

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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### **Executive Summary**

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  - Exploratory Data Analysis results
  - Interactive maps and dashboard
  - Predictive results

### Introduction

#### Project background and context

The aim of this project is to predict if the Falcon 9 first stage will successfully land. SpaceX says on its website that the Falcon 9 rocket launch cost 62 million dollars. Other providers cost upward of 165 million dollars each. The price difference is explained by the fact that SpaceX can reuse the first stage. By determining if the stage will land, we can determine the cost of a launch. This information is interesting for another company if it wants to compete with SpaceX for a rocket launch.

#### Problems you want to find answers

- 1. What are the main characteristics of a successful or failed landing?
- 2. What are the effects of each relationship of the rocket variables on the success or failure of a landing?
- 3. What are the conditions which will allow SpaceX to achieve the best landing success rate?



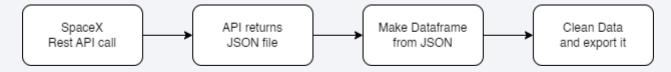
# Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

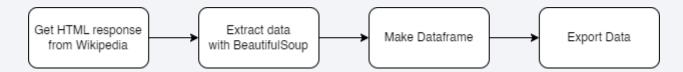
- Data collection methodology:
  - SpaceX REST API
  - Web Scrapping from Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
  - Dropping unnecessary columns
  - One Hot Encoding for classification models
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - How to build, tune, evaluate classification models

### **Data Collection**

- Datasets are collected from Rest SpaceX API and webscrapping Wikipedia
  - The information obtained by the API are rocket, launches, payload information.
    - The space X REST API URL is <a href="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/rockets/">https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/rockets/</a>

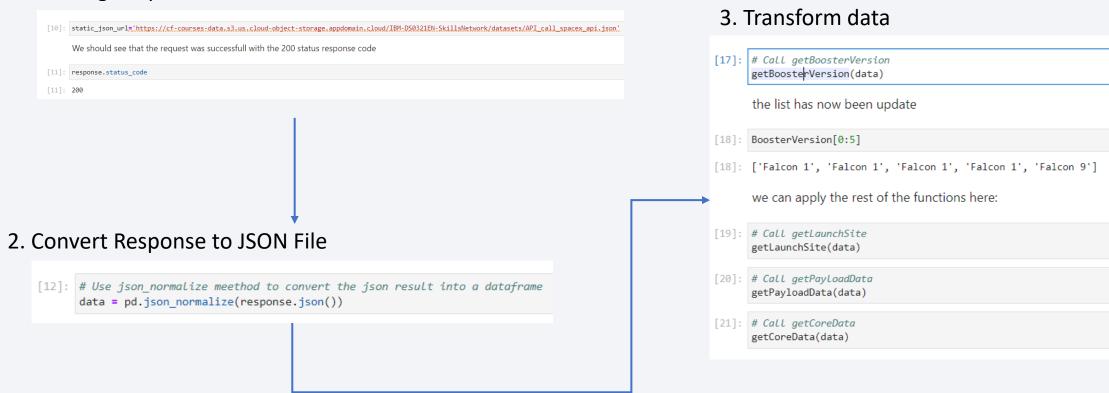


- The information obtained by the webscrapping of Wikipedia are launces, landing, payload information.
  - URL is <a href="https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches">https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches</a>



# Data Collection – SpaceX API

#### 1. Getting Response from API



### Data Collection – SpaceX API

#### 4. Create dictionary with data

```
[22]: 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,
      'Reused': Reused,
      'Legs':Legs,
      'LandingPad':LandingPad,
      'Block':Block,
      'ReusedCount':ReusedCount,
      'Serial':Serial,
      'Longitude': Longitude,
      'Latitude': Latitude}
```

#### 5. Create dataframe

```
6. Filter dataframe

from_dict(launch_dict)

# Hint data['BoosterVersion']!='Falcon 1'
data_falcon9 = data[data['BoosterVersion'] != 'Falcon 1']

7. Export to file

[29]: data_falcon9.to_csv('dataset_part_1.csv', index=False)
```

# **Data Collection - Scraping**

#### 1. Getting Response from HTML

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

#### 2. Create BeautifulSoup Object

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

#### 3. Find all tables

```
# Find all elements of type 'table' in the HTML
html_tables = soup.find_all('table')
```

#### 4. Get column names

```
[10]: column_names = []
# Apply find_all() function with `th` element on
# Iterate each th element and apply the provided
# Append the Non-empty column name (`if name is n
for row in first_launch_table.find_all('th'):
    name = extract_column_from_header(row)
    if (name != None and len(name) > 0):
        column_names.append(name)
```

