

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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### **Executive Summary**

- Data was collected using SpaceX API and webscraping
- Data wrangling included accounting for missing values and encoding categorical data
- Exploratory data analysis included visualization with charts and sql queries
- Interactive visual analysis was done with Folium maps and a Plotly Dashboard
- Predictive analysis was done with multiple machine learning methods

### Introduction

### Project Background

A new rocket company, Space Y, would like to compete with SpaceX. To aid in estimating costs for each launch, we developed a machine learning model that uses launch parameters to predict how likely it is for SpaceX to reuse the first stage of a rocket (aka "booster"). Elon Musk has stated that fabrication of the first stage accounts for 60% of a rocket's manufacturing cost, but refurbishing a successfully recovered booster reduces this cost to less than 10%. Identifying which launch parameters generate the highest likelihood of booster recovery can generate considerable cost savings for Space Y.

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# Methodology

- Data collection:
  - SpaceX API and webscraping
- Data Wrangling:
  - Replaced missing values with mean of column and encoded categorical variables
- Performed exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Performed interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - Used GridSearchCv on multiple learning methods and choose method with best score

### Data Collection – SpaceX API

- Requested static JSON of SpaceX launch data from SkillsNetwork API
  - Normalized response into pandas DataFrame (df) and selected features of interest
  - Most data were ID numbers, rather than information
- Passed IDs through helper functions to extract required information from SpaceX
   API
  - Appended data for features into individual lists
  - Created df from dictionary of lists

```
# Example helper function. Initialized in later code: BoosterVersion = []

def getBoosterVersion(data):
    for x in data['rocket']: # data['rocket'] contains IDs for booster versions
        if x:
        response = requests.get("https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/rockets/"+str(x)).json()
        BoosterVersion.append(response['name'])
```

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

#### 1. Request Static JSON

```
response = requests.get(static json url)
```

#### 2. Normalize Response

```
data = response.json()
data = pd.json normalize(data)
```

#### 3. Select Features of Interest

```
data = data[['rocket', 'payloads', 'launchpad', 'cores', 'flight number', 'date utc']]
data = data[data['cores'].map(len)==1]
data = data[data['payloads'].map(len)==1]
data['cores'] = data['cores'].map(lambda x : x[0])
data['payloads'] = data['payloads'].map(lambda x : x[0])
data['date'] = pd.to datetime(data['date utc']).dt.date
data = data[data['date'] <= datetime.date(2020, 11, 13)]</pre>
```

#### 4. Initialize Lists

```
BoosterVersion = []
PayloadMass = []
Orbit = []
LaunchSite = []
Outcome = []
Flights = []
GridFins = []
Reused = []
Legs = []
LandingPad = []
Block = []
ReusedCount = []
Serial = []
Longitude = []
Latitude = []
```

#### 5. Call Functions

```
getBoosterVersion(data)
getLaunchSite(data)
getPayloadData(data)
getCoreData(data)
```

#### 6. Create DataFrame

```
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}
data = pd.DataFrame(launch dict)
```

#### 7. Remove Falcon 1 Launches

### Data Collection - Scraping

- Requested Wiki page from static URL
- Created BeautifulSoup (bs4) object from HTML response
  - Created list of all table elements with .find\_all() method
  - Assigned target table to a variable with list indexing
- Extracted column names by iterating over table headers in target table
- Created dictionary with column names as keys
  - Values were initialized as empty lists
  - Irrelevant column was removed
  - Additional columns were added
- Parsed soup object to fill dictionary
  - DataFrame was created from dictionary

# Data Collection - Scaping

#### 1. Request Wiki page from static URL

response = requests.get(static\_url)

#### 2. Create BeautifulSoup object

soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content, 'html.parser')

#### 3. Find all table elements

```
html_tables = soup.find_all('table')
```

#### 4. Identify target table

```
first_launch_table = html_tables[2]
print(first_launch_table)
```

#### 6. Initialize dictionary

```
launch_dict = dict.fromkeys(column_names)
# Remove irrelvant column
del launch dict['Date and time ( )']
# Initialize dict with empty lists
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'] = []
# Add additional columns
launch_dict['Version Booster']=[]
launch_dict['Booster landing']=[]
launch dict['Date']=[]
launch dict['Time']=[]
```

#### 5. Iterate to extract column names

```
column_names = []
for header in first_launch_table.find_all('th'):
    name = extract_column_from_header(header)
    if name != None and len(name)>0:
        column_names.append(name)
```

