

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

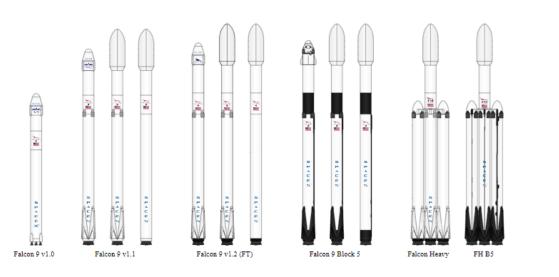
Space X Falcon 9 First Stage Landing Prediction

Web scraping Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy Launches Records from Wikipedia

Estimated time needed: 40 minutes

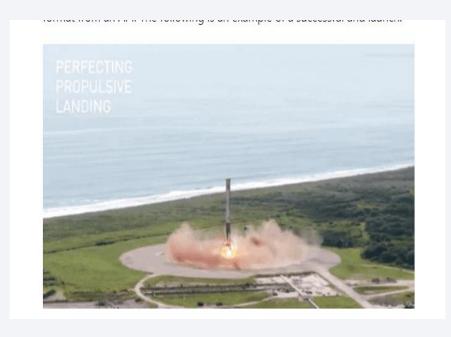
In this lab, you will be performing web scraping to collect Falcon 9 historical launch records from a Wikipedia page titled List of Falc

https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Falcon_9_and_Falcon_Heavy_launches



- SpaceY, a new contender in the commercial rocket launch market, aims to compete with SpaceX.
- SpaceX offers launch services starting at \$62 million for missions where some fuel is reserved to land the first stage rocket booster, allowing for its reuse. Publicly available information from SpaceX suggests that the cost to build a first stage Falcon 9 booster is over \$15 million, excluding R&D costs and profit margins.
- This report's models predict the successful landing of the first stage rocket booster with an accuracy of 83.3%, based on mission parameters such as payload mass and target orbit.
- Consequently, SpaceY can leverage these landing predictions to make more informed and competitive bids against SpaceX by using them as a proxy for estimating launch costs.

Introduction



- This report has been created as part of the Applied Data Science Capstone course. In this project, I assume the role of a data scientist working for SpaceY, a new entrant in the rocket launch industry.
- The data science findings and models presented in this report will enable SpaceY to make more strategic and competitive bids against SpaceX for rocket launch services.

Business Problem

Several examples of an unsuccessful landing are shown here:



- SpaceX offers Falcon 9 rocket launches at a cost of \$62 million when the first stage of the rocket is reusable. The construction cost for this first stage is estimated to be over \$15 million, excluding R&D costs and profit margins.
- However, there are instances where SpaceX opts to forgo the reuse of the first stage due to specific mission parameters, such as payload requirements, target orbit, and customer preferences.
- This report seeks to accurately predict the likelihood of the first stage rocket landing successfully, serving as a proxy to estimate the overall cost of a launch.



Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - Describe how data was collected
- Perform data wrangling
 - Describe how data was processed
- 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 Collection

API

Collected historical launch data from an Open Source REST API for SpaceX.

Utilized GET requests to retrieve and parse the SpaceX launch data.

Filtered the dataset to include only Falcon 9 launches.

Imputed missing payload mass values for classified missions with the mean.

Web Scraping

Gathered historical launch data from the Wikipedia page titled "List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy Launches."

Accessed the Wikipedia URL for the Falcon 9 launch data.

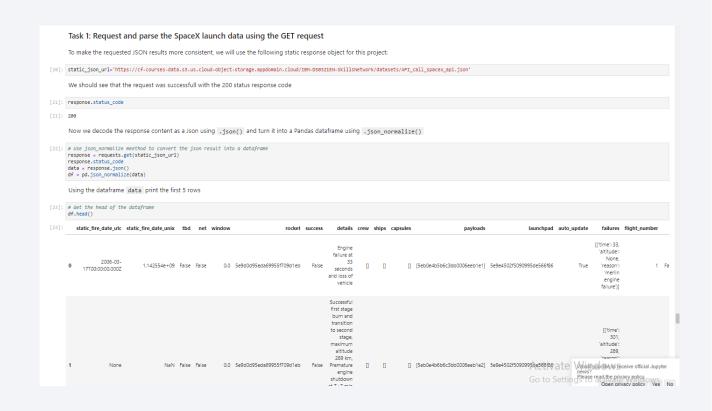
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Parsed the table and converted it into a Pandas DataFrame.

Data Collection - SpaceX API

Space X API

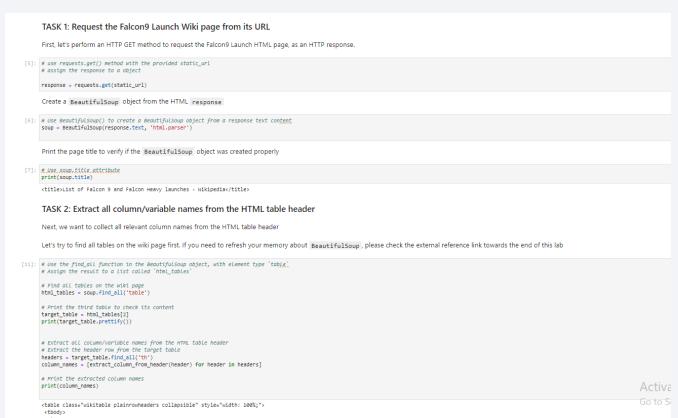
- Collected historical launch data from an Open Source REST API for SpaceX.
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- Filtered the dataset to include only Falcon 9 launches.
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- Add the GitHub URL of the completed SpaceX API calls notebook (must include completed code cell and outcome cell), as an external reference and peer-review purpose



https://github.com/happymondaynkanta/Data-Science- 9 Capstone/blob/main/jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb

Data Collection - Scraping

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Data Wrangling

Conducted an exploratory analysis to determine the appropriate labels for training supervised models.

Calculated the number of launches at each site and the frequency of each orbit type.

Analyzed mission outcomes based on orbit type to identify patterns.

Derived a landing outcome training label from the 'Outcome' column, creating the 'Class' label.

