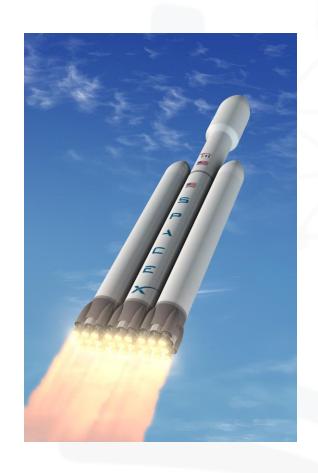


# Data Analysis of SpaceX Falcon 9 First Stage Landing

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## **EXECUTIVE SUMMARY**



- SpaceX Falcon 9 Launch Data obtained from SpaceX API and Web Scraping
- SQL used to clean data
- Python used to visualize data Folium and Ploty Dash used to create interactive visualizations
- Analysis primarily conducted on Launch Site, Orbit, Payload Mass, Flight Number, and Year to assess how the variables contribute to the success or failure of a launch
- Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree, and K Nearest can all be used for predictive classification of future flights with all algorithms obtaining a score of 0.8366 when using the same test/train split on data set

## INTRODUCTION



### Project Background

- SpaceX advertises Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website with a cost of 62 million dollars; other providers cost upwards of 165 million dollars each, much of the savings is because SpaceX can reuse the first stage
- Analysis completed to determine if the first stage will land

#### Problems to Solve

- Determine the price of each launch. by gathering information about Space X and creating dashboards for your team.
- Determine if SpaceX will reuse the first stage by training a machine learning model and use of public information to predict if SpaceX will reuse the first stage.

## **METHODOLOGY**



- Data Gathering and Wrangling
  - API and Webscraping utilized to create data set
- Exploratory Analysis
  - SQL to refine dataset and determine initial findings
  - Visualizations
    - Python for initial visualizations
    - Folium and Plotly Dash for interactive visualizations
- Predictive Analysis
  - Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree Classifier, and k-Nearest Neighbors to determine best predictive algorithm

# Methodology



# Data Collection and Wrangling

- Data gathered via SpaceX Data API
  - Only Falcon 9 Booster Version was assessed in this analysis
  - Payload Mass was the only variable with null values
    - Null values replaced with average Payload Mass
- Additional launch data for Falcon 9 boosters scraped from Wikipedia using BeautifulSoup
- Classification variable for launch outcome added (binary variable for first stage successful land or not)



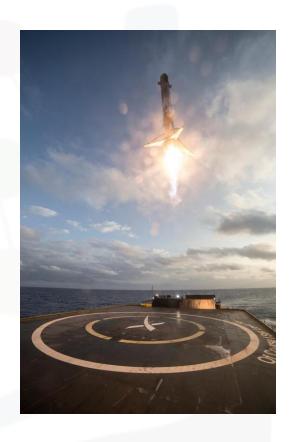
# Exploratory Data Analysis

- Determined number of successful and unsuccessful landing attempts for only Falcon 9 Booster rockets and their associated variables
- Explored launch outcome as it correlates to Flight Number, Launch Site, Payload Mass, and Orbit Type (including creating dummy variables)
- Launch success over time trend
- Created plots to explore the variable correlations



# EDA - Interactive Data Visualization

- Created Folium maps to mark launch sites, denote successful/failed launches, marked key geographic proximities to launch site
- Created interactive Ploty dashboard to further explore data visualizations for Launch Site, Payload Mass, and Successful launches



# Predictive Data Analysis

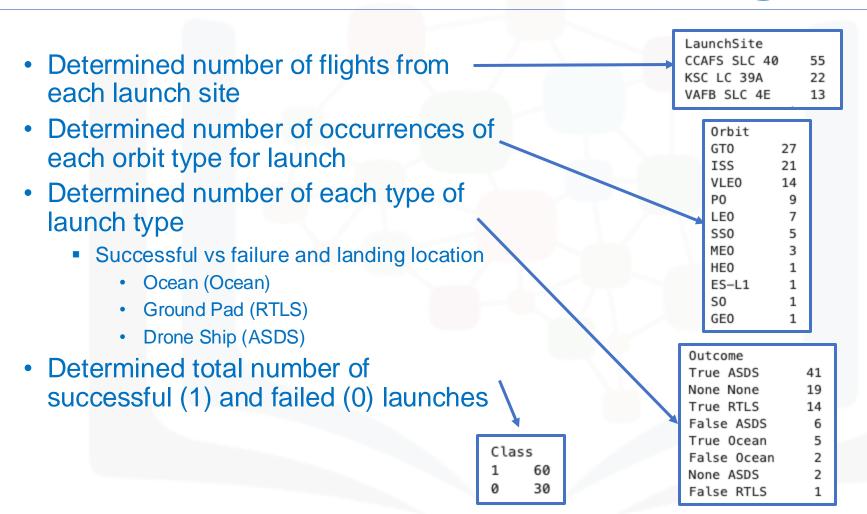
- Set Y variable as binary classification of successful (or not) Falcon 9 first stage landing
- Set X variables as all other variables in data set (83 total variables, 90 total instances)
- Created Test and Train split for X and Y, with test size = 0.2
- Performed Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree, and K Nearest Neighbors
  - Used Score value to evaluate performance of all four algorithms