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# **Data Collection - Scraping**

#### 5. Create dictionary

```
[12]: 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']=[]
```

#### 6. Add data to keys

```
extracted_row = 0
#Extract each table
for table_number,table in enumerate(soup.find_all('table
    # get table row
    for rows in table.find_all("tr"):
        #check to see if first table heading is as numbe.
    if rows.th:
        if rows.th.string:
            flight_number=rows.th.string.strip()
            flag=flight_number.isdigit()
```

7. Create dataframe from dictionary & Export to file

```
df=pd.DataFrame(launch_dict)

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

### **Data Wrangling**

- In the dataset, there are several cases where the booster did not land successully.
  - True Ocean, True RTLS, True ASDS means the mission has been successful.
  - False Ocean, False RTLS, False ASDS means the mission was a failure.
- We need to transform string variables into categorical variables where 1 means the mission has been successful and 0 means the mission was a failure.

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# **Data Wrangling**

1. Calculate launches number for each site

2. Calculate the number and occurrence of each orbit

```
[9]: # Apply value counts on Orbit column
     occurence = df['Orbit'].value counts()
     occurence
[9]: GTO
              27
     ISS
              21
              14
     VLEO
     PO
     550
     MEO
     ES-L1
     HEO
     50
               1
     GEO
     Name: Orbit, dtype: int64
```

### 3. Calculate number and occurrence of mission outcome per orbit type

