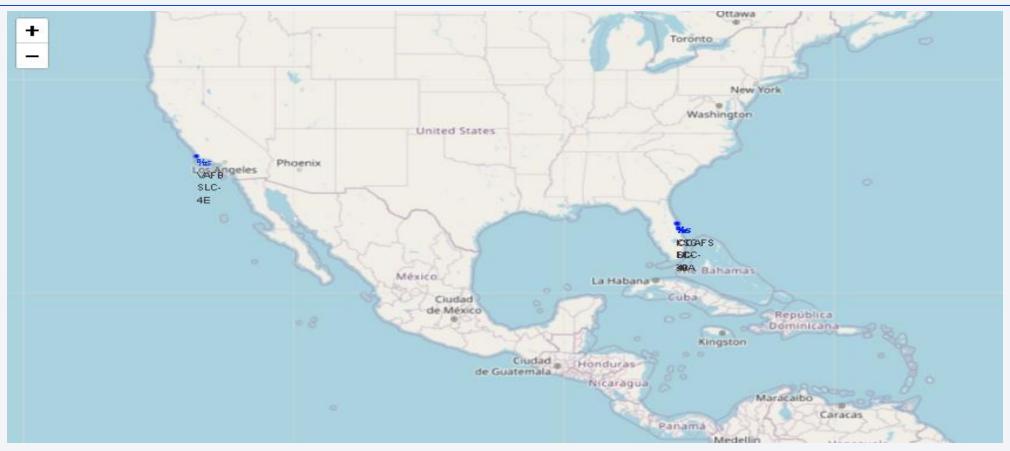


- Exploratory data analysis was performed by using data visualization with Matplotlib and Seaborn.
- https://github.com/carloseguzf/Applied_Capstone-IBM_DS-SpaceX_Launches/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-dataviz.ipynb.jupyterlite.ipynb

EDA with SQL

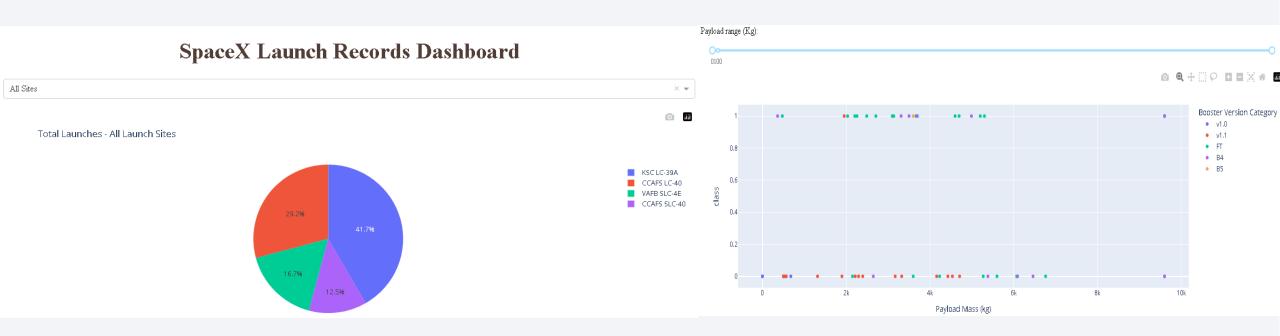
- Names of the unique launch sites in the space mission.
- Total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS).
- Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1.
- Date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved.
- Names of boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass of 4000-6000.
- Total number of successful and failure mission outcomes.
- Names of booster_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass.
- 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.
- https://github.com/carloseguzf/Applied_Capstone-IBM_DS-SpaceX_Launches/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera_sqllite.ipynb

Build an Interactive Map with Folium



- An interactive map was created using Folium in order to get insights about ideal locations for launch sites.
- https://github.com/carloseguzf/Applied_Capstone-IBM_DS-SpaceX_Launches/blob/main/lab_jupyter_launch_site_location.jupyterlite.ipynb

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash



- A pie chart was created to show total launches for each launch site.
- A scatter plot was created to show payload mass carried by each booster version and also to check if the landing was successful or not.
- https://github.com/carloseguzf/Applied_Capstone-IBM_DS-SpaceX_Launches/blob/main/spacex_dash_app.py