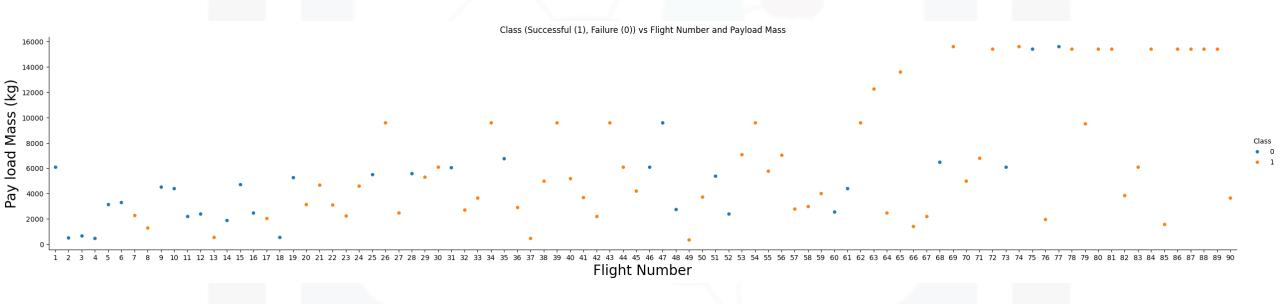


# RESULTS

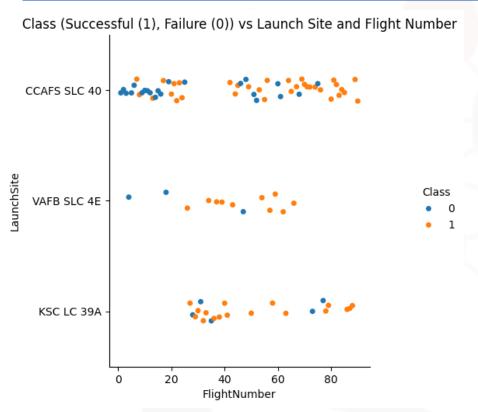


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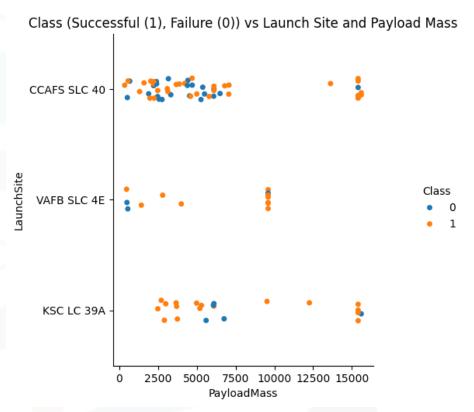




Plot showing whether first stage landing was successful (Class) based on Payload Mass (kg) and Flight Number. No clear relationship established with this visualization

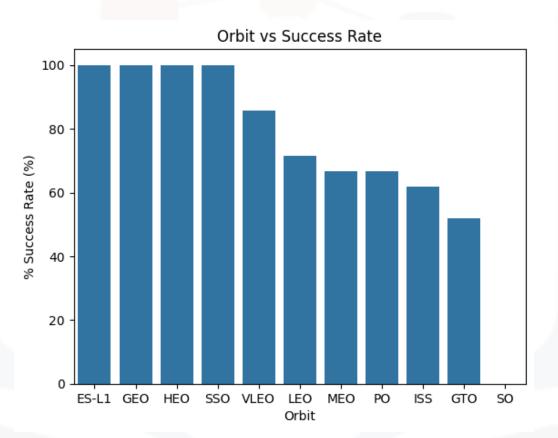


Plot showing whether first stage landing was successful (Class) based on Flight Number and Launch Site. No strong relationships established, but appears to be higher success rate for higher Flight Numbers across all three locations

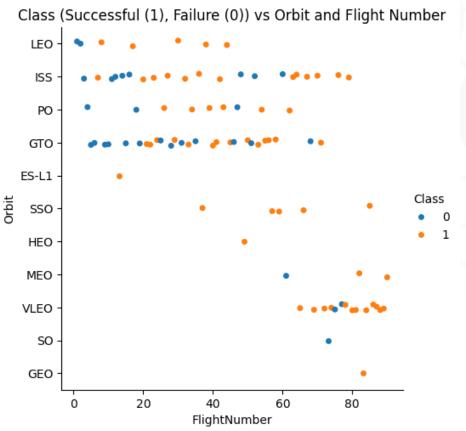


Plot showing whether first stage landing was successful (Class) based on Payload Mass (kg) and Launch Site. No strong relationships established, but appears to be higher success rate for larger Payload Mass across all three locations