```
[10]: # landing outcomes = values on Outcome column
      landing_outcomes = df['Outcome'].value_counts()
      landing_outcomes
[10]: True ASDS
                     41
      None None
                     19
      True RTLS
                     14
      False ASDS
                      6
      True Ocean
      False Ocean
      None ASDS
      False RTLS
                      1
      Name: Outcome, dtype: int64
4. Create landing outcome label from
 Outcome column
[13]: # landing class = 0 if bad outcome
      # landing_class = 1 otherwise
      df['Class'] = df['Outcome'].apply(lambda x: 0 if x in bad_outcomes else 1)
      df['Class'].value_counts()
[13]: 1
           60
           30
      Name: Class, dtype: int64
 5. Export file
 [17]: df.to csv("dataset part 2.csv", index=False)
```

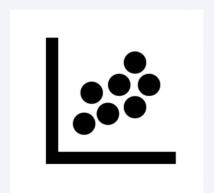
### **EDA** with Data Visualization

#### Scatter Graphs

- Flight Number vs. Payload Mass
- Flight Number vs. Launch Site
- Payload vs. Launch Site
- Orbit vs. Flight Number
- Payload vs. Orbit Type
- Orbit vs. Payload Mass

Scatter plots show relationship between variables.

This relationship is called the correlation.



#### Bar Graph

Success Rate vs Orbit

Bar graphs show the relationship between numeric and categorical variables.



#### Line Graph

Success Rate vs Year

Line graphs show data variables and their trends. Line graphs can help to show global behavior and make prediction for unseen data.



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### **EDA** with SQL

We performed SQL queries to gather and understand data from dataset:

- Displaying the names of the unique lauunch 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.
- List the records which will display the month names, faiilure landing\_ouutcomes in drone ship, booster versions, launch\_site forthe months in year 2015.
- Rank the count of successful landiing\_outcomes between the dateO4-O6-2010 and 20-O3-2017in descending order.

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### Build an Interactive Map with Folium

