

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# **Executive Summary**

- The aim of this project is to estimate the cost of a launch of SpaceX Falcon 9. We are focused to determine if the first stage will land, because the reuse of the first stage creates a business advantage, as it can lower the cost dramatically from 165 millions \$ to 62 millions \$ per launch. This information can be used if an alternate company wants to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch. The data was gathered from SpaceX REST API and Wikipedia (Web Scraping). We have performed Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) to find some patterns in the data and determine what would be the label for training supervised models. Therefore, we have explored data sources with SQL and did visualization to show relationships between variables and find patterns. Finally we have managed to create Machine Learning models to predict future outcomes.
- We have concluded from the results that the success of landing is dependent on the launch site, the orbit, the mass of payload and some other technical factors. The success rate has been increasing since 2013.

#### Introduction

- On July 20, 1969, American astronauts Neil Armstrong and Edwin Aldrin became the first humans ever to land on the moon. The space rocket industry has made a huge progress since then. However, the cost of one rocket launch is still consider highly priced. One of the reason are not reusable rockets. SpaceX has been trying to reduce the cost of one launch by proposing reusable, the most expensive, first stage of the launch. The analysis and making predictions about this feature could be advantageous for companies in the space industry.
- The problem that we want to answer is what factors determine the success of a rocket landing and dependance between these variables based on available data. The results could be used to determine a probability of a success or a failure of a launch and in principle, help to keep increasing the success rate with this new knowledge.



# Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

- Data collection methodology:
  - The data was gathered from SpaceX REST API and Wikipedia (Web Scraping)
- Perform data wrangling
  - The data was cleaned (missing values) and unified. The data was also limited to our needs.
- · 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

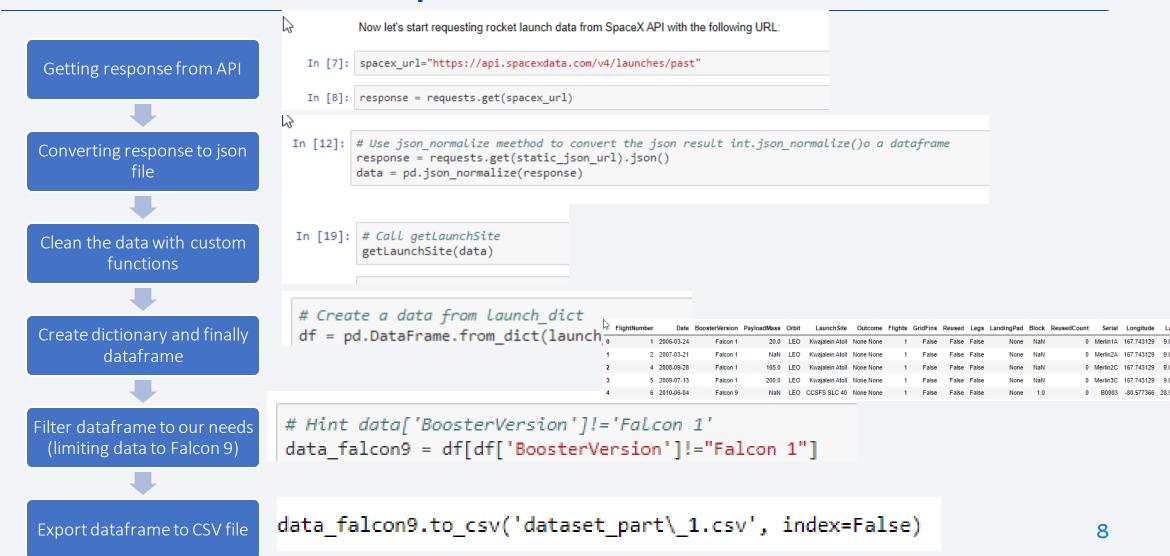
#### **Data Collection**

Data sets were collected via API given by SpaceX itself and Webscrapping from Wikipedia.org

#### Sources:

- SpaceX API https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/
- List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches Wikipage updated on 9th June 2021 https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List\_of\_Falcon\_9\_and\_Falcon\_Heavy\_launches&oldid=1027686922