# 7. Parse soup object to fill dictionary (partial code below)

```
extracted row = 0
for table number,table in enumerate\
(soup.find all('table', "wikitable plainrowheaders collapsible")):
    for rows in table.find_all("tr"):
        if rows.th:
            if rows.th.string:
                flight_number=rows.th.string.strip()
                flag=flight number.isdigit()
        else:
            flag=False
       row=rows.find_all('td')
       if flag:
            extracted row += 1
            launch_dict['Flight No.'].append(flight number)
            datatimelist=date time(row[0])
            date = datatimelist[0].strip(',')
```

#### 8. Convert to DataFrame

```
df=pd.DataFrame(launch_dict)
```

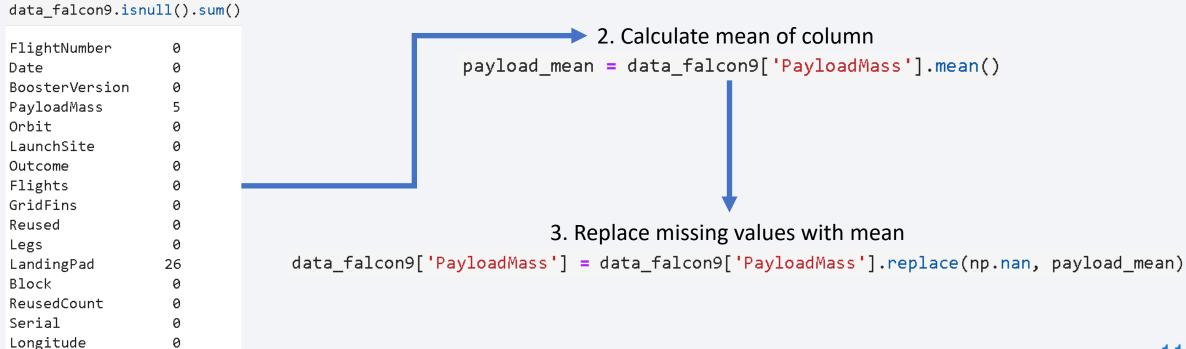
### Data Wrangling - Missing Values

- Identified columns with missing values using df.isnull().sum()
  - Returns a pandas Series object with number of NaN values in each column
  - Missing values for PayloadMass were filled with column's mean

#### 1. Identify columns with missing data

0

Latitude



# Data Wrangling – Encoding Categorical Data

- Identified data types for each column with df.dtypes
- Assigned .value\_counts() of Outcome column to variable
  - Method returns a Series object with counts for each unique value
  - Created set containing labels of unsuccessful outcomes by indexing their keys
- Iterated over Outcome column to compare elements to set
  - Initialized empty list to hold encoded data
  - If row's element was in set, 0 was appended to list
  - If element was not in set, 1 was appended
- List added to frame as column Class to represent if a launch was successful or not

# Data Wrangling - Encoding Categorical Data

#### 1. Identify data types of columns

#### df.dtypes FlightNumber int64 object Date BoosterVersion object PayloadMass float64 Orbit object LaunchSite object Outcome object Flights int64 GridFins bool Reused bool bool Legs LandingPad object Block float64 int64 ReusedCount Serial object Longitude float64 Latitude float64

### 2. Get .value\_counts() of Outcome

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

```
landing_outcomes

True ASDS 41
None None 19
True RTLS 14
False ASDS 6
True Ocean 5
False Ocean 2
None ASDS 2
False RTLS 1
```

#### 4. Create set of unsuccessful outcomes

```
bad_outcomes=set(landing_outcomes.keys()[[1,3,5,6,7]])
bad_outcomes

{'False ASDS', 'False Ocean', 'False RTLS', 'None ASDS', 'None None'}
```

#### 3. Get indices of keys

```
for i,outcome in enumerate(landing_outcomes.keys()):
    print(i,outcome)
```

- 0 True ASDS
- 1 None None
- 2 True RTLS
- 3 False ASDS
- 4 True Ocean
- T II de Ocean
- 5 False Ocean
- 6 None ASDS
- 7 False RTLS

#### 5. Compare to Outcome column

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

#### 6. Add to DataFrame

```
df['Class']=landing_class
df[['Class']].head(8)
```

	Class
0	0
1	0
2	0
3	0
4	0
5	0
6	1
7	1

### **EDA** with Data Visualization

- Used multiple types of plots to visualize relationships between variables
- Categorical Plots for plotting relationships between numeric variable(s) and at least one categorical variable
- Bar Chart uses rectangular bars to represent categorical data with heights proportional to a numeric value
- Line Chart plots a series of data points connected by a line to display changes over time