Folium map object is a map centered on NASA Johnson Space Center at Houson, Texas

- Red circle at NASA Johnson Space Center's coordinate with label showing its name(folium.Circle, folium.map.Marker).
- Red circles at each launch site coordinates with label showing launch site name (*folium.Circle, folium.map.Marker, folium.features.Divlcon*).
- The grouping of points in a cluster to display multiple and different information for the same coordinates (folium.plugins.MarkerCluster).
- Markers to show successful and unsuccessful landings. Green for successful landing and Red for unsuccessful landing. (folium.map.Marker, folium.lcon).
- Markers to show distance between launch site to key locations (railway, highway, coastway, city) and plot a line between them. (folium.map.Marker, folium.PolyLine, folium.features.Divlcon)

These objects are created in order to understand better the problem and the data. We can show easily all launch sites, their surroundings and the number of successful and unsuccessful landings.

### Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Dashboard has dropdown, pie chart, rangeslider and scatter plot components

- Dropdownallows a user to choose the launch site or all launch sites (dash\_core\_components.Dropdown).
- Pie chart shows the total success and the total failure for the launch site chosen with the dropdown component(*plotly.express.pie*).
- Rangeslider allows a user to select a payload mass in a fixed range (dash\_core\_components.RangeSlider).
- Scatter chart showsthe relationship between two variables, in particular Success vs Payload Mass (*plotly.express.scatter*).

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

#### **Data Preparation**

- Load dataset
- Normalize data
- Split data into training and test sets.

#### **Model Preparation**

- Selection of machine learning algorithms
- Set parameters for each algorithm to GridSearchCV
- Training GridSearchModel models with training dataset

#### **Model Evaluation**

- Get best hyperparameters for each type of model