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- The dataset was normalized and dummy variable for dependent variable was created.
- Columns were normalized and dataset was split into train and test datasets.
- GridSearchCV models were used to find the best hyperparameters.
- Created, trained and tested the models:
 - Logistic regression, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree, K-Nearest Neighbours.
 - Performed Model Evaluation and compared models to get the model with highest accuracy.
 - https://github.com/carloseguzf/Applied Capston e-IBM DS-SpaceX Launches/blob/main/SpaceX Machine Learning Prediction Part 5.jupyterlite.ipynb

```
Y = data["Class"].to numpy()
array([0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1,
      1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
      1, 0, 0, 0, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
      1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 0, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1, 1,
      1, 1], dtype=int64)
  # students get this
  transform = preprocessing.StandardScaler()
  X = transform.fit_transform(X)
  ×
 array([[-1.71291154e+00, -1.94814463e-16, -6.53912840e-01, ...,
          -8.35531692e-01, 1.93309133e+00, -1.93309133e+00],
         [-1.67441914e+00, -1.19523159e+00, -6.53912840e-01, ...,
          -8.35531692e-01, 1.93309133e+00, -1.93309133e+00],
         [-1.63592675e+00, -1.16267307e+00, -6.53912840e-01, ...,
X train, X test, Y train, Y test = train test split(X, Y, test size = 0.2, random state = 2)
we can see we only have 18 test samples.
Y test.shape
(18,)
In [43]:
           models = [logreg_cv, svm_cv, tree_cv, knn_cv]
           labels = ['logreg_cv', 'svm_cv', 'tree_cv', 'knn_cv']
           models acc = {}
           for model, label in zip(models, labels):
               models acc[label] = model.score(X test, Y test)
                                                                          15
           for key, val in models_acc.items():
                print(key, ':', val)
        logreg cv : 0.8333333333333334
         svm cv : 0.8333333333333334
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tree_cv : 0.8333333333333334 knn cv : 0.8333333333333334

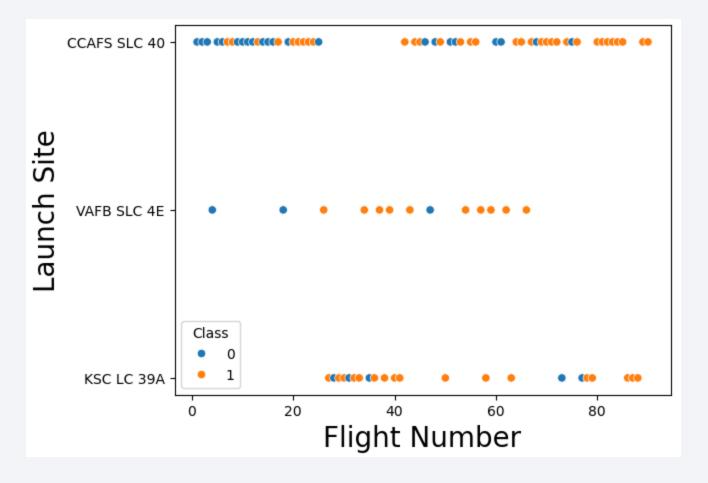
Results

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



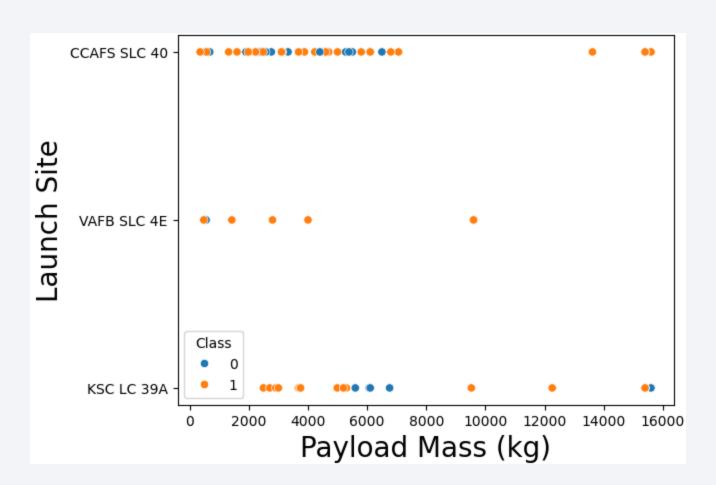
Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- CCAFS SLC-40 has the majority number of launches.
- It seems that KSC LC39A has many successful landings.



Payload vs. Launch Site

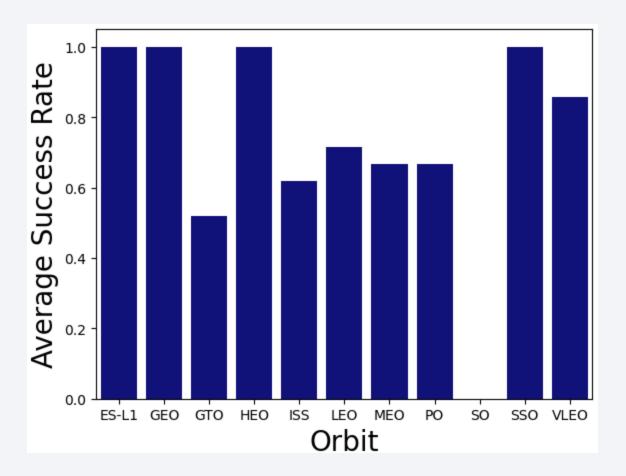
- CCAFS SLC-40 has the majority of its flights with lower payload mass.
- VAFB SLC-4E doesn't have flights for higher payload mass.
- KSC LC-39A has the majority of successful landings for higher payload mass.



Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

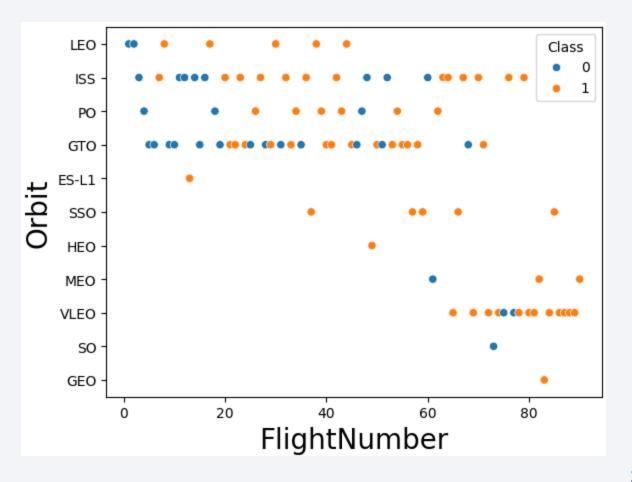
• ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, and VLEO have the higher success rate of landings.

 SO shows a lower success rate of landings or not enough flights to calculate an accurate result.



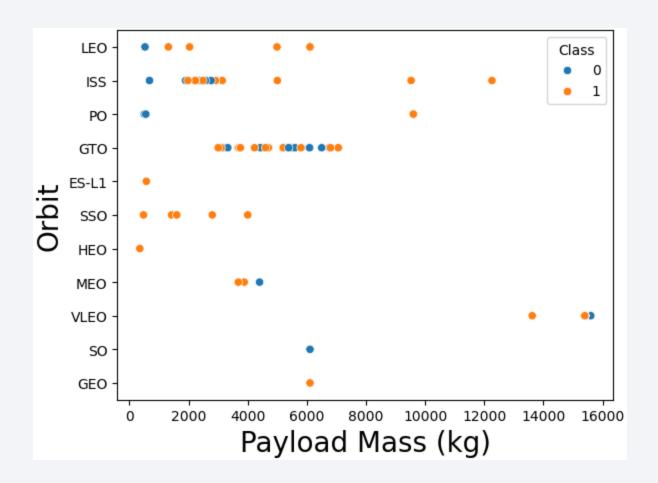
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- LEO, ISS, PO, and GTO have the higher count of flights.
- VLEO seems to have the higher count of flights and a considerable amount of them are successful.



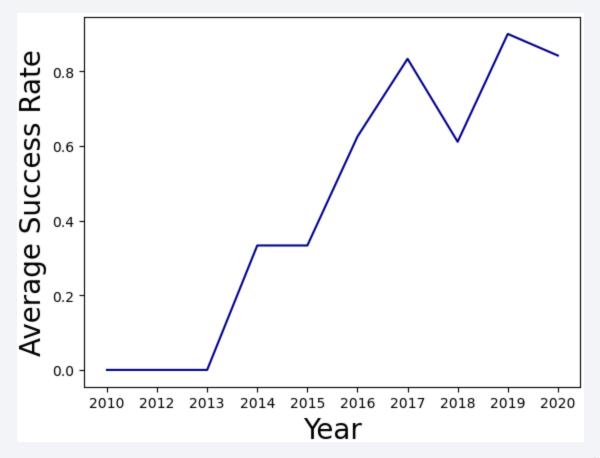
Payload vs. Orbit Type

- ISS, and GTO seems to be correlated to lower payload mass amounts.
- Ther amount of payload mass seems to variate for the rest of the orbits showing no correlation at all.



Launch Success Yearly Trend

- Since 2013 the success rate of landings increased.
- In 2015 increased again to a higher success rate.
- In 2020 it decreased.



All Launch Site Names

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

%%sql
SELECT
DISTINCT("Launch_Site")
FROM

* sqlite:///my_data1.db one.

SPACEXTABLE

Launch_Site

CCAFS LC-40

VAFB SLC-4E

KSC LC-39A

CCAFS SLC-40

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

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

%%sq1 SELECT