### EDA with Data Visualization – Categorical Plots

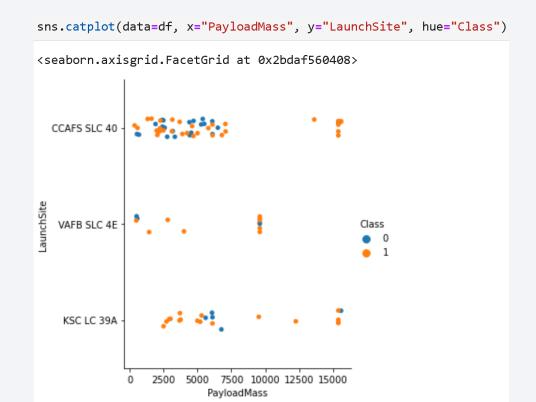
### hue = 'Class' was set as categorical variable for all charts

- Showed whether the relationships between variables effected landing success
- Launch Site or Orbit were additional categorical variables on some charts
- Relationships plotted:

X Y
Flight Number and Payload Mass
Flight Number and Launch Site
Payload Mass and Launch Site
Flight Number and Orbit
Payload Mass and Orbit

#### Example Question:

Does SpaceX have different success with launching certain payload masses from particular launch sites?



### EDA with Data Visualization - Bar & Line Chart

Bar Chart – Visualized relationships between type of orbit and success rate



Line Chart – Showed yearly trend in landing success rate

```
sns.lineplot(data=df2.groupby('year', as index=False)\
             ['Class'].mean(), x='year', y='Class')
<AxesSubplot:xlabel='year', ylabel='Class'>
  0.8
  0.6
Class
0.4
  0.2
     2010 2012 2013 2014 2015 2016 2017 2018 2019 2020
                            year
```

### EDA with SQL – Summary of Queries

- Names of the unique launch sites
- 5 records where launch sites started with 'CCA'
- Total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- Date of first successful ground pad landing
- Names of boosters that have successfully landed on a drone ship with a payload mass between 4000 and 6000 kilograms
- Total number of successful and failed mission outcomes
- Names of booster versions that have carried the maximum payload mass
- Records of failed drone ship landings in 2015 and their booster versions, launch sites, and months launched
- Ranked types of landing outcomes by their count of successful launches between June 4, 2010 and March 20, 2017 from greatest to least

### Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- 1. Folium Map Object initialized base map with location of NASA Johnson Space Center and zoom level of 5. Marker for location was not added to main map, but it served as a good midpoint between launch sites to initialize Map object with.
- 2. Folium.Circle feature to add circular overlays on map. Placed at coordinates for each launch site, with Popup child to display the launch site's name when clicked.
- 3. Folium.Marker feature to mark names and HTML on map, which was used to display site names without needing to click. Marked coordinates and set icon parameter to folium.Divlcon feature to display site names as lightweight html elements, rather than images.

### Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- 5. MarkerCluster Object plugin to add animated marker clustering. Added color-coordinated markers to each site that indicate outcomes of their launches, with green being successful and red being failed. Cluster displays total number of launches from a particular area. Clusters combine when zoomed out. Clicking on cluster will zoom into the individual clusters. Clicking on individual clusters show the color-coordinated markers for that site.
- 6. MousePosition added field in top right to display coordinates for where user's mouse pointer is on map.
- 7. Folium.Marker for distances marked the nearest coast line, railroad, highway, and city using coordinates from MousePosition. Obtained distance between launch site and individual markers using function, displayed each on map.
- 8. PolyLine drew line connecting launch site and distance marker

### Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

### **Interactions**

**Dropdown**: Allows user to choose data for either a specific launch site or all sites to be displayed on charts.

RangeSlider: Allows user specify the range of payload masses for scatter chart.

### **Charts**

**Pie Chart**: For seeing how success rates differed between launch sites. If a specific site was selected, it shows what percent of their launches were successful. If all sites selected, it shows the share of total successful launches that each site is responsible for.

**Scatter Chart**: To see if a correlation between payload mass and booster version effected success rate. Booster version determined the point's color, which was plotted with payload mass along the X axis and class along the Y axis.