Training Label: 'Class'

Class = 0: First stage booster did not land successfully

None None: Landing not attempted

None ASDS: Launch failure, unable to attempt landing

False ASDS: Drone ship landing failed

False Ocean: Ocean landing failed

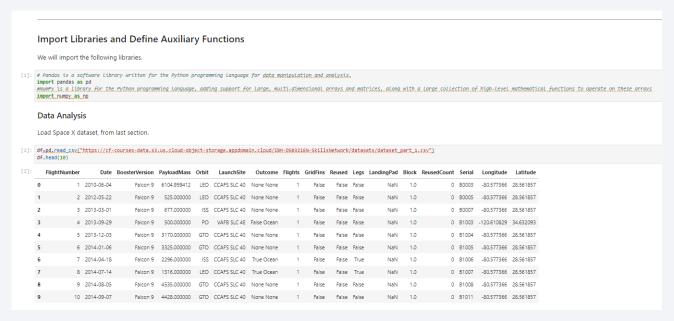
False RTLS: Ground pad landing failed

Class = 1: First stage booster landed successfully

True ASDS: Drone ship landing succeeded

True RTLS: Ground pad landing succeeded

True Ocean: Ocean landing succeeded



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EDA with Data Visualization

Loaded the dataset into a Pandas DataFrame.

Utilized Matplotlib and Seaborn libraries to create various plots for insightful analysis.

Plotted key relationships with Class (1st stage booster landing outcome) overlaid:

Flight Number vs. Payload Mass

Flight Number vs. Launch Site

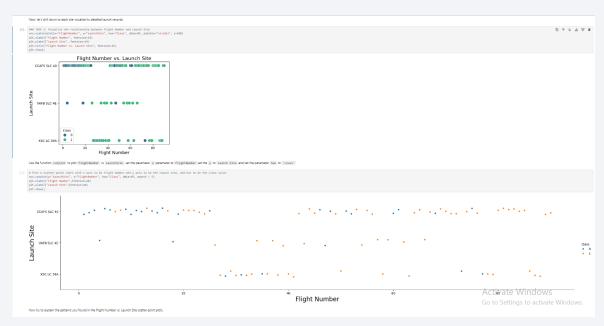
Payload vs. Launch Site

Orbit Type vs. Success Rate

Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

Payload vs. Orbit Type

Year vs. Success Rate



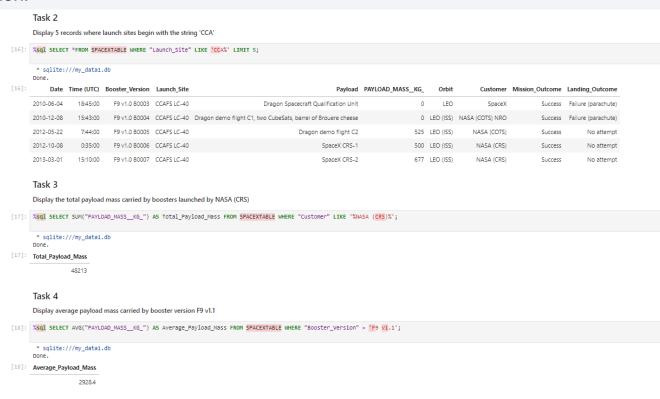
EDA with SQL

Imported the dataset into an IBM DB2 instance for advanced analysis.

Executed SQL queries to extract and display key information:

- Launch sites
- Payload masses
- Booster versions
- Mission outcomes
- Booster landings

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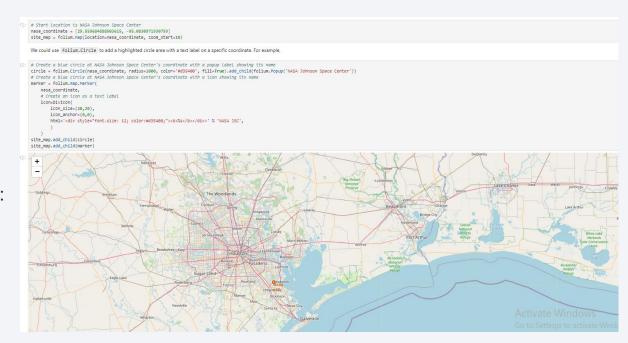
Build an Interactive Map with Folium

Launch Sites Location Analysis:

- Utilized the interactive mapping library Folium in Python.
- Plotted all launch sites on an interactive map.
- Indicated successful and failed launches for each site.

Computed the distances from each launch site to nearby features:

- Railways
- Highways
- Coastlines
- Cities



This spatial analysis provided insights into the geographical factors influencing launch site selection and success rates.

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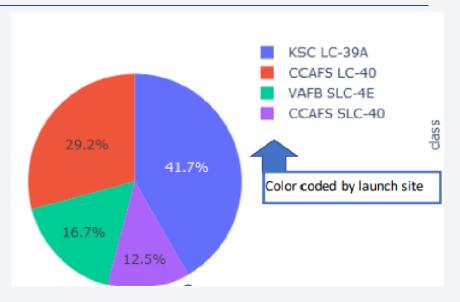
Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

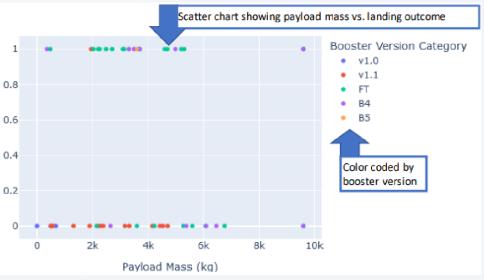
Launch Records Dashboard:

Leveraged Plotly Dash, a Python interactive dashboarding library, to provide stakeholders with real-time data exploration and manipulation capabilities.

Features included:

- A pie chart displaying the success rate, color-coded by launch site.
- A scatter chart illustrating payload mass versus landing outcome, color-coded by booster version, with an adjustable range slider to filter payload amounts.
- A dropdown menu allowing users to switch between viewing data for all launch sites or individual launch sites.
- The dashboard was deployed on IBM's static web app hosting service for accessibility.





Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Imported essential libraries:

Pandas, Numpy, Matplotlib, Seaborn, Sklearn

- Loaded the DataFrame created during the data collection phase.
- Added a 'Class' column, which was generated during data wrangling, as our training label.
- Standardized the dataset.
- Split the data into training and testing sets.
- Applied various machine learning models to the training data:

Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machine, Decision Tree Classifier, K-Nearest Neighbors Classifier

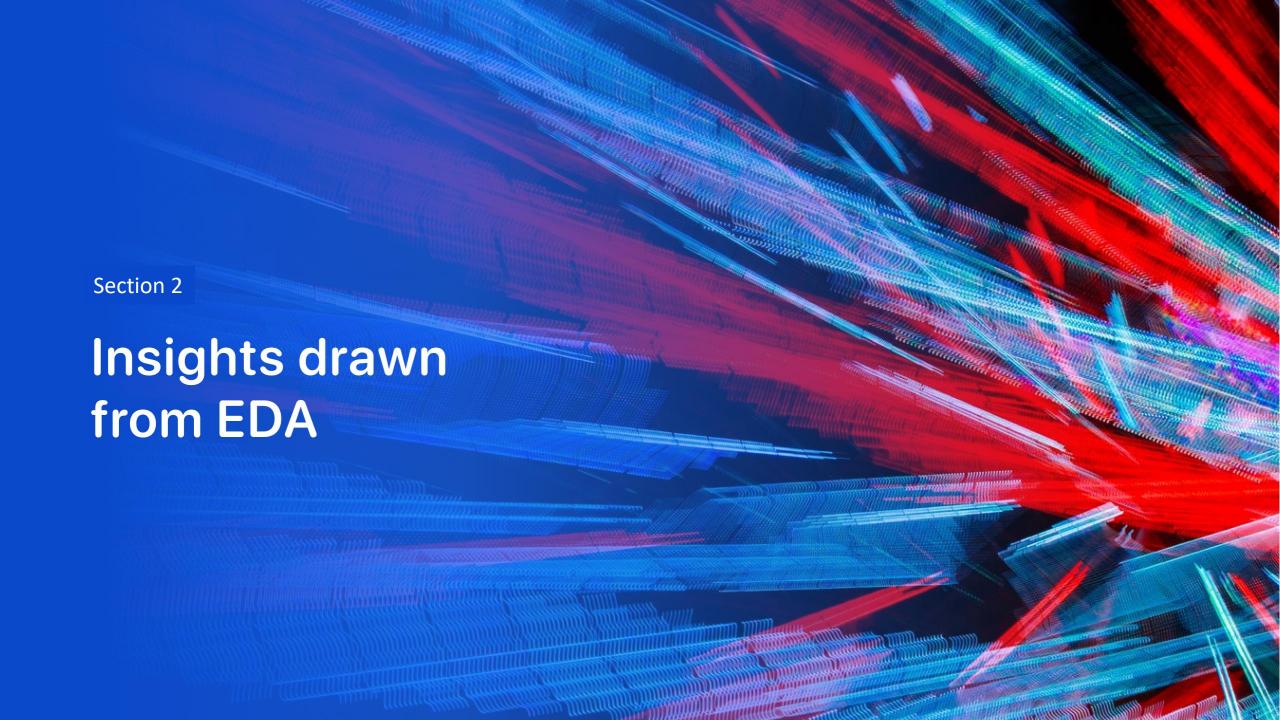
Employed cross-validated grid search (using Sklearn's GridSearchCV) to optimize hyperparameters for each model.

Assessed the accuracy of each model on the test data to determine the most effective model.

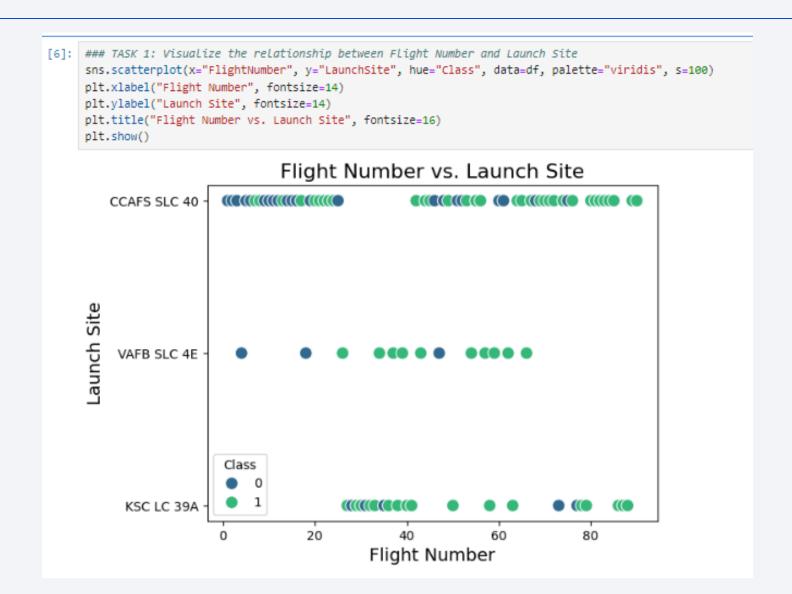
Defined and utilized a function to create a confusion matrix for model evaluation.