```
FROM
      SPACEXTABLE
 WHERE
      "Launch_Site" LIKE 'CCA%'
 LIMIT 5
sqlite:///my_data1.db
                                                     Payload PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ Orbit Customer Mission_Outcome Landing_Outcome
 Date
                 Booster_Version Launch_Site
         (UTC)
                                                     Dragon
 2010-
                                     CCAFS LC-
                                                   Spacecraft
        18:45:00
                    P9 v1.0 B0003
                                                                                  0
                                                                                       LEO
                                                                                                SpaceX
                                                                                                                            Failure (parachute)
 06-04
                                                Qualification
                                                        Unit
                                                     Dragon
                                                 demo flight
                                                     C1, two
                                                                                                  NASA
 2010-
                                     CCAFS LC-
                                                                                       LEO
                    P9 v1.0 B0004
        15:43:00
                                                   CubeSats.
                                                                                                 COTS
                                                                                                                             Failure (parachute)
                                                                                                                   Success
 12-08
                                                                                       (155)
                                                     barrel of
                                                                                                  NRO
                                                     Brouere
                                                      cheese
                                                     Dragon
 2012-
                                     CCAFS LC-
                                                                                       LEO
                                                                                                  NASA
         7:44:00
                    P9 v1.0 B0005
                                                                                 525
                                                 demo flight
                                                                                                                   Success
                                                                                                                                   No attempt
 05-22
                                            40
                                                                                       (155)
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                                                          C2
 2012-
                                     CCAFS LC-
                                                     SpaceX
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                                                                                                  NASA
         0:35:00
                    P9 v1.0 B0006
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                                            40
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                                                                                       (155)
                                                                                                  (CRS)
                                     CCAFS LC-
                                                                                                  NASA
 2013-
                                                     SpaceX
                                                                                       LEO
        15:10:00
                    P9 v1.0 B0007
                                                                                 677
                                                                                                                   Success
                                                                                                                                   No attempt
 03-01
                                                      CRS-2
                                                                                       (ISS)
                                                                                                  (CRS)
```

Total Payload Mass

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