#### Data Collection - SpaceX API



https://github.com/grzegorzrud/ibm data science/blob/55fe136901646d47d4175d617b700ba936ba 6cf8/Week%201%20-%20Data%20Collection%20with%20Web%20Scraping.ipynb

# **Data Collection - Scraping**

```
Getting response from
       HTML
 Using BeautifulSoup
  to parse response
    Finding tables
Getting column names
 Creating dictionary
  Extracting rows to
     dictionary
Converting dictionary
    to dataframe
```

Exporting dataframe to CSV file

```
page = requests.get(static url)
                                                                                                       page.status code
: static_url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Falcon_9_and_Falcon_Heavy_launches&oldid=1027686922"
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 soup = BeautifulSoup(page.text, 'html.parser')
html tables = soup.find all('table')
                                                        [16]: launch_dict= dict.fromkeys(column_names)
                                                             # Remove an irrelvant column
                                                             del launch dict['Date and time ( )']
temp = first_launch_table.find_all('th')
for x in range(len(temp)):
                                                             # Let's initial the launch dict with each value to be an empty list
                                                             launch_dict['Flight No.'] = []
     try:
                                                             launch dict['Launch site'] = []
      name = extract column from header(temp[x])
                                                             launch_dict['Payload'] = []
      if (name is not None and len(name) > 0):
                                                             launch_dict['Payload mass'] = []
         column names.append(name)
                                                             launch dict['Orbit'] = []
                                                             launch dict['Customer'] = []
     except:
                                                             launch_dict['Launch outcome'] = []
      pass
                                                             # Added some new columns
                                                             launch_dict['Version Booster']=[]
                                                             launch dist['Dooston landing']-[]
                                               Out[18]:
```

df = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(launch_dict) df.head()
df.to_csv('spacex_web_scraped.csv', index=False)

		Flight No.	Launch site	Payload	Payload mass	Orbit	Customer	Launch outcome	Version Booster	Booster landing	Date	Time
•	0 1		CCAFS	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success\n	F9 v1.0B0003.1	Failure	4 June 2010	18:45
	1 2	2	CCAFS	Dragon	0	LEO	NASA	Success	F9 v1.0B0004.1	Failure	8 December 2010	15:43
	2 3	3	CCAFS	Dragon	525 kg	LEO	NASA	Success	F9 v1.0B0005.1	No attempt\n	22 May 2012	07:44
;	3 4	ļ	CCAFS	SpaceX CRS-1	4,700 kg	LEO	NASA	Success\n	F9 v1.0B0006.1	No attempt	8 October 2012	00:35
	4 5	5	CCAFS	SpaceX CRS-2	4,877 kg	LEO	NASA	Success\n	F9 v1.0B0007.1	No attempt\n	1 March 2013	15:10

# **Data Wrangling**

In the data set, there are several different cases where the booster did not land successfully. Sometimes a landing was attempted but failed due to an accident; for example. We have converted all outcomes into Training Labels with 1 means the booster successfully landed 0 means it was unsuccessful.

Perform exploratory data analysis on dataset



Calculate the number of launches per site



Calculate the number of launches from orbits



Calculate the number of mission outcomes



Create landing outcome label for all cases (success = 1, failure = 0)



df["LaunchSite"].value\_counts()

```
CCAFS SLC 40 55
KSC LC 39A 22
VAFB SLC 4E 13
Name: LaunchSite dty
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Name: LaunchSite, dtype: int64

```
df["Orbit"].value_counts()

GTO 27
ISS 21
VLEO 14
PO 9
LEO 7
SSO 5
MEO 3
HEO 1
```

```
SO 1
GEO 1
ES-L1 1
Name: Orbit, dtype: int64
```

```
We can use the following line of code to determine the success rate:
```

# landing outcomes = values on Outcome column

landing outcomes= df["Outcome"].value counts()

41

19

landing outcomes

True ASDS

None None

True RTLS

False ASDS

True Ocean

False Ocean

None ASDS

False RTLS

```
landing_class = []
for key,value in df["Outcome"].items():
    if value in bad_outcomes:
        landing_class.append(0)
    else:
        landing_class.append(1)
```