### Predictive Analysis (Classification)

### Building

- Split data into testing and training sets
- Performed GridSearchCV on multiple learning methods to test different parameters

#### **Evaluation**

- Found best parameters and best score for each GridSearchCV object
- Plotted confusion matrix for each model

### Selecting Best Model

 Added model names and best score dictionary, selected model with max score

### Predictive Analysis Flowchart - Preparation

```
1. Load data set as X
                        X = pd.read csv('https://cf-courses-
                                 2. Initialize Y as array
                            Y = data['Class'].to numpy()
                           3. Standardize and transform X
            X = preprocessing.StandardScaler().fit(X).transform(X.astype(float))
                         4. Split into training and testing sets
X_train, X_test, Y_train, Y_test = train_test_split(X,Y, test_size=0.2, random_state=2)
```

# Predictive Analysis Flowchart – Development

#### 5. Perform GridSearches

```
logreg_cv = grid_search_lr.fit(X_train,Y_train)
svm_cv = grid_search_svm.fit(X_train,Y_train)
tree_cv = grid_search_tree.fit(X_train, Y_train)
knn_cv = grid_search_knn.fit(X_train, Y_train)
```

#### 6. Find best parameters and score

```
print("tuned hpyerparameters :(best parameters) ",logreg_cv.best_params_)
print("accuracy :",logreg_cv.best_score_)
print("tuned hpyerparameters :(best parameters) ",svm_cv.best_params_)
print("accuracy :",svm_cv.best_score_)
print("tuned hpyerparameters :(best parameters) ",tree_cv.best_params_)
print("accuracy :",tree_cv.best_score_)
print("tuned hpyerparameters :(best parameters) ",knn_cv.best_params_)
print("accuracy :",knn_cv.best_score_)
```

#### 7. Calculate accuracy for test data

```
logreg_cv.score(X_test, Y_test)
svm_cv.score(X_test, Y_test)
tree_cv.score(X_test, Y_test)
knn_cv.score(X_test, Y_test)
```

#### 8. Plot Confusion Matrix

```
yhat_lr=logreg_cv.predict(X_test)
plot_confusion_matrix(Y_test,yhat_lr)
yhat_svm=svm_cv.predict(X_test)
plot_confusion_matrix(Y_test,yhat_svm)
yhat_tree = svm_cv.predict(X_test)
plot_confusion_matrix(Y_test,yhat_tree)
yhat_knn = knn_cv.predict(X_test)
plot_confusion_matrix(Y_test,yhat_knn)
```

#### 9. Find method that performs best

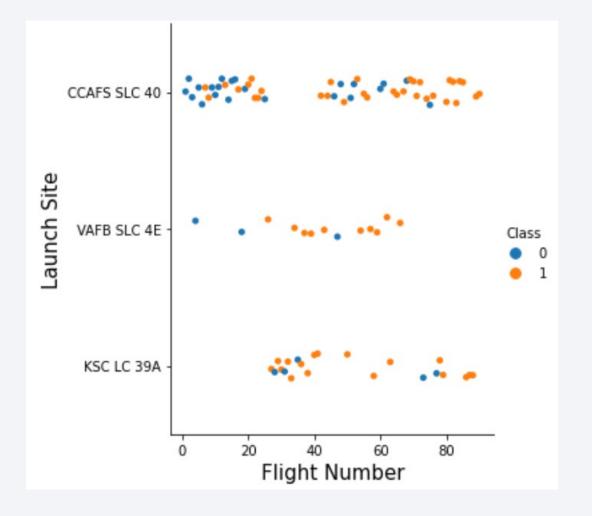
### Results

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



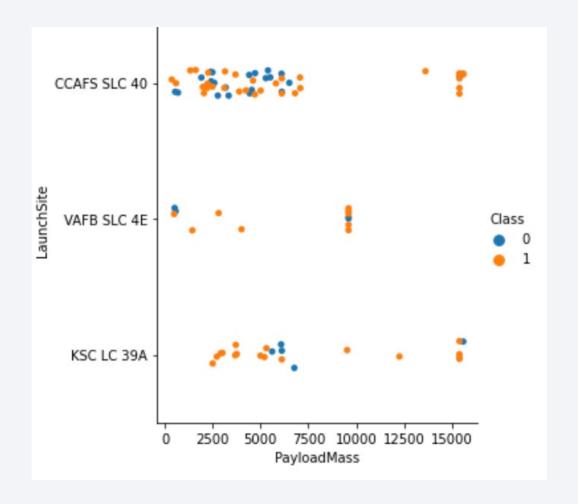
### Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- Early fights were mainly at CCAFS SLC 40
- These flights were also in lower orbits, so this launch site may have been more equipped for those types of launches