Results

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

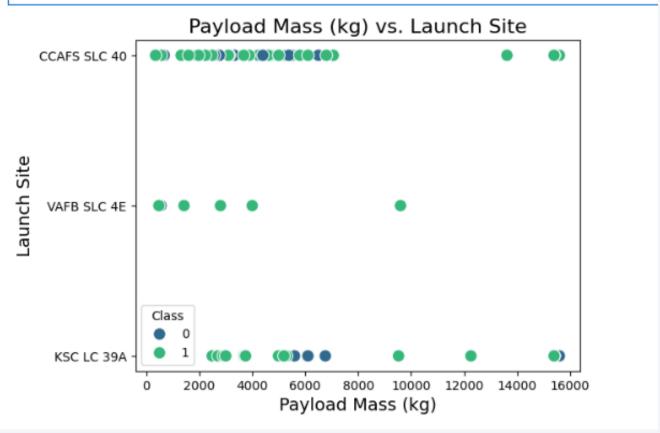


Flight Number vs. Launch Site

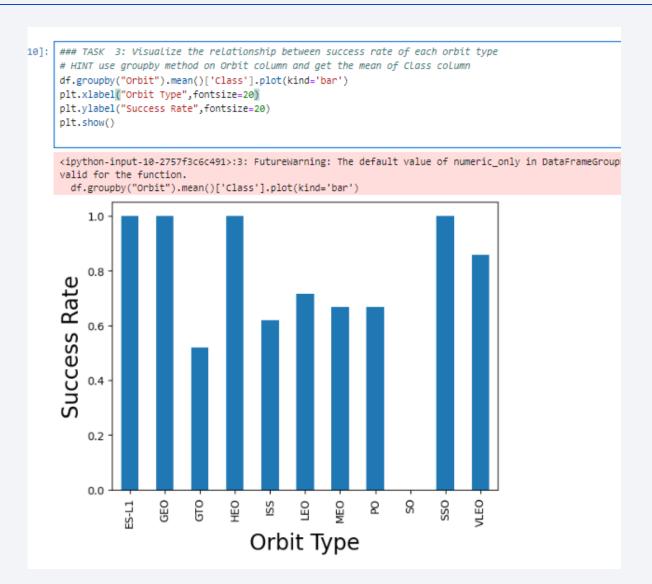


Payload vs. Launch Site

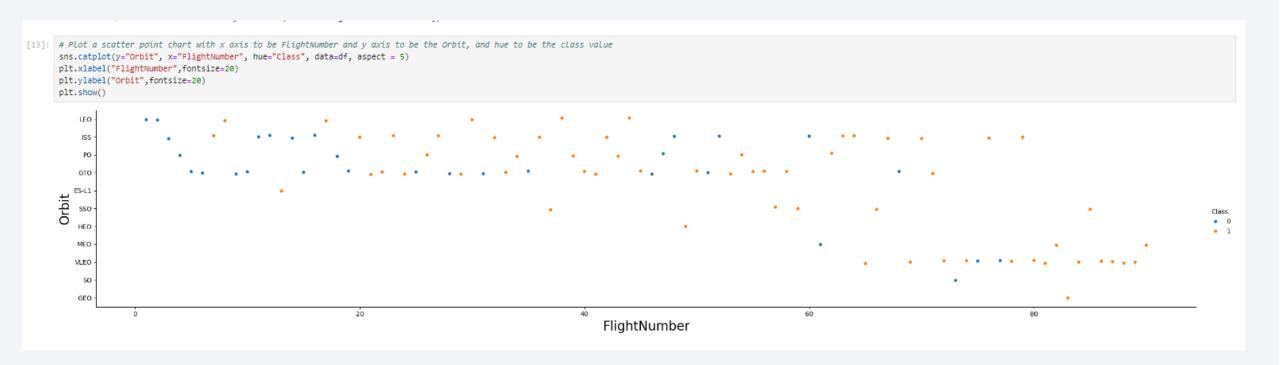
```
# Visualizing the relationship between Payload Mass (kg) and Launch Site
sns.scatterplot(x="PayloadMass", y="LaunchSite", hue="Class", data=df, palette="viridis", s=100)
plt.xlabel("Payload Mass (kg)", fontsize=14)
plt.ylabel("Launch Site", fontsize=14)
plt.title("Payload Mass (kg) vs. Launch Site", fontsize=16)
plt.show()
```



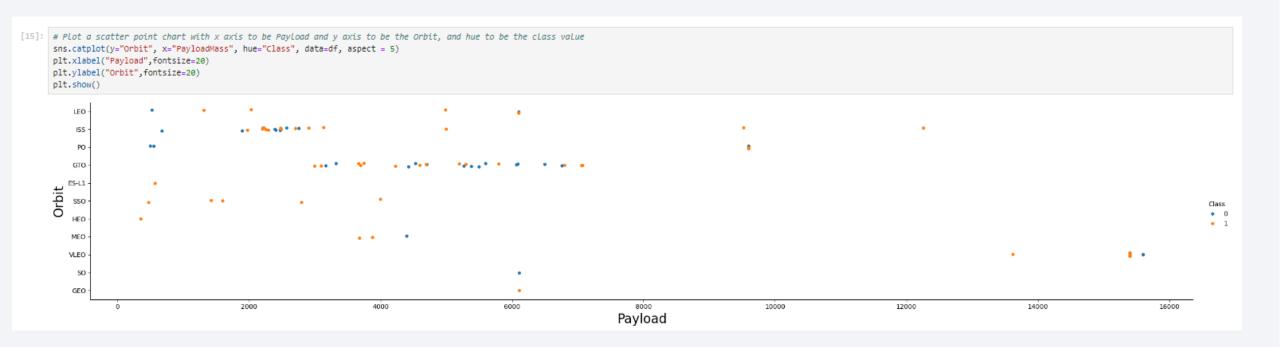
Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

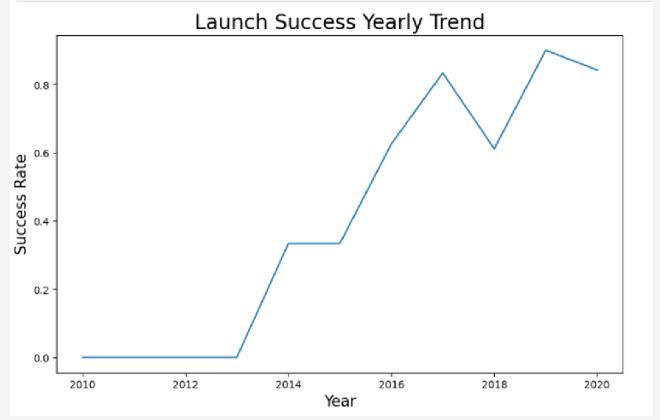


Payload vs. Orbit Type



Launch Success Yearly Trend

```
# Plot a line chart with x axis to be the extracted year and y axis to be the success rate
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yearly_success = df.groupby('Year')['Class'].mean().reset_index()
plt.figure(figsize=(10, 6))
sns.lineplot(x='Year', y='Class', data=yearly_success)
plt.xlabel("Year", fontsize=15)
plt.ylabel("Success Rate", fontsize=15)
plt.title("Launch Success Yearly Trend", fontsize=20)
plt.show()
```



All Launch Site Names

- The names of the unique launch sites are:
- CCAFS LC-40
- VAFB SLC-4E
- KSC LC-39A
- CCAFS SLC-40

Task 1

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

```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT Launch_Site FROM SPACEXTABLE;
```

* sqlite:///my_data1.db Done.