```
%%sq1
  SELECT
      SUM("PAYLOAD MASS KG ") AS total payload mass,
      "Customer"
  FROM
      SPACEXTABLE
  WHERE
      "Customer" = 'NASA (CRS)'
  GROUP BY "Customer"
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
 total_payload_mass
                      Customer
              45596 NASA (CRS)
```

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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

```
%%sq1
  SELECT
      AVG("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_") AS average_payload_mass,
      "Booster_Version"
  FROM
      SPACEXTABLE
  WHERE
      "Booster Version" = 'F9 v1.1'
  GROUP BY "Booster Version"
* sqlite:///my data1.db
Done.
 average_payload_mass Booster_Version
                                F9 v1.1
                2928.4
```

First Successful Ground Landing Date

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

```
%%sq1
  SELECT
      "Date",
      "Landing Outcome"
  FROM
      SPACEXTABLE
  WHERE
      "Landing_Outcome" = 'Success (ground pad)'
  ORDER BY "Date" ASC
  LIMIT 1
* sqlite:///my data1.db
Done.
       Date
               Landing_Outcome
  2015-12-22 Success (ground pad)
```

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

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",
    "Landing_Outcome",
    "PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_"
FROM
    SPACEXTABLE
WHERE
    "Landing_Outcome" = 'Success (drone ship)' AND
    "PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_" BETWEEN 4000 AND 6000
GROUP BY "Booster_Version"
```

* sqlite:///my_data1.db

Done.