```
df["Class"].mean()
0.666666666666666
```

Export data to CSV file

#### **EDA** with Data Visualization

I have used 3 different types of graph: scatter, bar, and line to show trend.

Scatter Graphs to show how much one variable is affected by another, to determine if there is a correlation and its type (linear/exponational etc.)

- 1. Flight Number vs. Launch Site
- 2. Flight Number vs Payload Mass
- 3. Payload vs. Launch Site
- 4. Orbit vs. Flight Number
- 5. Payload vs. Orbit Type
- 6. Orbit vs. Payload Mass

Bar Graph to visually check if there are any relationship between success rate and orbit type.

LinePlot Graph with x axis to be year and y axis to be average success rate, to get the average launch success trend. We can also to approximate the future from this line.

https://github.com/grzegorzrud/ibm\_data\_science/blob/55fe136901646d47d4175d617b700ba936ba6cf8/Week%202%20-%20EDA%20with%20Visualization.ipynb

#### EDA with SQL

I performed Explorary Data Analysis with SQL, in order to gather information about the datasets.

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# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

An interactive map was created with Folium library:

Folium is a powerful Python library that helps you create several types of Leaflet maps. By default, Folium creates a map in a separate HTML file. Since Folium results are interactive, this library is very useful for dashboard building.

I use the latitude and longitude coordinates for each launch, in order to add Circle Marker with a label on the map.

Cluster object of markers was added to show launch outcomes, with Green being successful and Red unsuccessful launch.