Launch_Site

CCAFS LC-40

VAFB SLC-4E

KSC LC-39A

CCAFS SLC-40

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

launch sites begin with `CCA`

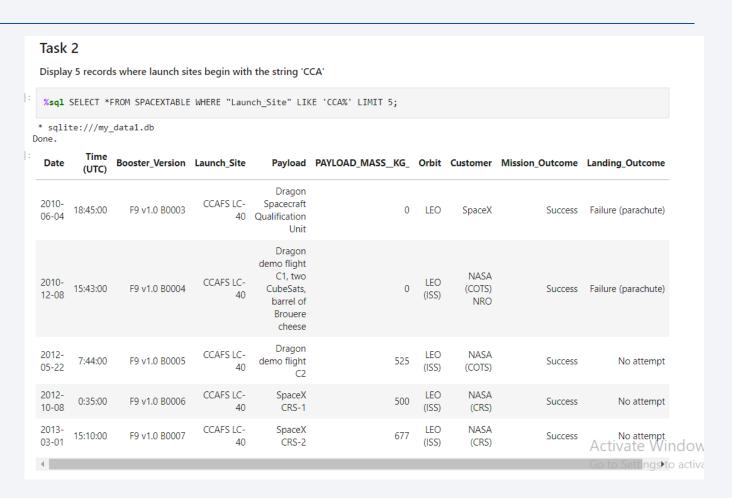
CCAFS LC-40

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Total Payload Mass

Total payload carried by boosters from NASA is 48213

Task 3

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

```
%sql SELECT SUM("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_") AS Total_Payload_Mass FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Customer" LIKE '%NASA (CRS)%';

* sqlite://my_data1.db
```

Total_Payload_Mass

Done.

48213

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

• The average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 is 2928.4

```
Task 4

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

** sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.

Average_Payload_Mass

2928.4
```

First Successful Ground Landing Date

 The dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad is 2015-12-22

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

Hint:Use min function

**sql SELECT MIN(Date) AS First_Successful_Landing FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE Landing_Outcome='Success (ground pad)';