	Booster_Version	Landing_Outcome	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_
	F9 FT B1021.2	Success (drone ship)	5300
	F9 FT B1031.2	Success (drone ship)	5200
	F9 FT B1022	Success (drone ship)	4696
	F9 FT B1026	Success (drone ship)	4600

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

```
List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
  %%sq1
  SELECT
      "Mission Outcome",
      COUNT("Mission Outcome")
  FROM
      SPACEXTABLE
  GROUP BY "Mission_Outcome"
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
              Mission_Outcome COUNT("Mission_Outcome")
                Failure (in flight)
                       Success
                                                         98
                       Success
 Success (payload status unclear)
```

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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

```
%%sq1
  SELECT
      "Booster Version",
      "PAYLOAD MASS KG "
  FROM
      SPACEXTABLE
  WHERE "PAYLOAD MASS KG " = (SELECT
                                    MIN("PAYLOAD MASS__KG_")
                                FROM
                                    SPACEXTABLE)
* sqlite:///my data1.db
Done.
 Booster_Version PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_
    F9 v1.0 B0003
    F9 V1.0 B0004
```

2015 Launch Records

List the records which will display the month names, failure landing_outcomes in drone ship ,booster versions, launch_site for the months in year 2015.

```
%%sq1
  SELECT
      substr("Date", 0, 5) AS year,
      substr("Date", 6, 2) AS n month,
      substr('JanFebMarAprMayJunJulAugSepOctNovDec', 1 + 3 * strftime('%m', date("Date")), -3) AS month,
      "Launch Site",
      "Landing Outcome",
      "Booster Version"
  FROM
      SPACEXTABLE
  WHERE
      "Landing Outcome" = 'Failure (drone ship)' AND
      substr("Date", 0, 5) = '2015'
* sqlite:///my data1.db
Done.
 year n month month Launch Site Landing Outcome Booster Version
 2015
             01
                    Jan CCAFS LC-40 Failure (drone ship)
                                                          F9 v1.1 B1012
                   Apr CCAFS LC-40 Failure (drone ship)
                                                          F9 v1.1 B1015
 2015
             04
```

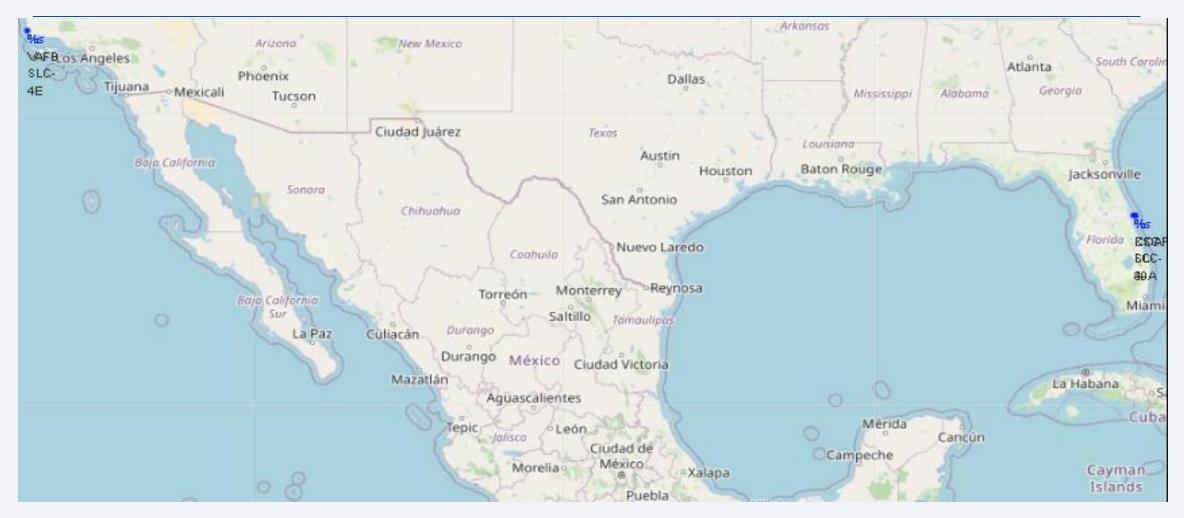
Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