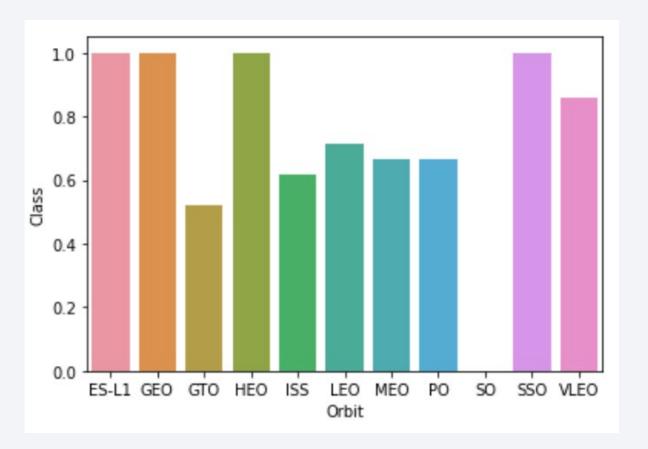
### Payload vs. Launch Site

- CCAFS SLC 40 is more preferred for low payload masses
- VAFB SLC 4E is not used for any payload masses over 10,000 kg
- Most masses launched from KSC LC 39A were on the lower end, but those may just be from early test flights



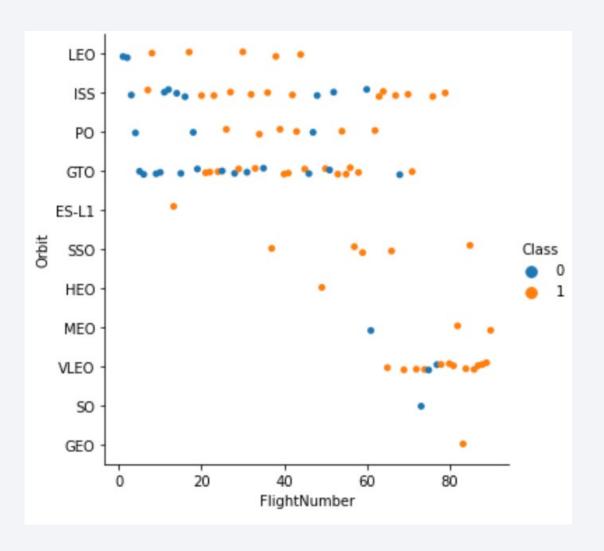
# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

 Some orbit types have higher success rates than other, but there is no correlation between the altitude of orbits and success rate



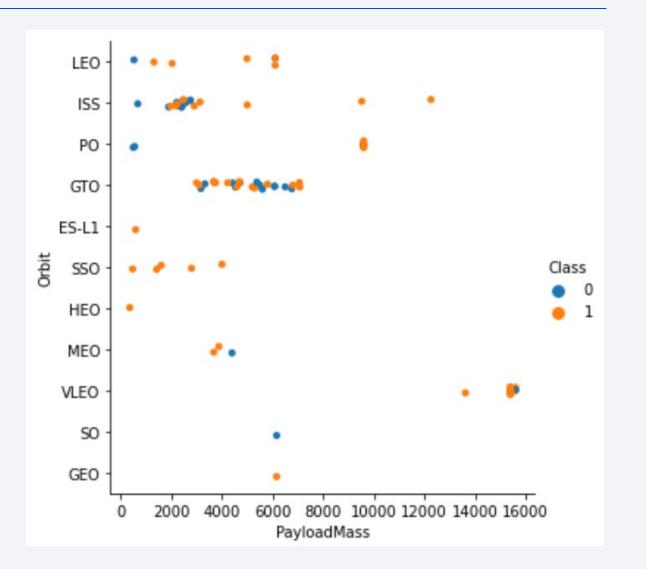
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- Success rate appears to correlated with flight number for LEO
- There are a higher number of failures for early GTO launches, but flight number still not appear to be correlated to success rate
- If an orbit type had their first launch after the first 30 flights, they had a greater success rate
- Nearly all of the first 20 flights failed