- Compute accuracy for each model with test dataset
- Plot Confusion Matrix

#### Model Comparison

- Comparison of models according to their accuracy
- The model with the best accuracy will be chosen (see Notebook for result)

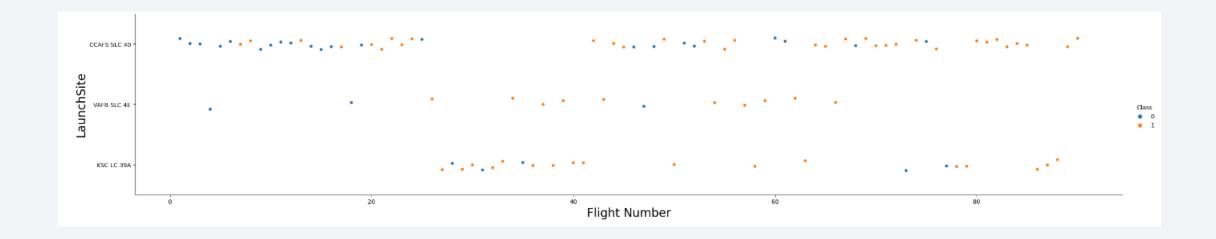
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### Results

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

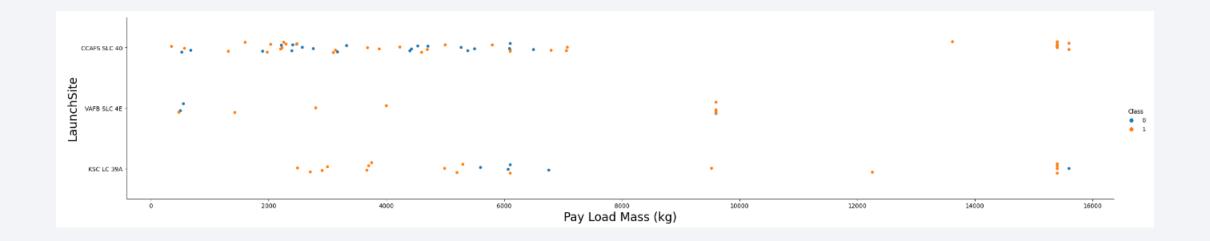


### Flight Number vs. Launch Site



We observe that, for each site, the success rate is increasing.

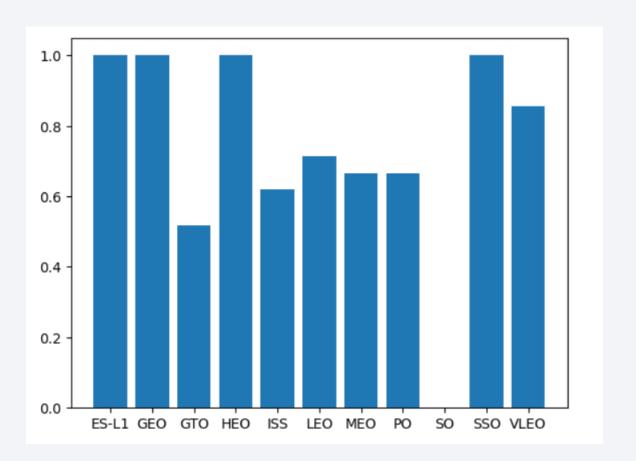
### Payload vs. Launch Site



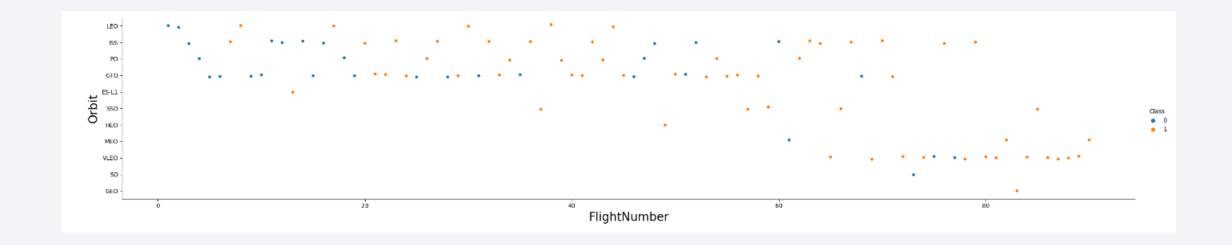
Depending on the launch site, a heavier payload may be a consideration for a successful landing. On the other hand, a too heavy payload can make a landing fail.

# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

With this plot, we can see success rate for different orbit types. We note that ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO have the best success rate.

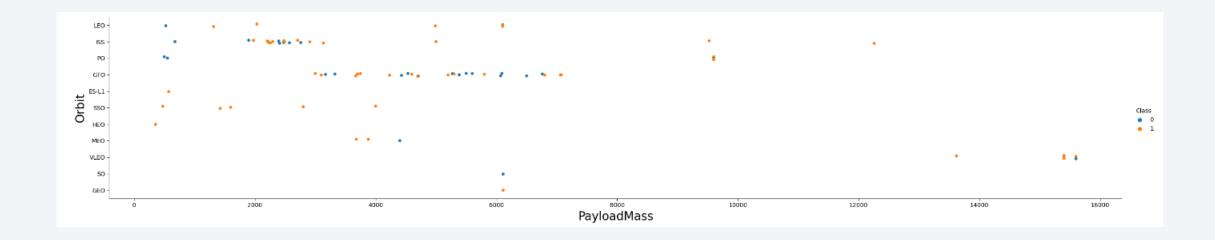


# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



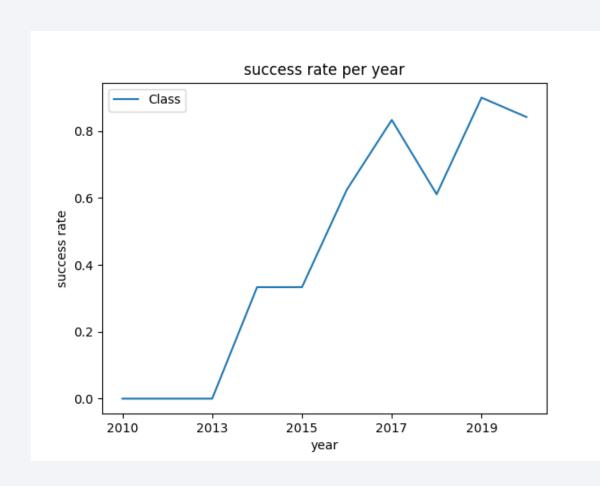
We notice that the success rate increases with the number of flights for the LEO orbit. For some orbits like GTO, there is no relation between the success rate and the number of flights. But we can suppose that the high success rate of some orbits like SSO or HEO is due to the knowledge learned during former launches for other orbits.

### Payload vs. Orbit Type



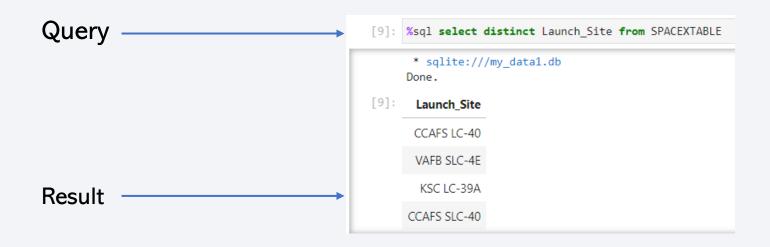
The weight of the payloads can have a great influence on the success rate of the launches in certain orbits. For example, heavier payloads improve the success rate for the LEO orbit. Another finding is that decreasing the payload weight for a GTO orbit improves the success of a launch.

# Launch Success Yearly Trend



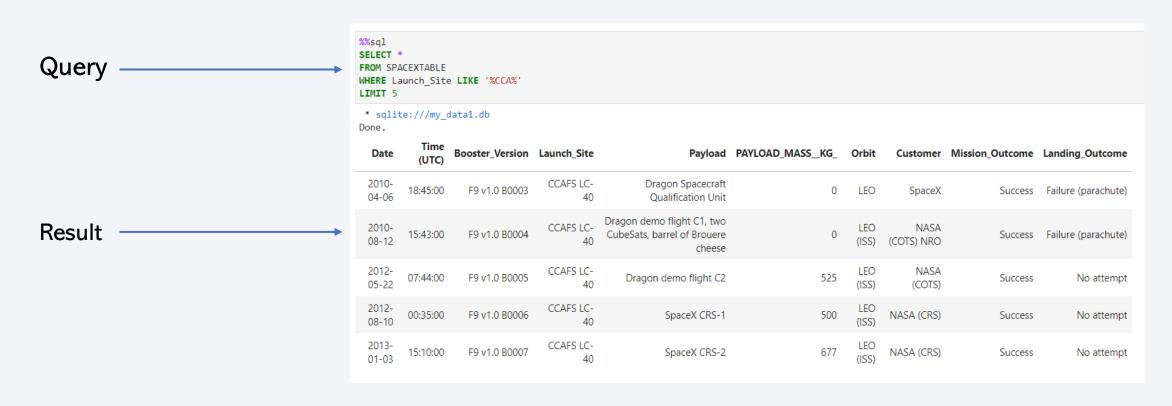
Since 2013, we can see an increase in the Space X Rocket success rate.