Additionally, polyline objects were created to show distance of the launches from various landmarks.

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

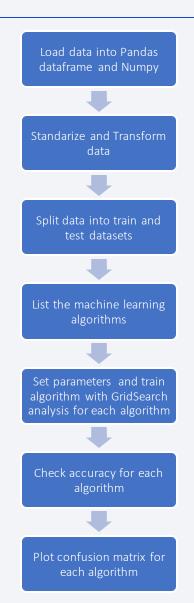
Dash is a python framework created by plotly for creating interactive web applications. Dash is written on the top of Flask, Plotly. js and React. js. With Dash, you don't have to learn HTML, CSS and Javascript in order to create interactive dashboards, you only need python.

I used this library, in order to create a dashboard with Pie Chart and Scatter Graph, with interactive filters.

**Pie chart** is showing the total success rate of all sites or filter by one launch site via combobox.

**Scatter Graph** is showing the correlation between Payload and Success for the different Booster Versions. The user can narrow down the range of Payload with a slider, to zoom-in/out graph for better visibility.

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)



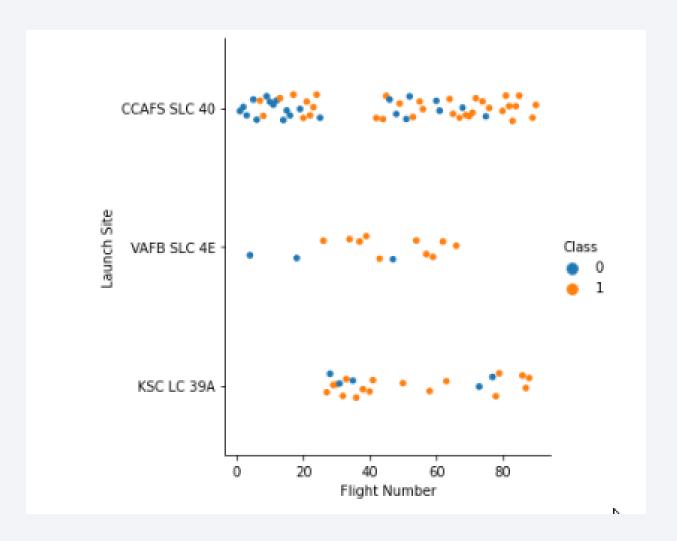
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#### Results

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



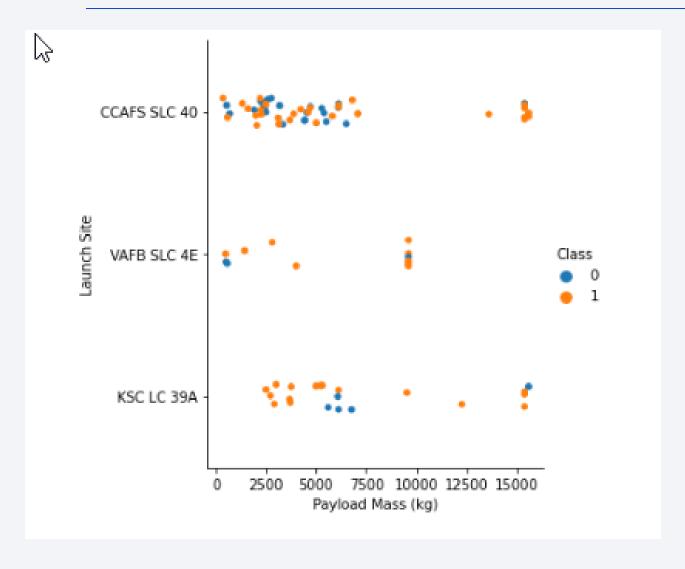
# Flight Number vs. Launch Site



The success rate is increasing with flight number, espacially after ~30th flight.

Launch site seems to be less relevant than flight number.

# Payload vs. Launch Site

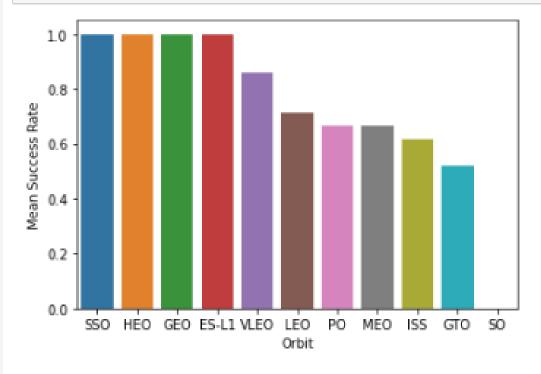


There is no clear pattern, but we can see that when the payload is higher the success rate is also higher.

However in this area we have less data points.

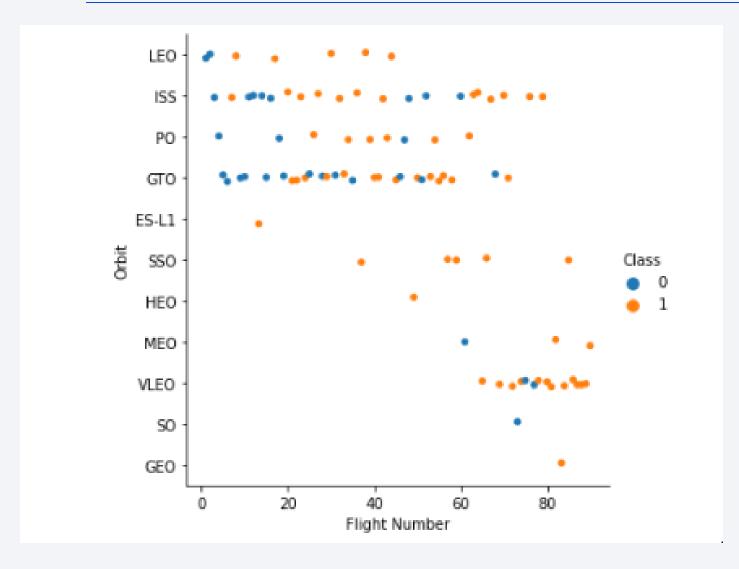
#### Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