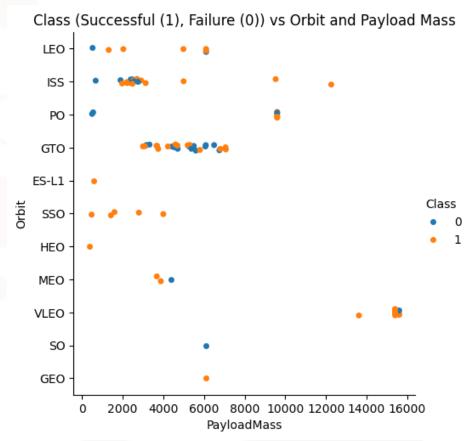
## - Visualizations



Plot showing Success Rate (%) vs target Orbit. ES-L1, GEO, HEO, and SSO have 100% success rate.

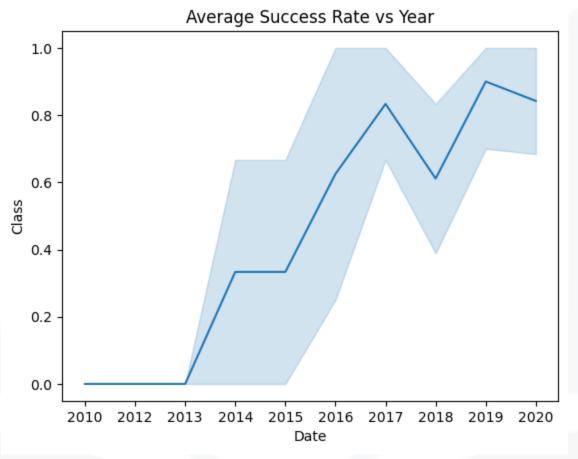


Plot showing whether first stage landing was successful (Class) based on Flight Number and Orbit. ES-L1, GEO, HEO, and SSO have 100% success rate and earlier trend of higher Flight Number relating to improved success rate holds



Plot showing whether first stage landing was successful (Class) based on Payload Mass (kg) and Orbit. ES-L1, GEO, HEO, and SSO have 100% success rate. Earlier trend of higher Payload Mass relating to improved success rate is not as apparent in this figure.

## - Visualizations



Plot showing average success rate (Class) vs Year. Shows general trend towards higher success rate as years progress

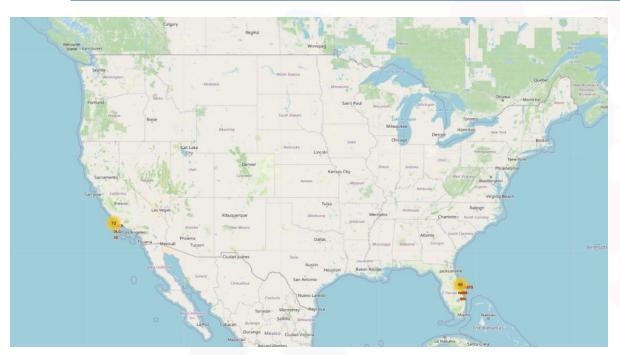
# EDA - SQL

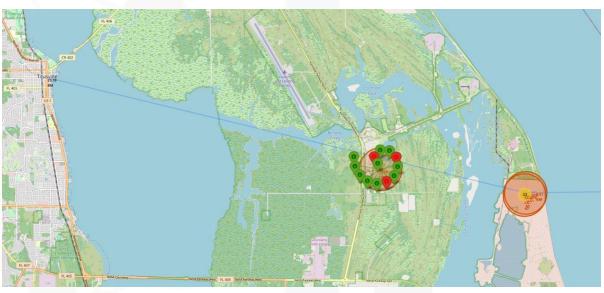
## Key Findings

- Average Payload Mass = 2534.667 kg
- First Successful Landing = 2015-12-22
- Counts of 8 different landing outcome scenarios

Landing_Outcome		COUNT(*)
No attempt	10	
Success (drone ship)	5	
Failure (drone ship)	5	
Success (ground pad)	3	
Controlled (ocean)	3	
Uncontrolled (ocean)	2	
Failure (parachute)	2	
Precluded (drone ship)	1	