### All Launch Site Names



Explanation: The use of DISTINCT in the query allows to remove duplicate LAUNCH\_SITE.

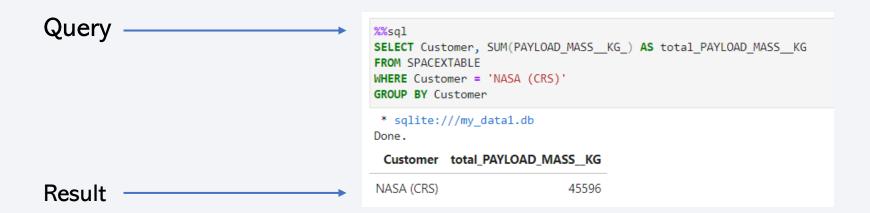
### Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'



#### **Explanation:**

The WHERE clause followed by LIKE clause filters launch sitesthat contain the substring CCA. LIMIT 5 shows 5 records from filtering.

# **Total Payload Mass**



#### **Explanation:**

This query returns the sum of all payload masses where the customer is NASA (CRS).

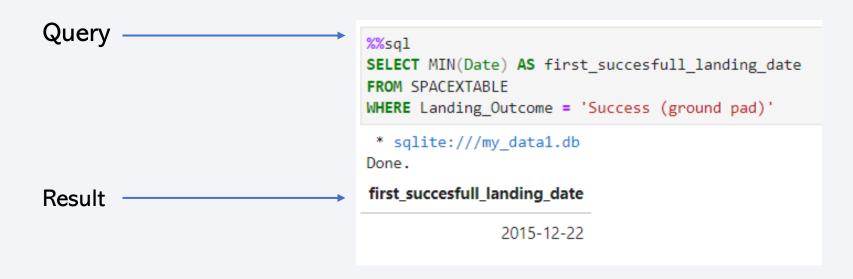
### Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1



#### **Explanation:**

This query returns the average of all payload masses where the booster version contains the substring F9 v1.1.

### First Successful Ground Landing Date

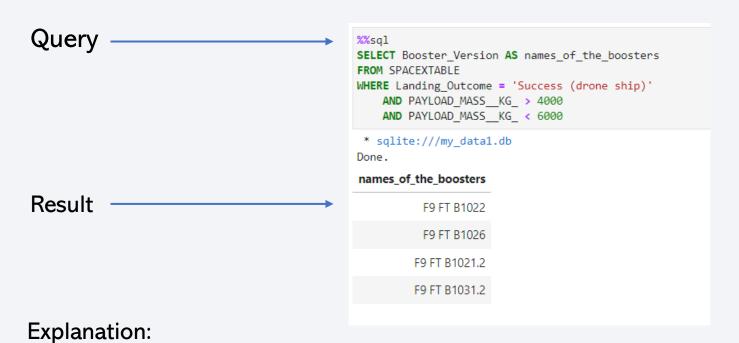


#### **Explanation:**

With this query, we select the oldest successful landing.

The WHERE clause filters dataset in order to keep only records where landing was successful. With the MIN function, we select the record with the oldest date.

### Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000



This query returns the booster version where landing was successful and payload mass is between 4000 and 6000 kg. The WHERE and AND clauses filter the dataset.

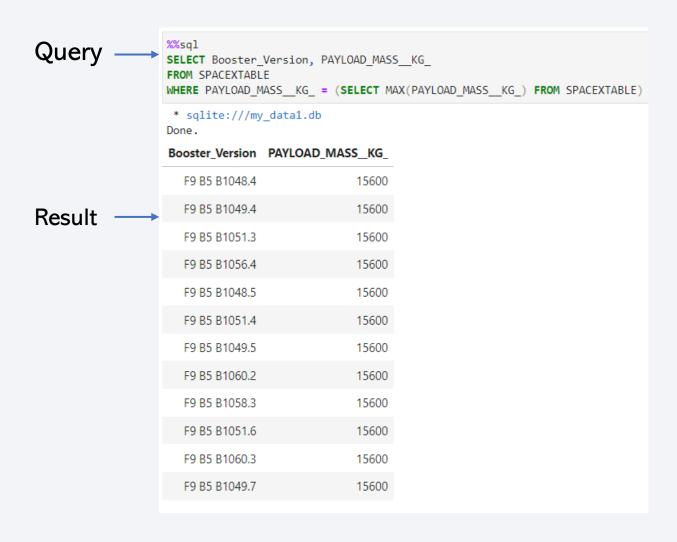
### Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes



#### **Explanation:**

With the first SELECT, we show the queries counts total mission outcome. The group by classifies data record from mission outcome column.

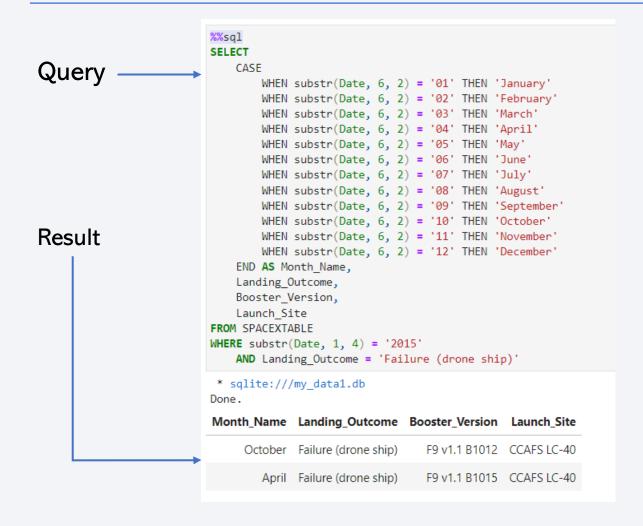
### **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**



#### **Explanation:**

We used a subquery to filter data by returning only the heaviest payload mass with MAX function. The main query uses subquery results and returns unique booster version (SELECT DISTINCT) with the heaviest payload mass.

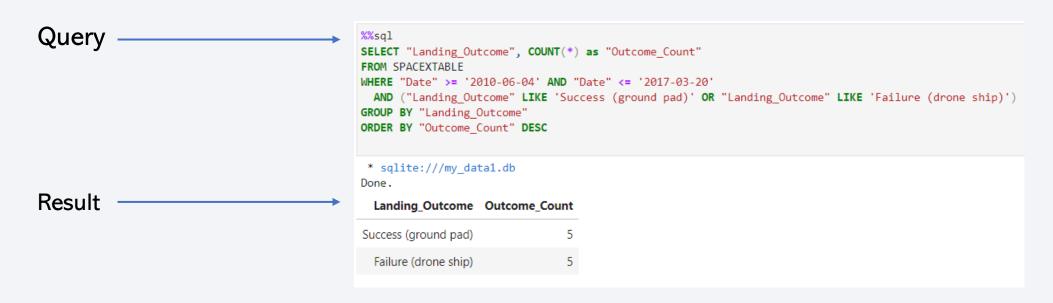