```
success_rate = df.groupby('Orbit')['Class'].mean()
success_rate.sort_values(ascending = False, inplace = True)
sns.barplot(x = success_rate.index, y = success_rate, palette = 'tab10')
plt.xlabel('Orbit')
plt.ylabel('Mean Success Rate')
plt.show()
```



There are differences between success rate by orbits. The highest success rate have SSO, HEO, GEO, ES-L1 and the lowest: ISS or GTO.

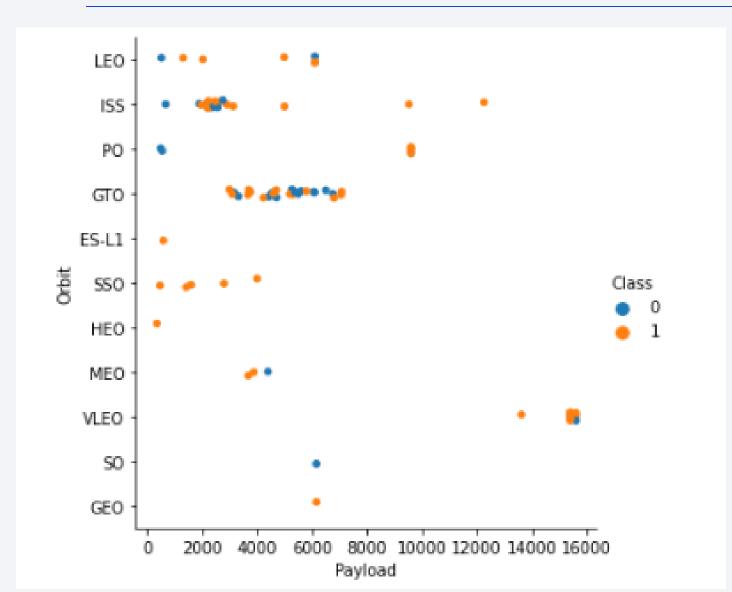
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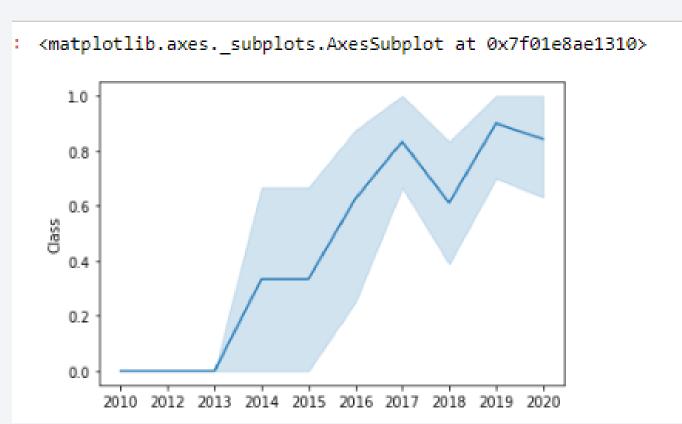
Orbit type seems to be less relevant than flight number, but we can see for example that LEO orbit after two failure, has only successful launches.

# Payload vs. Orbit Type



We can see that heavy payloads cause problem to GTO, MEO and VLEO orbits, but not for LEO and ISS orbits.

# Launch Success Yearly Trend



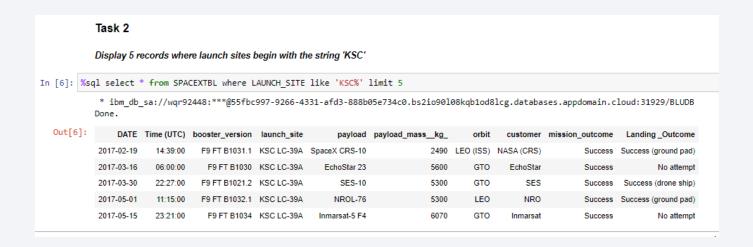
We can see that the success rate keep increasing since 2013 to 2017, with some dips after, but general trend stays.

#### All Launch Site Names

Using *distinct*, I was able to list all unique site names within the table.

We can see that there are only 4 launch sites.

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'KSC'



Using *limit*, I was able to list 5 records from the table where launch site starts with KSC. I used *like* condition to filter out the data.

We can see that there are in fact at least 5 records for that condition.

# **Total Payload Mass**

# Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS) : %sql select sum(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_) from SPACEXTBL where CUSTOMER = 'NASA (CRS)' \* ibm\_db\_sa://wqr92448:\*\*\*@55fbc997-9266-4331-afd3-888b05e734c0.bs2io90l08kqb1od8lcg.databases. Done. [7]: 1 45596

Using *sum*, I was able to calculate total payload mass from the table for customer NASA (CRS).

We can see that total mas is equal to 45596 kg.

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

Using avg, I was able to calculate average payload mass from the table for booster version F9 v1.1.

We can see that the average payload mass is equal to 2928 kg.

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

Using *min*, I was able to find first date of successful landing from ground pad.

We can see that the date is 22 December 2015.

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

Using and, I was able to filter the data for landind outcome as well as payload mass.

We can see that for the entered contidions, we have only four booster versions.

#### Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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In [19]:

**sql select MISSION_OUTCOME, count(MISSION_OUTCOME) from SPACEXTBL GROUP BY MISSION_OUTCOME

**ibm_db_sa://prd36480:***@824dfd4d-99de-440d-9991-629c01b3832d.bs2io90108kqb1od8lcg.databases.appdomain.
Done.

Out[19]:

**mission_outcome 2

Failure (in flight) 1

Success 99

Success (payload status unclear) 1
```

```
: %sql select case when MISSION_OUTCOME like '%Success%' then 'Success' else 'Failure' end, count(MISSION_OUTCOME) from SPACEXTBL GROUP BY case when MISSION_OUTCOME like '%Success%' then 'Success' else 'Failure' end

* ibm_db_sa://prd36480:***@824dfd4d-99de-440d-9991-629c01b3832d.bs2io90108kqb1od8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:30119/bludb
Done.

20]: 1 2
Failure 1
Success 100
```