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

First_Successful_Landing

2015-12-22
```

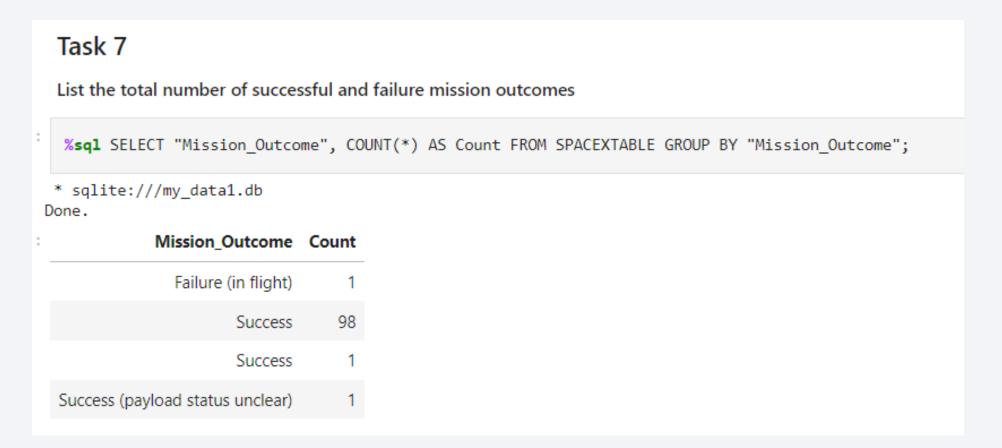
Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

 List the names of boosters are F9 FT B1022, F9 FT B1026, F9 FT B1021.2, F9 FT B1032.2

Task 6 List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000 %sql SELECT "Booster_Version" FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Landing_Outcome" = 'Success (drone ship)' AND "PAYLOAD MASS KG" > 40 * sqlite:///my_data1.db Done. Booster_Version F9 FT B1022 F9 FT B1026 F9 FT B1021.2 F9 FT B1031.2

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

The total number of successful mission outcomes is 100 and failure mission outcomes is 1



Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

The names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass are: F9 B5 B1048.4 F9 B5 B1049.4 F9 B5 B1051.3 F9 B5 B1056.4 F9 B5 B1048.5 F9 B5 B1060.2 F9 B5 B1058.3 F9 B5 B1051.6 F9 B5 B1060.3 F9 B5 B1049.7

Task 8 List the names of the booster_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery *sql SELECT "Booster_Version" FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "PAYLOAD_MASSKG_" = (SELECT_MAX("PAYLOAD_MASSKG_") FROM SPACEXTABLE			
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Booster_Version			
F9 B5 B1048.4			
F9 B5 B1049.4			
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F9 B5 B1060.2			
F9 B5 B1058.3			
F9 B5 B1051.6			
F9 B5 B1060.3			
F9 B5 B1049.7			

2015 Launch Records

The failed landing_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015 are:

- Failure (drone ship) F9 v1.1 B1012 CCAFS LC-40