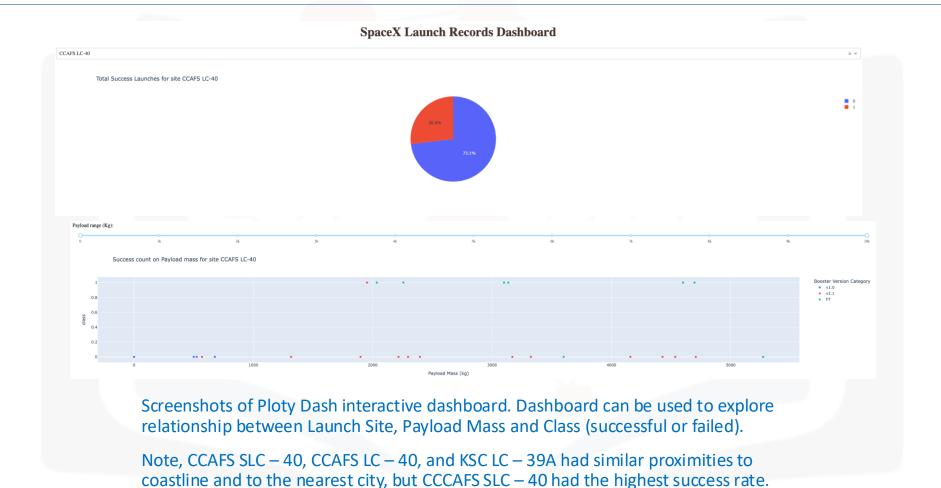
# EDA - Folium Interactive Data Visualization





Screenshots of Folium interactive map showing examples of user functionality. Launch Site locations are marked, successful and failed launches indicated for each Site, and distance markers drawn to key geographical features such as distance to coast or distance to nearest city

# EDA - Ploty Dash Dashboard



Link to Dashboard

# Predictive Data Analysis

- Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree, and K Nearest Neighbors algorithms assessed
  - All algorithms were trained on the same train/test data split
- Key Findings:
  - All four predictive models received the same score, suggesting any of the four models are acceptable to use as predictors

Log Reg Score:

0.8333333333333334

SVM:

0.8333333333333334

Tree:

0.8333333333333334

KNN:

0.8333333333333334

## CONCLUSION



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- Launch Site, Orbit, Payload Mass, Flight Number, and Year all contribute to the success or failure of a launch
- CCAFS LC 40 had a success rate of 60%, KSC LC 39A and VAFB SLC 4E had success rate of 77%
- Orbits ES L1, GEO, HEO, and SSO had success rate of 100%. SO had a success rate of 0%
- Generally, higher Launch Numbers correlated to higher success rates
  - GTO and ISS orbits did not tend to have a relationship between Flight Number or Payload Mass and success rates
- As the years progressed, the average annual success rate had a general upward trend
- Based on the data, Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree, and K Nearest can all be used for predictive classification of future flights

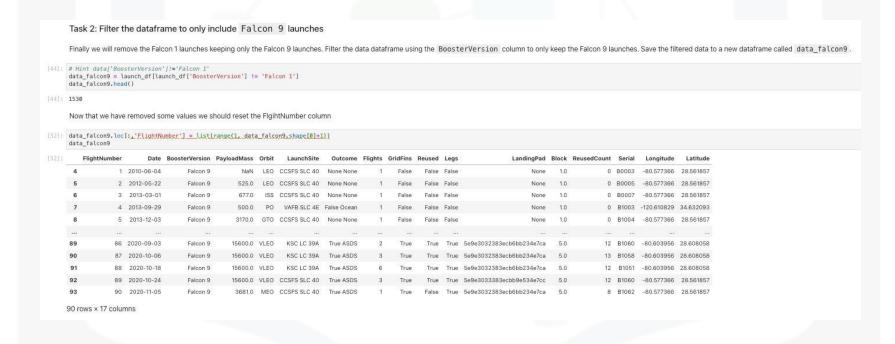
# **APPENDIX**



# Collecting Data



# SpaceX API to Collect Data



# SpaceX API to Collect Data

## GitHub Link

#### **Data Wrangling**

We can see below that some of the rows are missing values in our dataset.

```
[33]: data_falcon9.isnull().sum()
[33]: FlightNumber
      Date
      BoosterVersion
      PavloadMass
      0rbit
      LaunchSite
      Outcome
      Flights
      GridFins
      Reused
      Legs
      LandingPad
      Block
      ReusedCount
      Serial
      Longitude
      Latitude
      dtype: int64
```

```
[40]: # Calculate the mean value of PayloadMass column
     mean_payloadmass = data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].mean(axis=0)
     mean_payloadmass
     # Replace the np.nan values with its mean value
     data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].replace(np.nan, mean_payloadmass, inplace = True)
     data_falcon9.isnull().sum()
[40]: FlightNumber
     Date
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```

# Webscraping to Collect Data

## GitHub Link

#### 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 HTTP response.