Using group by and case when, I was able to count all the outcomes.

There are 100 Success missions (99 success and one success unclear) and 1 failure.

# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

```
%sql SELECT distinct booster version FROM spacextbl WHERE payload mass kg = (select max(payload mass kg ) FROM spacextbl)
    * ibm_db_sa://prd36480:***@824dfd4d-99de-440d-9991-629c01b3832d.bs2io90108kqb1od8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:30119/bludb
   Done.
   booster_version
     F9 B5 B1048.4
     F9 B5 B1048.5
     F9 B5 B1049.4
     F9 B5 B1049.5
     F9 B5 B1049.7
     F9 B5 B1051.3
     F9 B5 B1051.4
     F9 B5 B1051.6
     F9 B5 B1056.4
      F9 B5 B1058.3
     F9 B5 B1060.2
     F9 B5 B1060.3
```

Using max and subquery, I was able to list all booster version that were carried maximum payload.

There are several booster version that were carried maximum payload.

#### 2017 Launch Records



Using *monthname* and *year*, I was able to list all lauches in 2017 with successful landing\_outcomes in ground pad, with month name.

We can see that there are 6 records, all in different month.

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

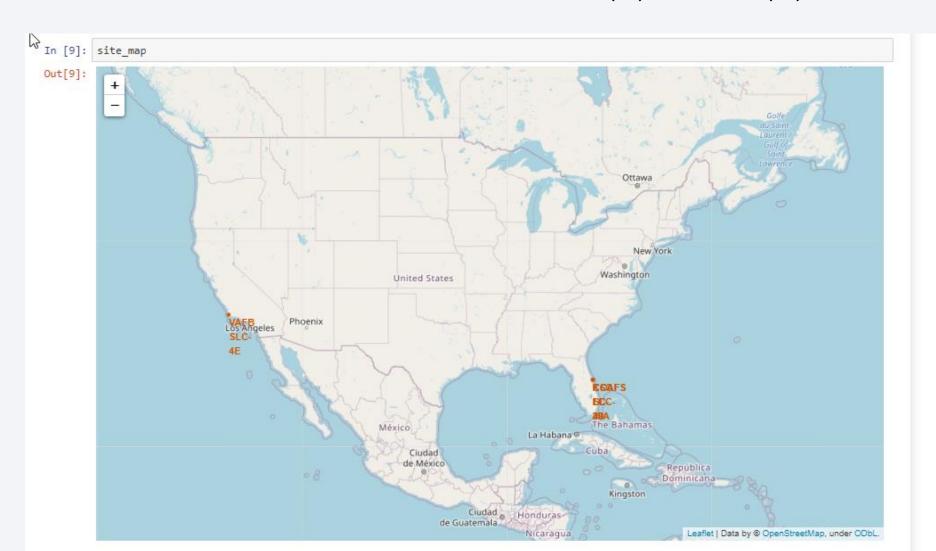


Using *sort* and *between*, I was able to list all lauches between given dates, in desceding order.