- Failure (drone ship) F9 v1.1 B1015 CCAFS LC-40

Task 9 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. Note: SQLLite does not support monthnames. So you need to use substr(Date, 6,2) as month to get the months and substr(Date,0,5)='2015' for year. %sql SELECT strftime('%m', "Date") AS Month, "Landing Outcome", "Booster Version", "Launch Site" FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Lar * sqlite:///my data1.db Done. Month Landing_Outcome Booster_Version Launch_Site 01 Failure (drone ship) F9 v1.1 B1012 CCAFS LC-40 04 Failure (drone ship) F9 v1.1 B1015 CCAFS LC-40

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

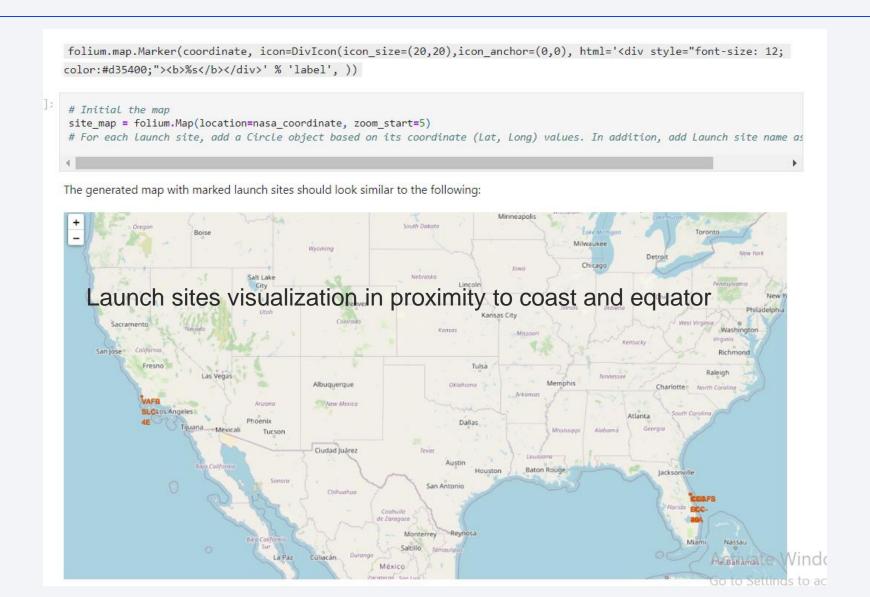
 Rank the count of landing outcomes (such as Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad)) between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20, in descending order

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

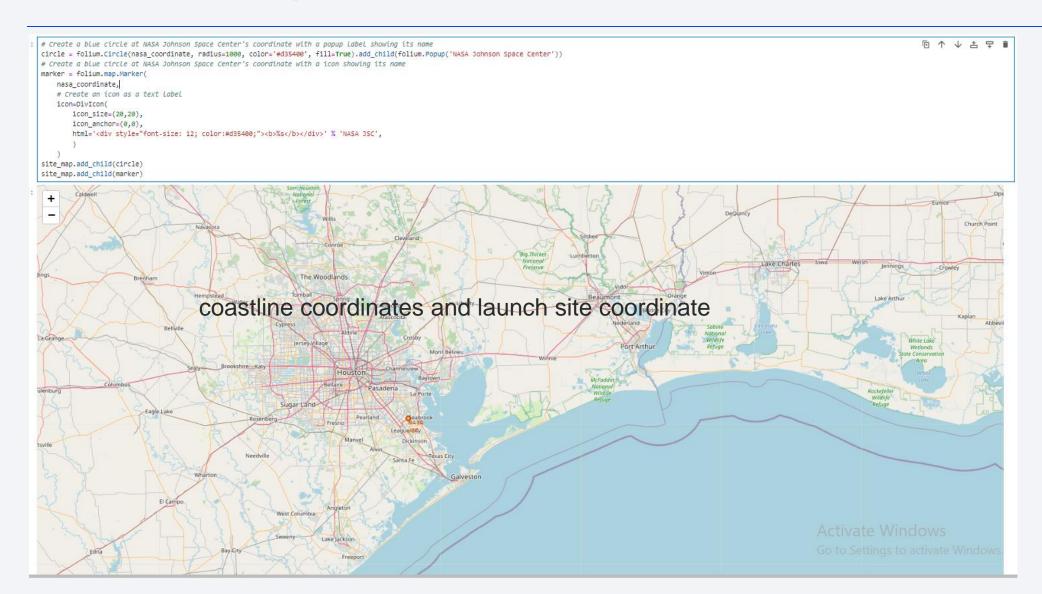




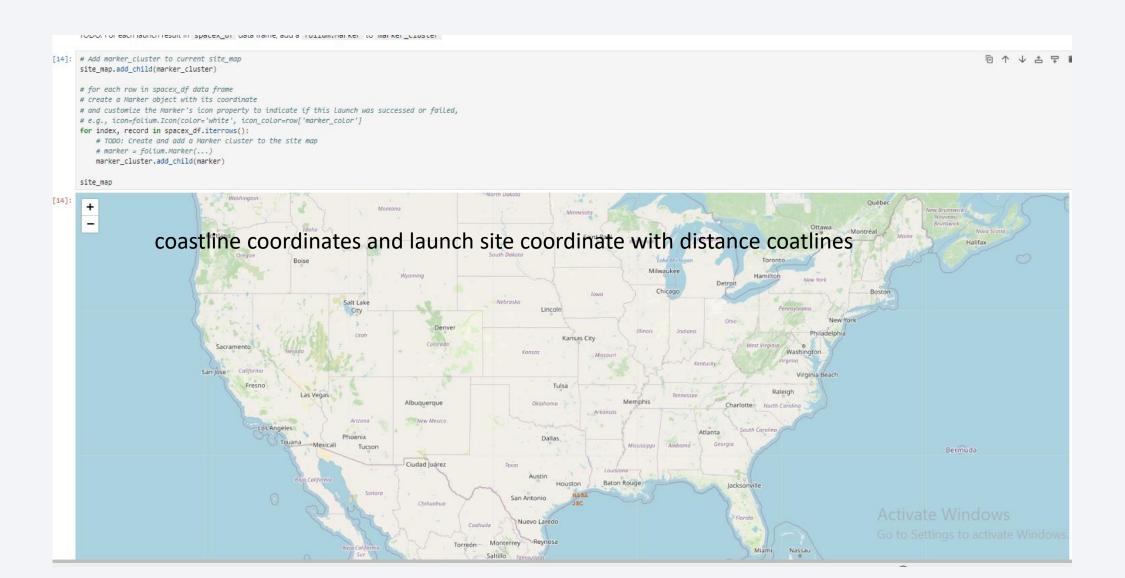
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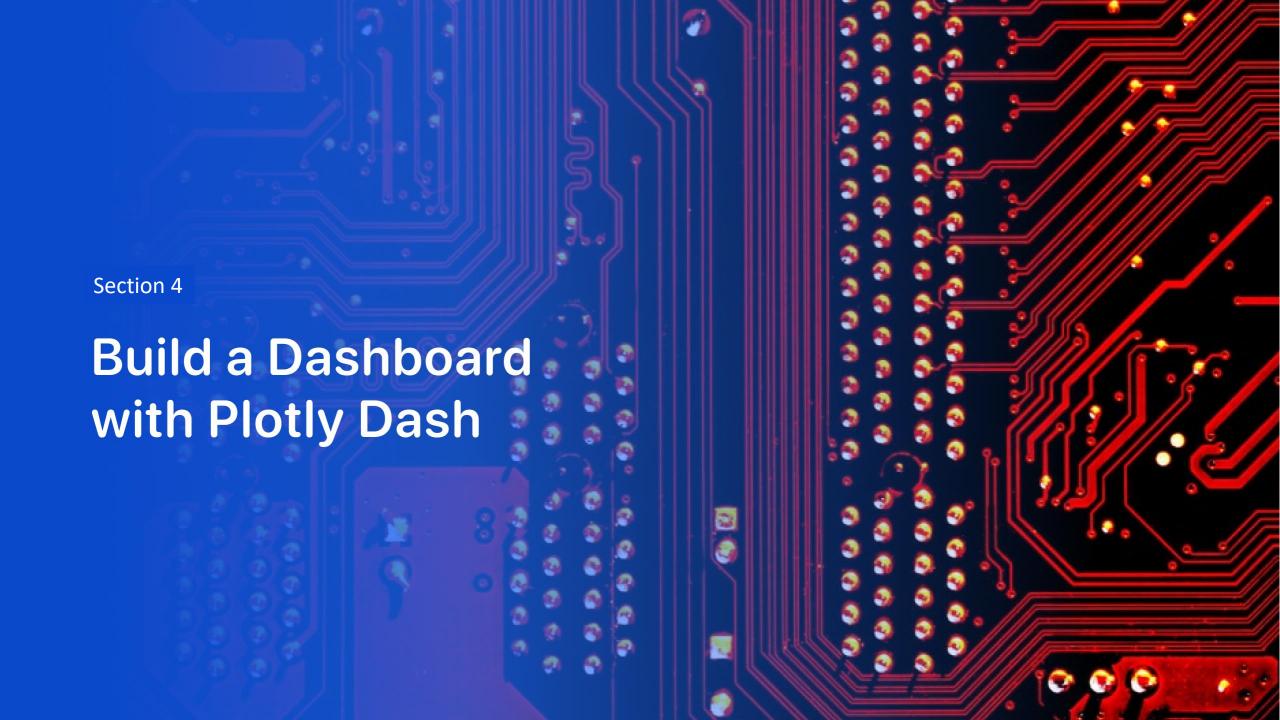


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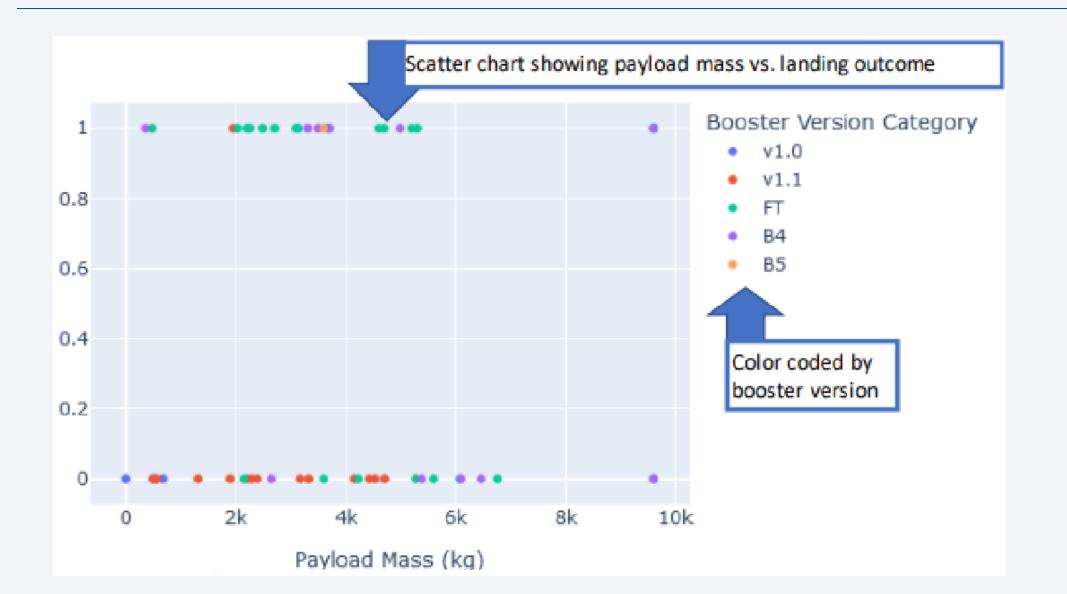


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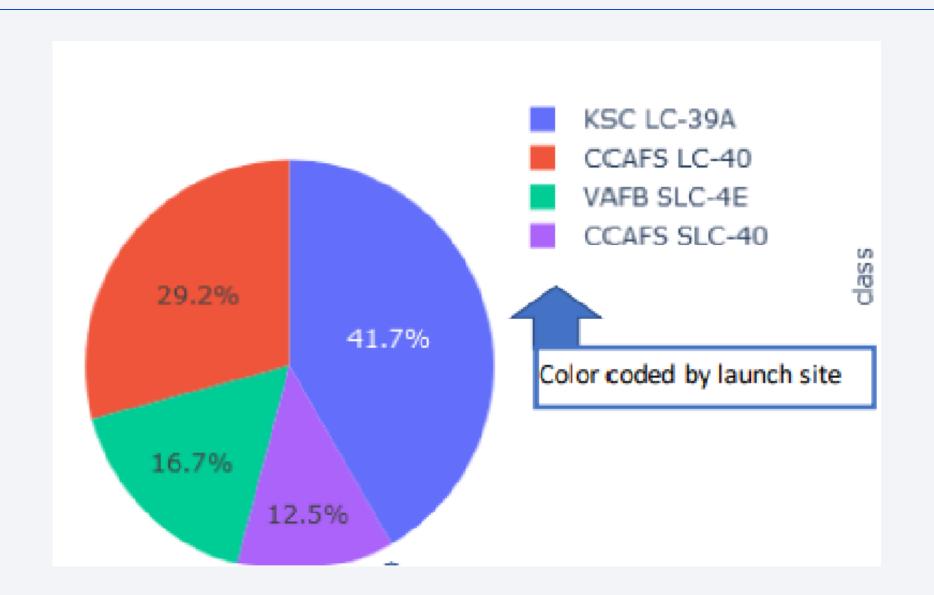




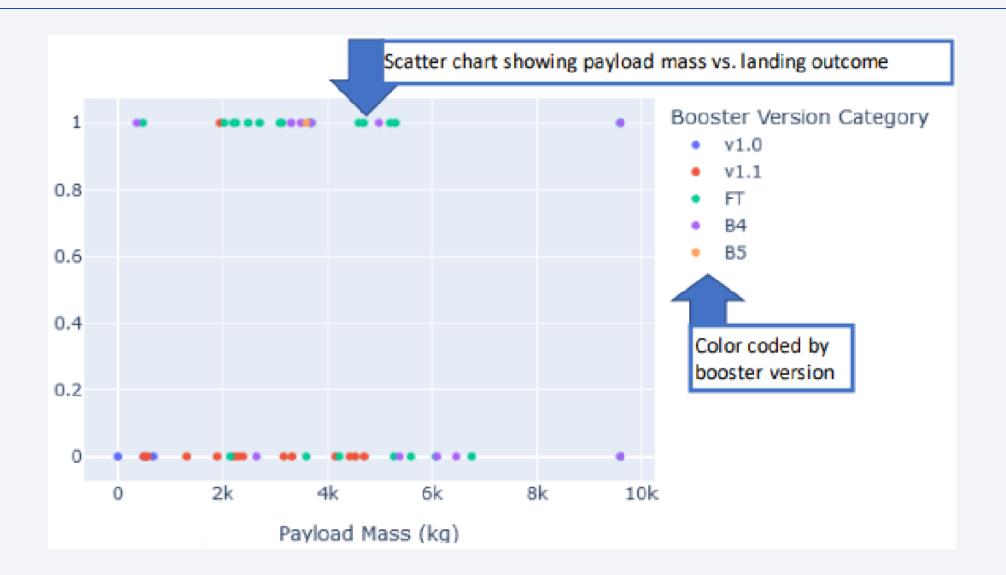
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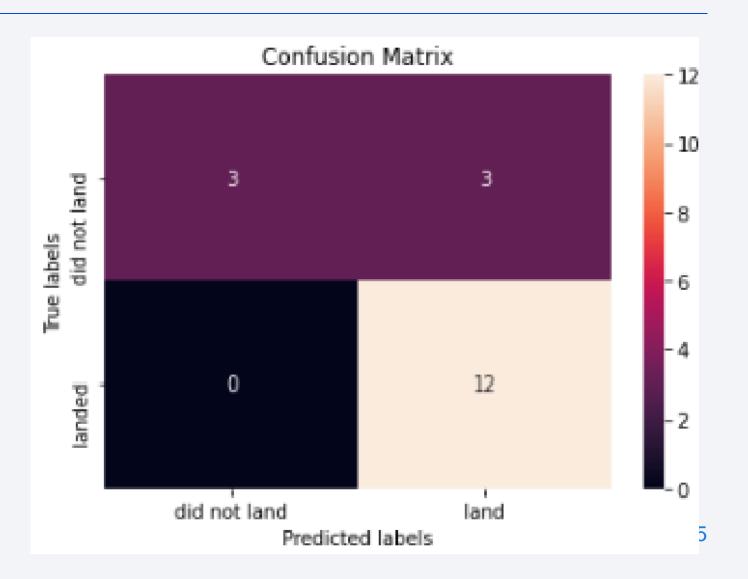
Classification Accuracy



All model has the same highest classification accuracy of 83.33%

Confusion Matrix

The confusion matrix for the best performing model is identical across all four models (logistic regression, KNN, SVM, and decision tree). It indicates 15 true classifications and 3 misclassifications along the diagonal axis.