```
[12]: # use requests.get() method with the provided static_url
    requests.get(static_url)
    # assign the response to a object
    response = requests.get(static_url)
```

Create a BeautifulSoup object from the HTML response

```
[15]: # Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
html_content = response.text
soup = BeautifulSoup(html_content, 'html.parser')
soup.title
```

Print the page title to verify if the BeautifulSoup object was created properly

```
[16]: # Use soup.title attribute soup.title
```

[16]: <title>List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches - Wikipedia</title>

#### TASK 2: Extract all column/variable names from the HTML table header

Next, we want to collect all relevant column names from the HTML table header

Let's try to find all tables on the wiki page first. If you need to refresh your memory about BeautifulSoup, please check the external reference link towards the end of this lab

```
# Use the find_all function in the BeautifulSoup object, with element type 'table'

# Assign the result to a list called 'html_tables'

html_tables = soup.find_all('table')

html_tables
```

Starting from the third table is our target table contains the actual launch records

```
[20]: #_Let's_print_the_third_table_and_cbeck_its_content
first_launch_table = html_tables[2]
print(first_launch_table)
```

You should able to see the columns names embedded in the table header elements as follows:

Next, we just need to iterate through the elements and apply the provided extract column from header() to extract column name one by one

```
# Apply find_all() function with `th` element on first_launch_table
th = first_launch_table.find_all('th')
# Iterate each th element and apply the provided extract_column_from_header() to_qet_a_column_name
for table in th:
    name = extract_column_from_header(table)

# Append the Non-empty column name ('if name is not None and len(name) > 0') into_a_list_called_column_names
    if name is not None and len(name) > 0:
        column_names.append(name)
```

Check the extracted column names

[27]: print(column\_names)

['Flight No.', 'Date and time ( )', 'Launch site', 'Payload', 'Payload mass', 'Orbit', 'Customer', 'Launch outcome']





# Webscraping to Collect Data

## GitHub Link

#### TASK 3: Create a data frame by parsing the launch HTML tables

We will create an empty dictionary with keys from the extracted column names in the previous task. Later, this dictionary will be converted into a Pandas dataframe

```
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 to be an empty list
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']=[]
```

# Webscraping to Collect Data

```
To simplify the parsing process, we have provided an incomplete code snippet below to help you to fill up the launch_dict. Please complete the following code snippet with TODOs or you can choose to write your own logic to parse all launch tables:
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                        else:
flag=False
                            #get table element
row-rows.find_alli'td')
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if flag:
                                           # Date value of Tobo: Append the date into launch_dict with key 'Date' date = datainelist(0].strip(',') launch_dict('Date').append(date) ## Sprint(date)
                                      # Booster version
# TOOD: Append the bv into launch_dict with key 'Version Booster'
bubbooster_version(row[1])
## ms[Up]
burgwU[]_astfing
[launch_dict['Version Booster'].append(bv)
print(bv)
                                         # Launch Site
# 7000: Append the Bv into launch_dict with Rey 'Launch Site'
launch_dict('Launch site').append(launch_site)
#PUTG(Launch_Site)
                                            # Fayload # 7000: Append the payload into Taunch_dict with key 'Payload' payload = row[3].a.string Taunch_dict['Payload'].append(payload)
                                            # Jobb: Append the orbit into launch_dict with key 'Orbit' orbit = row[5].a.string launch_dict('robit'] append(orbit) ## Sprint[orbit']
                                            # 7000: Append the customer into launch_dict with key 'Customer'
customer = row[6]
launch_dict['Customer'].append(customer)
                                              # Booster Landing * # 7000: Append the Launch_outcome into Launch_dict with key 'Booster_Landing' booster_Landing * Landing, *Latus(row(8)) Launch_dict('Booster_Landing') **append(booster_Landing) ***griot(booster_Landing) ***spriot(booster_Landing) ****
```

# Data Wrangling

## GitHub Link

#### TASK 1: Calculate the number of launches on each site

The data contains several Space X launch facilities: Cape Canaveral Space Launch Complex 40 VAFB SLC 4E, Vandenbe

Next, let's see the number of launches for each site.

Use the method value\_counts() on the column LaunchSite to determine the number of launches on each site:

- [6]: # Apply value\_counts() on column LaunchSite df['LaunchSite'].value\_counts()
- [6]: LaunchSite CCAFS SLC 40

22 KSC LC 39A VAFB SLC 4E

Name: count, dtype: int64

#### TASK 2: Calculate the number and occurrence of each orbit

Use the method .value\_counts() to determine the number and occurrence of each orbit in the column Orbit

```
# Apply value_counts on Orbit column
 GTO
ISS
VLEO
 LE0
 SSO
MEO
 HE0
 ES-L1
Name: count, dtype: int64
```

#### TASK 3: Calculate the number and occurence of mission outcome of the orbits

Use the method .value\_counts() on the column Outcome to determine the number of landing outcomes. Then assign it to a variable landing\_outcomes.