### 2015 Launch Records



#### **Explanation:**

This query returns month, booster version, launch site where landing was unsuccessful and landing date took place in 2015. Substr function process date in order to take month or year. Substr(DATE,1, 4) shows year.

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

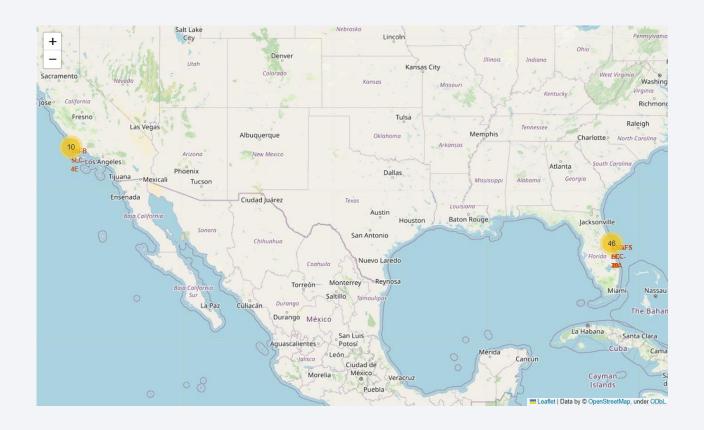


#### **Explanation:**

It focuses on missions that happened between June 4, 2010, and March 20, 2017. It counts how many times each outcome is labeled as either "Success (ground pad)" or "Failure (drone ship)". The code then shows these counts, arranging them from the most common outcome to the least common one.



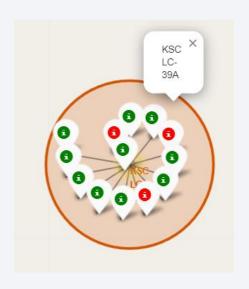
# Folium map – Ground Station

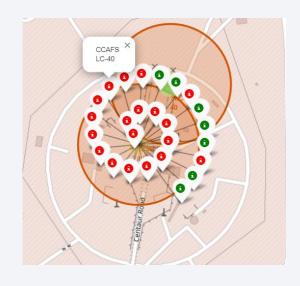


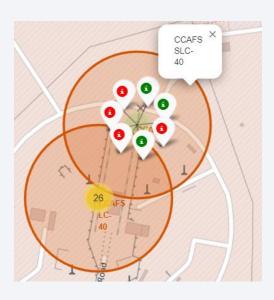
We see that Space X launch sites are located on the coast of the United States

# Folium map – Color Labeled Markers





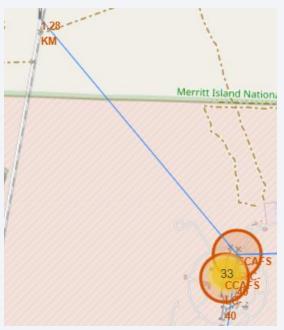


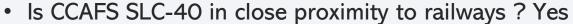


Green marker represents successful launches. Red marker represents unsuccessful launches. We note that KSC LC-39A has a higher launch success rate.

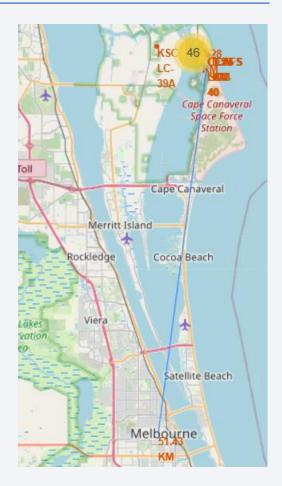
## Folium map – Distance between CCAFS SLC-40 and its proximities







- Is CCAFS SLC-40 in close proximity to highways? Yes
- Is CCAFS SLC-40 in close proximity to coastline? Yes
- DoCCAFS SLC-40 keeps certain distance away from cities? No



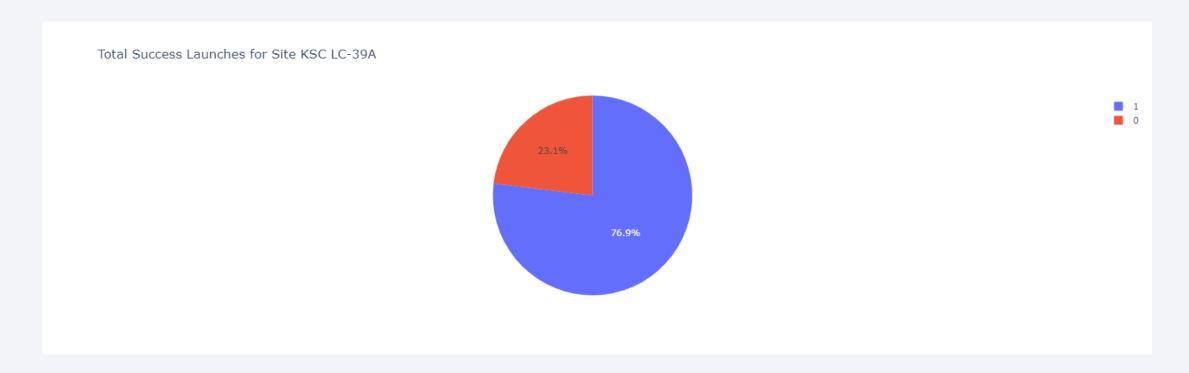


# Dashboard – Total success by Site



We see that KSC LC-39A has the best success rate of launches.

#### Dashboard – Total success launches for Site KSC LC-39 A



We see that KSC LC-39A has achieved a 76.9% success ratewhile getting a 23.1% failure rate.

#### Dashboard -Payload mass vs Outcome for all sites with different payload mass selected

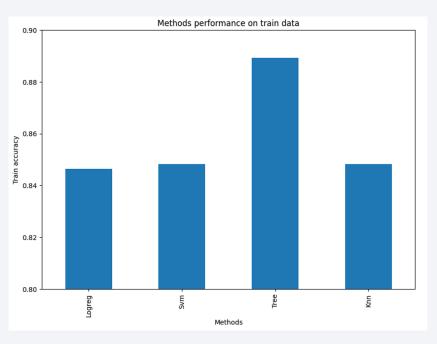


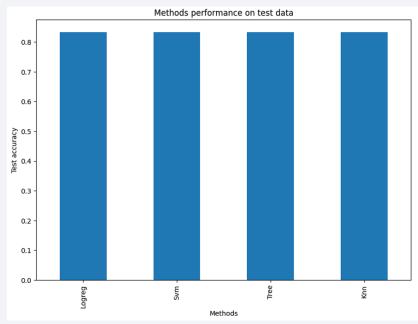
Low weighted payloads have a better success rate than the heavy weighted payloads.



# **Classification Accuracy**

	Accuracy Train	Accuracy Test
Tree	0.889286	0.833333
Knn	0.848214	0.833333