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

```
%%sq1
  SELECT
      COUNT("Landing_Outcome") AS n landing outcomes,
      "Landing Outcome"
  FROM
       (SELECT
            "Date",
           "Landing Outcome"
       FROM
            SPACEXTABLE
       WHERE
            ("Landing Outcome" = 'Success (ground pad)' OR "Landing Outcome" = 'Failure (drone ship)') AND
             ("Date" > '2010-06-04' AND "Date" < '2017-03-20'))
  GROUP BY "Landing Outcome"
  ORDER BY n_landing_outcomes DESC
 * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
 n_landing_outcomes
                        Landing Outcome
                   5
                        Failure (drone ship)
                   3 Success (ground pad)
```

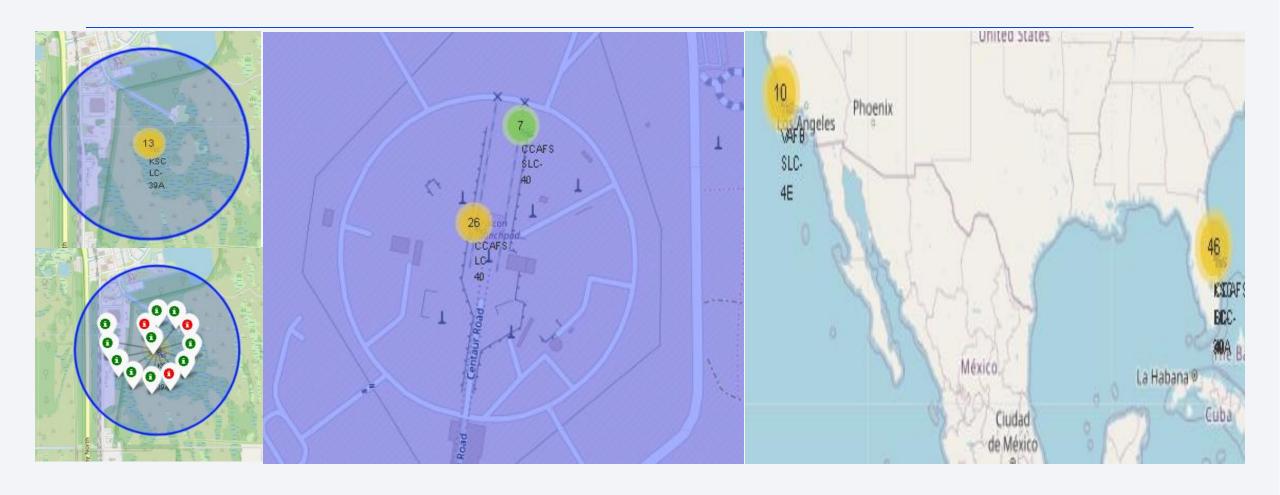


Launch Sites Locations



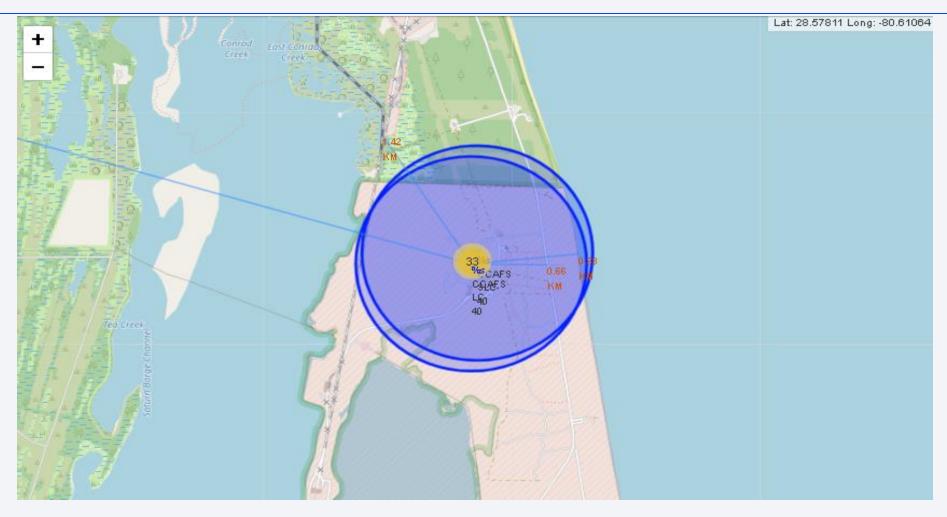
- All launch sites in very proximity to the coast.
- Launch sites have certain proximity to the Equator line.