```
# landing outcomes = values on Outcome column
 landing_outcomes = df['Outcome'].value_counts()
 landing_outcomes
Outcome
None None
False ASDS
```

True Ocean False Ocean None ASDS False RTLS Name: count, dtype: int64

True Ocean means the mission outcome was successfully landed to a specific region of the ocean while False Ocean means the mission outcome was unsuc was successfully landed to a drone ship. False ASDS means the mission outcome was unsuccessfully landed to a drone ship. None. ASDS and None. None the

```
[9]: for i,outcome in enumerate(landing_outcomes.keys()):
    0 True ASDS
    2 True RTLS
    3 False ASDS
    6 None ASDS
    7 False RTLS
```

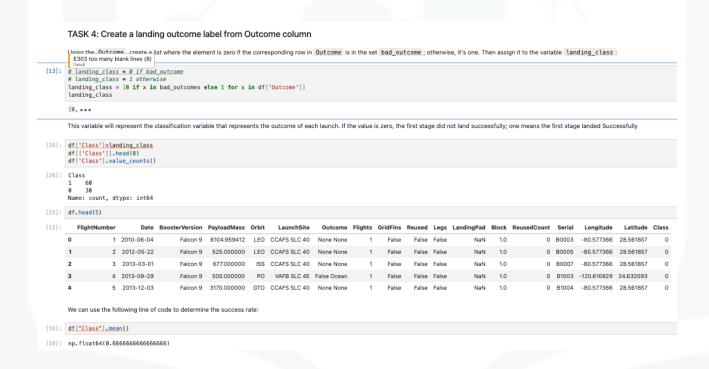
We create a set of outcomes where the second stage did not land successfully

[25]: bad\_outcomes=set(landing\_outcomes.keys()[[1,3,5,6,7]]) bad outcomes [25]: {'False ASDS', 'False Ocean', 'False RTLS', 'None ASDS', 'None None'}

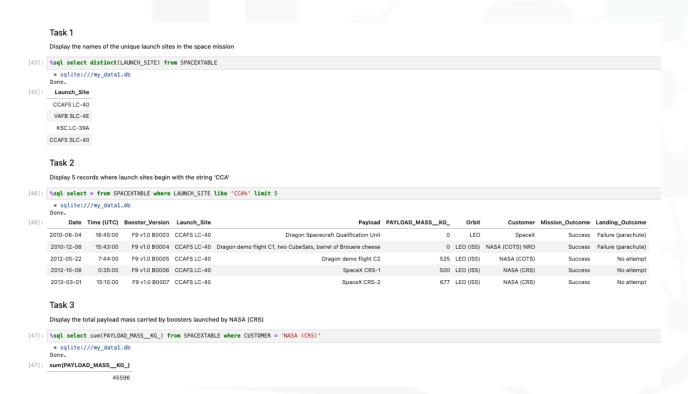


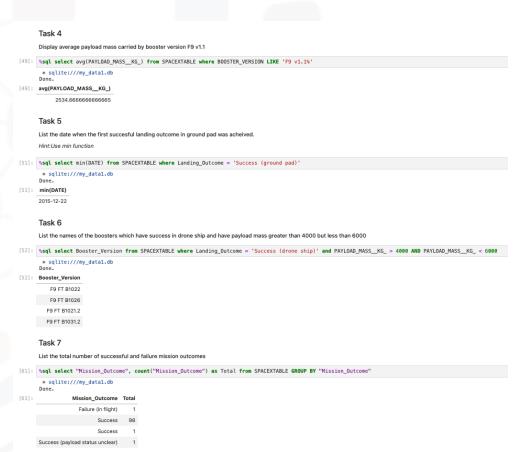


# Data Wrangling



# EDA - SQL









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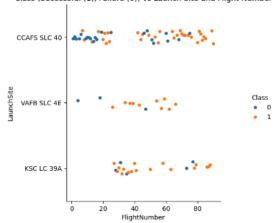
#### TASK 1: Visualize the relationship between Flight Number and Launch Site

Use the function catplot to plot FlightNumber vs LaunchSite, set the parameter x parameter to FlightNumber, set the y to Launch Site and set the parameter hue to 'class'

```
[6]: #Plot a scatter point chart with x axis to be Flight Number and y axis to be the launch site, and hue to be the class
sns.catplot(y = "LaunchSite", x = "FlightNumber", data = df, hue = 'Class')
plt.title("Class (Successful (1), Failure (0)) vs Launch Site and Flight Number")
```

[6]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Class (Successful (1), Failure (0)) vs Launch Site and Flight Number')

#### Class (Successful (1), Failure (0)) vs Launch Site and Flight Number



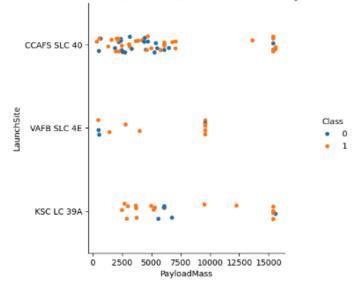
#### TASK 2: Visualize the relationship between Payload Mass and Launch Site

We also want to observe if there is any relationship between launch sites and their payload mass.