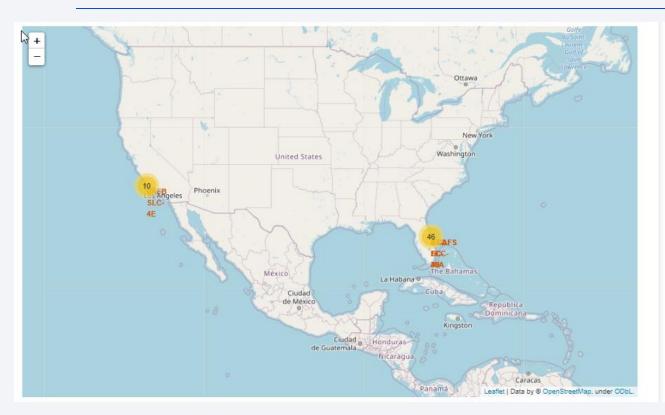


# All Launch Sites on Folium Map

We can see that all Launch Sites are on the US coasts: California (x1) and Florida (x3).

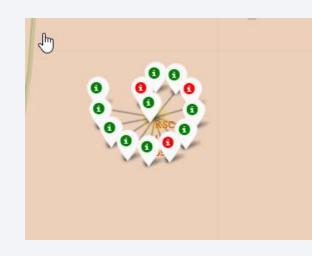


# Lauch records – color labeled on Folium Map

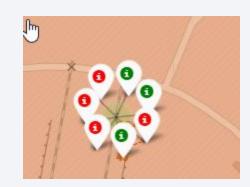


Green marker shows successful launches and Red Marker shows failure launches.



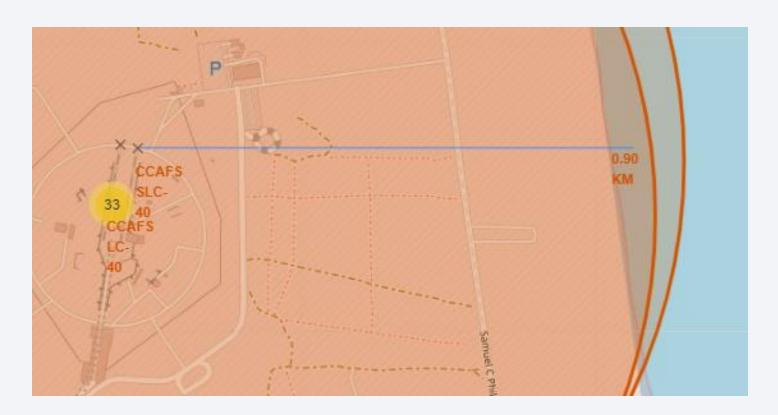






#### Launch Sites distances on Folium Map

Example of calculating distance from the coast to one of the launch site:



•Are launch sites in close proximity to railways?

Yes

•Are launch sites in close proximity to highways?

Yes

•Are launch sites in close proximity to coastline?