Count of Successful/Unsuccessful Landing Outcomes for each Launch Site



- Count of launches labeled by successful or unsuccessful landing for each launch site.
- KCS LC-39A has the greater number of successful launches.

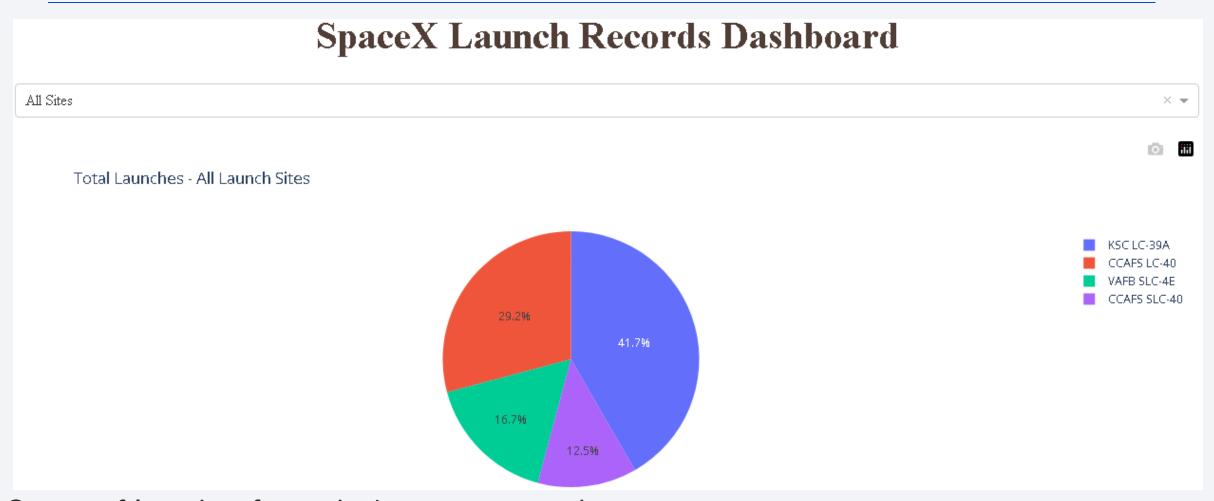
Launch Sites Proximities



• CCAFS SLC-40 is the Launch Site that is nearest to a railway, highway, and city than the others.

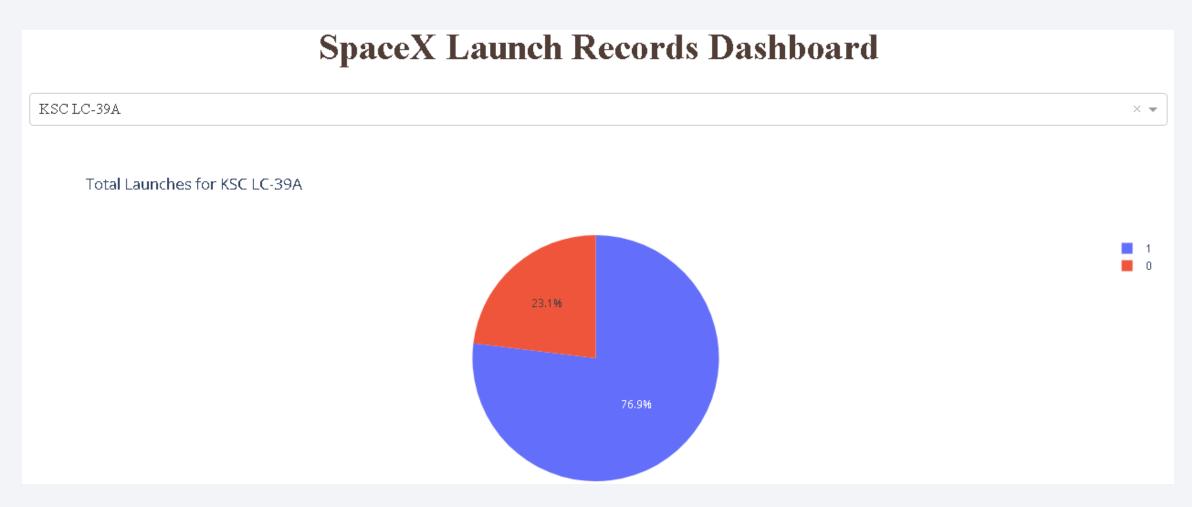


Total Launches by Launch Site



- Counts of launches for each site are compared.
- KSC LC-39A launch site has the majority of the total launches.