```
[7]: # Plot a scatter point chart with x axis to be Pay Load Mass (kg) and y axis to be the launch site, and hue to be the class value
sns.catplot(x = 'PayloadMass', y = 'LaunchSite', hue = 'Class', data = df)
plt.title("Class (Successful (1), Failure (0)) vs Launch Site and Payload Mass")
```

[7]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Class (Successful (1), Failure (0)) vs Launch Site and Payload Mass')

#### Class (Successful (1), Failure (0)) vs Launch Site and Payload Mass





## **GitHub Link**

#### TASK 3: Visualize the relationship between success rate of each orbit type

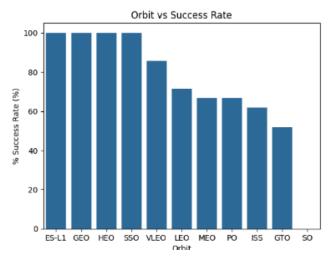
Next, we want to visually check if there are any relationship between success rate and orbit type.

Let's create a bar chart for the sucess rate of each orbit

```
[8]: # HINT use groupby method on Orbit column and get the mean of Class column
data_2 = df.groupby('Orbit')['Class'].mean().reset_index().sort_values(by = 'Class', ascending = False)
data_2['Class'] = data_2['Class'] + 100

sns.barplot(x = 'Orbit', y = 'Class', data = data_2)
plt.ylabel('% Success Rate (%)')
plt.xlabel('Orbit')
plt.title('Orbit vs Success Rate')
```

[8]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Orbit vs Success Rate')



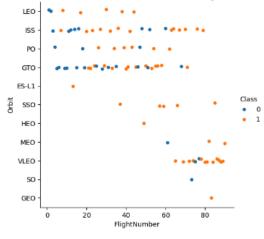
#### TASK 4: Visualize the relationship between FlightNumber and Orbit type

For each orbit, we want to see if there is any relationship between FlightNumber and Orbit type.