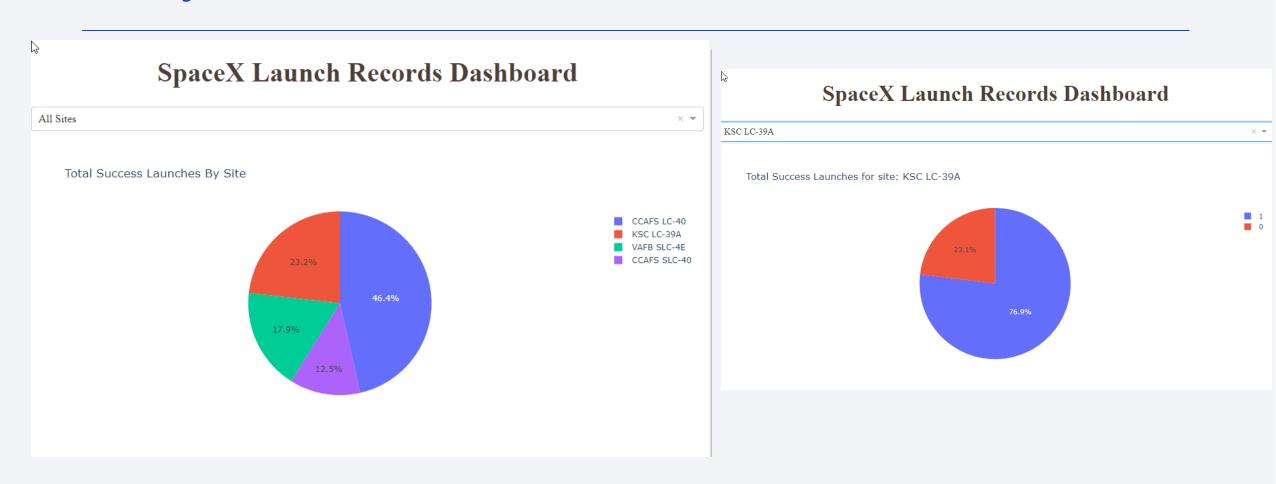
Yes

•Do launch sites keep certain distance away from cities?

Yes



# Plotly Dashboard – Piechart



We can see that KSC LC-39A has the highest success rate.

#### Plotly Dashboard – Payload vs Launch Outcome scatterplot





#### Plotly Dashboard – Payload vs Launch Outcome scatterplot

#### Payload range 5000-10000 kg.



#### Plotly Dashboard – Payload vs Launch Outcome scatterplot

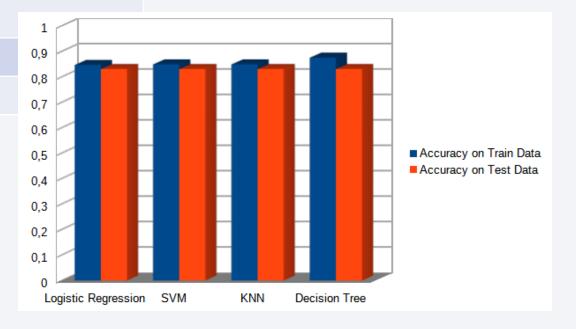
We can see that success rate is higher for lower payload than higher payload, but we have smaller number of data points for that second range.



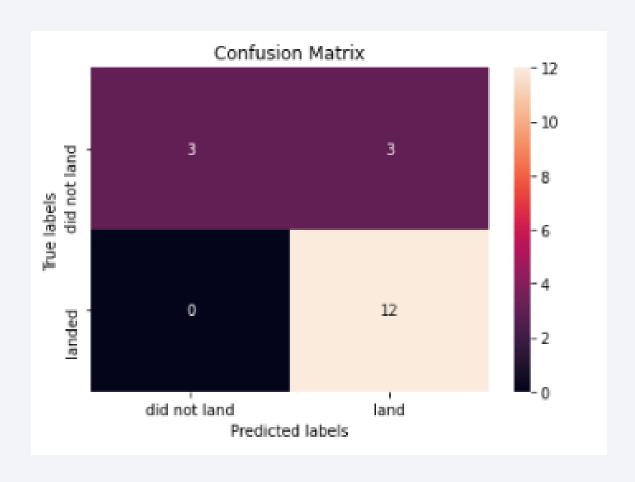
#### **Classification Accuracy**

All machine learning models (used algorithms) have 83.3% on test data, but decision tree is the best, taking into consideration train data (87.5%)

Algorithm	Accuracy on Train Data	Accuracy on Test Data
Logistic Regression	0.8464	0.8333
SVM	0.8482	0.8333
KNN	0.8482	0.8333
Decision Tree	0.8750	0.8333



#### **Confusion Matrix**



All models have the same confusion matrix.

As we can see True Positive, True Negative and False Negative are correct. The problem is only with False Positive – 3 records out of 18.

For that reason we have 83.3% accuracy on test data.

#### Conclusions

- We have concluded from the results that the success of landing is dependent on the launch site, the orbit, the mass of payload and some other technical factors.
- Low weighted payloads has higher success rate than heavier.
- KSC LC-39A site had the most successful launches.
- Orbit GEO,SSO,HEO,ES-L1 has the best Success Rate.
- The success rate is increasing with flight number, espacially after ~30th flight.
- The success rate has been increasing since 2013.
- Machine Learning Modelling gives very good results in predicting success or failure of the launch
- The best machine learning algorithm is Decision Tree Classifier.