Conclusions

With the models developed in this report, SpaceY can predict SpaceX's success in landing the first stage booster with 83.3% accuracy. SpaceX has publicly stated that constructing the first stage booster costs over \$15 million. This insight allows SpaceY to make more strategic bids, as they can estimate when SpaceX's bids might include the cost of a lost first stage booster. Given SpaceX's launch price of \$62 million, the inclusion of a \$15+ million booster sacrifice would raise their bid to approximately \$77 million.

Future Opportunities for SpaceY:

- Optimize Model Performance: Freeze the optimal combination of model and hyperparameters and retrain using the entire
 dataset rather than just the training subset. This approach could potentially improve the model's accuracy, but it would eliminate
 the ability to measure its predictive accuracy.
- Expand Dataset: Continuously update the model with additional launch data as it becomes available to enhance predictive capabilities.

Model Refinement:

- Subdivide Current Model: Develop two separate models: one to predict if SpaceX will attempt to land the first stage, and another
 to predict the success of such attempts.
- Predict Reuse: Create a model to forecast whether SpaceX will use a previously flown first stage booster in their launches. This
 would help SpaceY anticipate when SpaceX might offer a discounted bid.
- These steps will enable SpaceY to gain a competitive edge by anticipating the components of SpaceX's bids more accurately.

Appendix

Notebooks:

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