```
[9]: # Plot a scatter point chart with x axis to be FlightNumber and y axis to be the Orbit, and hue to be the class value
sns.catplot(x = 'FlightNumber', y = 'Orbit', hue = 'Class', data = df)
plt.title("Class (Successful (1), Failure (0)) vs Orbit and Flight Number")
```

[9]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Class (Successful (1), Failure (0)) vs Orbit and Flight Number')

Class (Successful (1), Failure (0)) vs Orbit and Flight Number



You can observe that in the LEO orbit, success seems to be related to the number of flights. Conversely, in the GTO orbit, there appears to be no relationship between flight number and success.

## GitHub Link

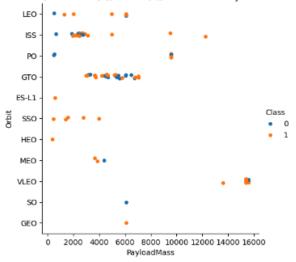
#### TASK 5: Visualize the relationship between Payload Mass and Orbit type

Similarly, we can plot the Payload Mass vs. Orbit scatter point charts to reveal the relationship between Payload Mass and Orbit type

# Plot a scatter point chart with x axis to be Payload Mass and y axis to be the Orbit, and hue to be the class value
sns.catplot(x = 'PayloadMass', y = 'Orbit', hue = 'Class', data = df)
plt.title("Class (Successful (1), Failure (0)) vs Orbit and Payload Mass")

[10]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Class (Successful (1), Failure (0)) vs Orbit and Payload Mass')

#### Class (Successful (1), Failure (0)) vs Orbit and Payload Mass



With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Polar, LEO and ISS.

However, for GTO, it's difficult to distinguish between successful and unsuccessful landings as both outcomes are present.

#### TASK 6: Visualize the launch success yearly trend

You can plot a line chart with x axis to be Year and y axis to be average success rate, to get the average launch success trend

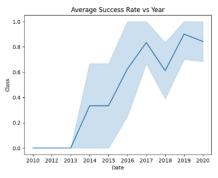
The function will help you get the year from the date:

[12]: # A function to Extract years from the date
year=[]
def Extract\_year():
 for i in df["Date"]:
 year.append(i.split("-")[0])
 return year
Extract\_year()
df["Date"] = year
df.head()

2]:	-	FlightNumber	Date	BoosterVersion	PayloadMass	Orbit	LaunchSite	Outcome	Flights	GridFins	Reused	Legs	LandingPad	Block	ReusedCount	Serial	Longitude	Latitude	Class
	0	1	2010	Falcon 9	6104.959412	LEO	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	NaN	1.0	0	B0003	-80.577366	28.561857	0
	1	2	2012	Falcon 9	525.000000	LEO	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	NaN	1.0	0	B0005	-80.577366	28.561857	0
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	3	4	2013	Falcon 9	500.000000	PO	VAFB SLC 4E	False Ocean	1	False	False	False	NaN	1.0	0	B1003	-120.610829	34.632093	0
	4	5	2013	Falcon 9	3170.000000	GTO	CCAFS SLC 40	None None	1	False	False	False	NaN	1.0	0	B1004	-80.577366	28.561857	0

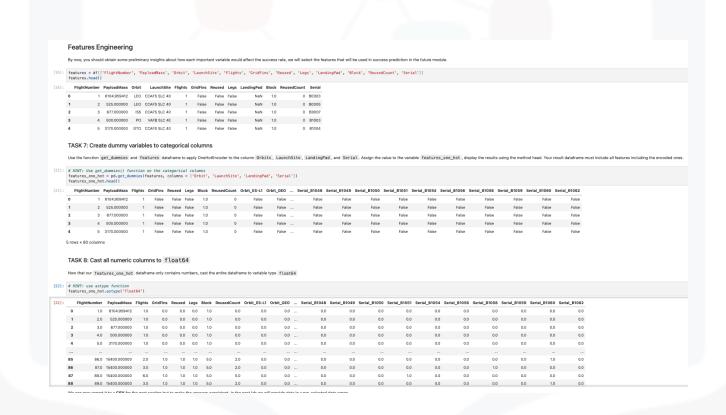
[13]: # Plot a Line chart with x axis to be the extracted year and y axis to be the success rate sns.lineplot(x = 'Date', y = 'Class', data = df) plt.title('Average Success Rate vs Year')

[13]: Text(0.5, 1.0, 'Average Success Rate vs Year')



you can observe that the sucess rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020

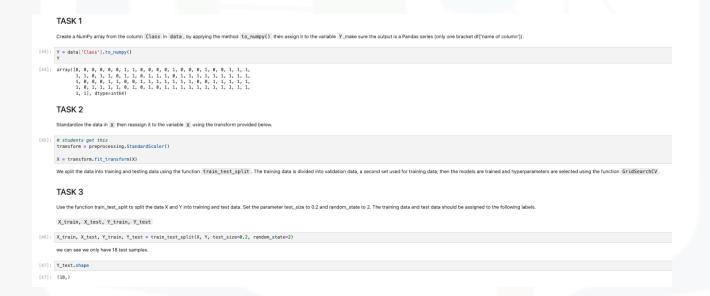




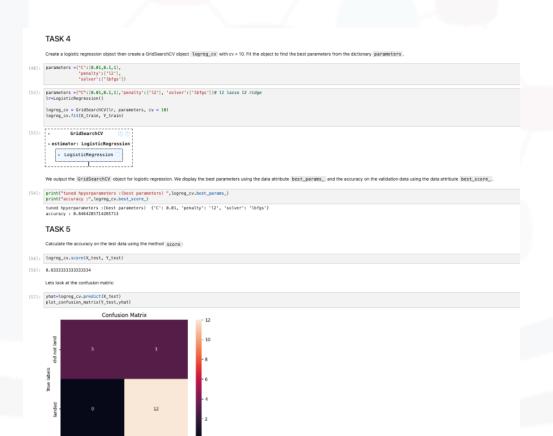
# Interactive Folium Map

# Interactive Ploty Dash Dashboard

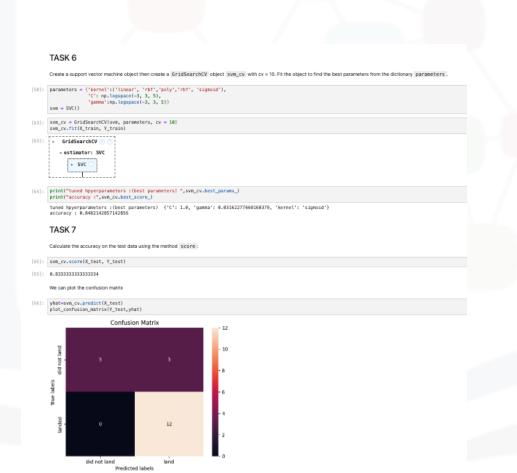
# **PDA**



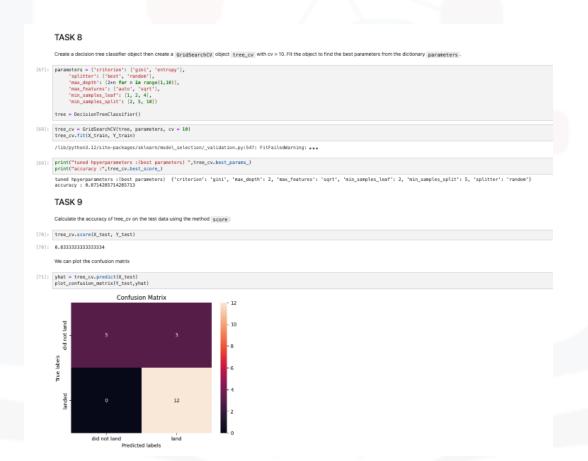
# PDA - LogReg



# PDA - SVM



# PDA - Decision Tree



# PDA - KNN