Launch Site with the Majority of Successful Launches



• KSC LC-39A has the greater ratio of successful launches.

Payload Mass Carried by Boosters



• FT Booster Version Category has the majority of successful launches for medium and high amount of payload mass.

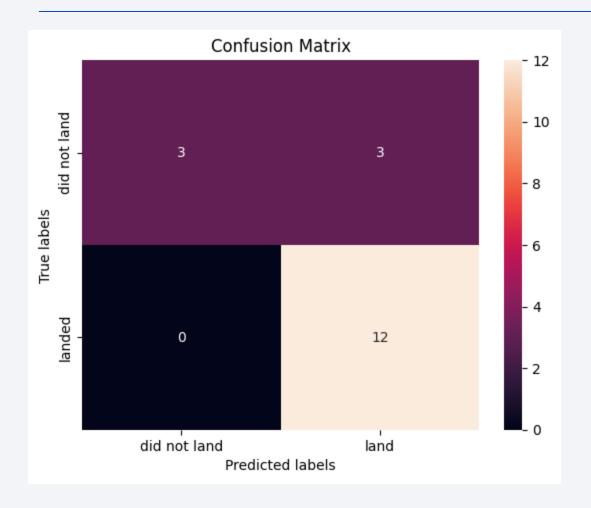


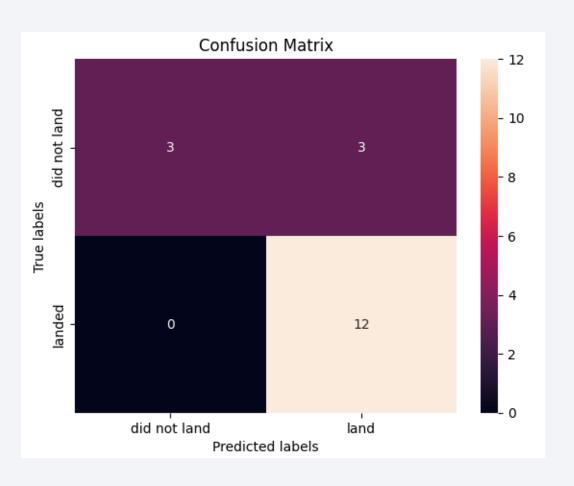
Classification Accuracy

```
models = [logreg cv, svm cv, tree cv, knn cv]
  labels = ['logreg cv', 'svm cv', 'tree cv', 'knn cv']
  models acc = {}
  for model, label in zip(models, labels):
      models acc[label] = model.score(X test, Y test)
  for key, val in models acc.items():
      print(key, ':', val)
|logreg cv : 0.8333333333333334
svm cv : 0.8333333333333334
tree cv : 0.8333333333333334
knn cv : 0.8333333333333334
```

All created models have shown almost the same accuracy, however for the purposes of this dataset, decision trees or logistic regression may be a good fit.

Confusion Matrix





• All models are showing strong accuracy for predicting successful outcomes, the consistent problem is with the False Positives.

Conclusions

- Launches with payload mass higher than 10000 have a low success rate of landing.
- ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, and VLEO Orbits have the higher success rate of landings.
- KSC LC-39A Launch Site has the majority count of successful landings.
- Almost all launch sites are near to the coast, railway, and relatively near cities depending on launch site's location.
- The best models determined by an accuracy of 83% and the characteristics of the dataset are Logistic Regression and K-Nearest Neighbours, also Support Vector Machines can be used for the predictive analysis.
- Yearly trend success rate shows that probably improvements on technology, lessons learned and trial and error are shaping the way to get a 100% success rate of landing in the future, as more data on those launches is generated, better models can be created.

Appendix

- Material, Notebooks, Python Code and Datasets used for analysis can be found on a github's repository in the following link:
 - https://github.com/carloseguzf/Applied_Capstone-IBM_DS-SpaceX_Launches