Svm	0.848214	0.833333
Logreg	0.846429	0.833333



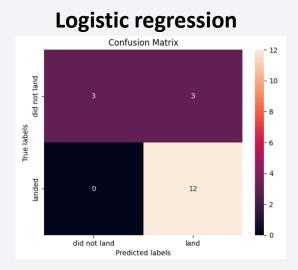


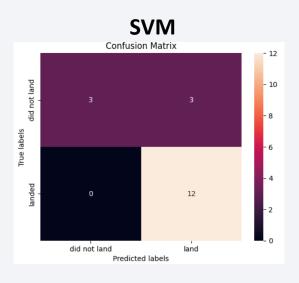
For accuracy test, all methods performed similar. We could get more test data to decide between them. But if we really need to choose one right now, we would take the decision tree.

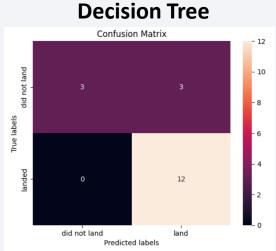
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print("tuned hpyerparameters :(best parameters) ",tree_cv.best_params_)
print("accuracy :",tree_cv.best_score_)

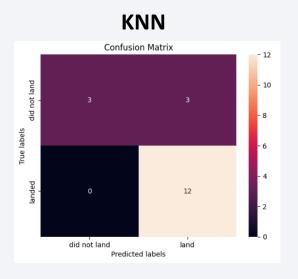
tuned hpyerparameters :(best parameters) {'criterion': 'entropy', 'max_depth': 16, 'max_features': 'auto', 'min_samples_leaf': 4, 'min_samples_split': 2, 'splitter': 'random'}
accuracy : 0.8892857142857142
```

## **Confusion Matrix**









As the test accuracy are all equal, the confusion matrices are also identical. The main problem of these models are false positives.

		Actual values	
		1	0
Predicted values	1	TP	FP
	0	FN	TN

## **Conclusions**

- The success of a mission can be explained by several factors such as the launch site, the orbit and especially the number of previous launches. Indeed, we can assume that there has been a gain in knowledge between launches that allowed to go from a launch failure to a success.
- The orbits with the best success rates are GEO, HEO, SSO, ES-L1.
- Depending on the orbits, the payload mass can be a criterion to take into account for the success of a mission. Some orbits require a light or heavy payload mass. But generally low weighted payloads perform better than the heavy weighted payloads.
- With the current data, we cannot explain why some launch sites are better than others (KSC LC-39A is the best launch site). To get an answer to this problem, we could obtain atmospheric or other relevant data.
- For this dataset, we choose the Decision Tree Algorithm as the best model even if the test accuracy between all the models used is identical. We choose Decision Tree Algorithm because it has a better train accuracy.