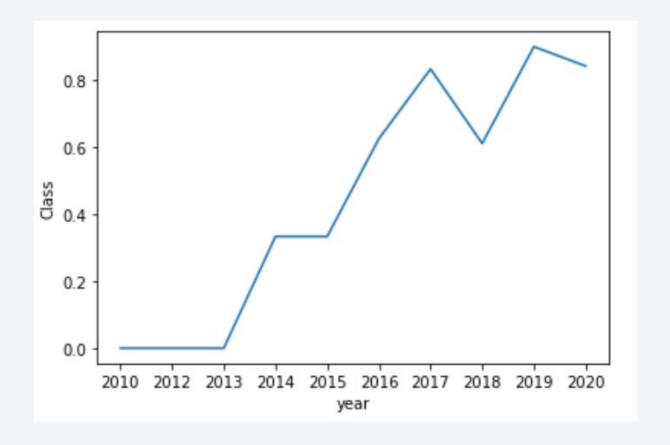
# Payload vs. Orbit Type

- LEO, ISS, and Polar orbits are more successful with heavier payloads
- No correlation for GTO



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

- All early flights failed
- Success rate has steadily climbed with experience
- Needs Further Exploration:
  - Plateau 2014-15
  - Large Dip 2017-18
  - Small Dip 2019-20



### All Launch Site Names

- Distinct retrieves only unique records
- CCAFS LC-40 was renamed to CCAFS SCL-40. Name kept in records for launches pre-change.

```
%%sql
select distinct launch_site from spacextbl
 * 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'

%%sql

select \* from spacextbl

where launch site like "CCA%" limit 5

```
* sqlite:///my data1.db
Done.
     Date Time (UTC) Booster Version Launch Site
                                                                                                                                                        Customer Mission Outcome Landing Outcome
                                                                                                       Payload PAYLOAD MASS KG
                                                                                                                                          Orbit
                                                                              Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit
                                                                                                                                                                                       Failure (parachute)
04-06-2010
               18:45:00
                           F9 v1.0 B0003 CCAFS LC-40
                                                                                                                                            LEO
                                                                                                                                                           SpaceX
                                                                                                                                                                              Success
                           F9 v1.0 B0004 CCAFS LC-40 Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of Brouere cheese
                                                                                                                                                 NASA (COTS) NRO
                                                                                                                                                                                       Failure (parachute)
               15:43:00
                                                                                                                                    0 LEO (ISS)
08-12-2010
                                                                                                                                                                              Success
                                                                                          Dragon demo flight C2
                           F9 v1.0 B0005 CCAFS LC-40
22-05-2012
               07:44:00
                                                                                                                                  525 LEO (ISS)
                                                                                                                                                      NASA (COTS)
                                                                                                                                                                              Success
                                                                                                                                                                                              No attempt
                                                                                                                                  500 LEO (ISS)
                           F9 v1.0 B0006 CCAFS LC-40
                                                                                                                                                       NASA (CRS)
                                                                                                                                                                                              No attempt
08-10-2012
               00:35:00
                                                                                                  SpaceX CRS-1
                                                                                                                                                                              Success
                                                                                                  SpaceX CRS-2
                                                                                                                                  677 LEO (ISS)
01-03-2013
               15:10:00
                           F9 v1.0 B0007 CCAFS LC-40
                                                                                                                                                       NASA (CRS)
                                                                                                                                                                              Success
                                                                                                                                                                                              No attempt
```

% is wildcard symbol. Matches any string of 0 or more characters.

In this instance, it will match anything that comes after "CCA"

Since the only records that begin with "CCA" are CCAFS LC-40 and CCAFS SLC-40, the full query would return all records for that site.

# **Total Payload Mass**

- Returns sum of data in payload\_mass\_\_kg\_ column for entries that have 'NASA (CRS)' in their customer column
- This is the total weight of payloads launched for NASA

```
%%sql
select sum(payload_mass__kg_) from spacextbl
   where customer = 'NASA (CRS)'

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
sum(payload_mass__kg_)

45596
```

### Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

- Returns average of payload\_mass\_\_kg\_ column for rows who's booster\_version entries begin with "F9 v1.1"
- There are additional characters after the booster version to denote flight number, so we use % to ignore these

```
%%sql
select avg(payload_mass__kg_) from spacextbl
    where booster_version like "F9 v1.1%"

* sqlite:///my_datal.db
Done.
avg(payload_mass__kg_)

2534.66666666666665
```

### First Successful Ground Landing Date

```
%%sql
select min(date) from spacextbl
   where "Landing _Outcome" = "Success (ground pad)"

* sqlite://my_datal.db
Done.
min(date)

01-05-2017
```

- Earlier dates are treated as lower values and recent dates are treated as higher values
- Applying min() to date will retrieve the earliest record, in this case for entries that have "Success (ground pad)" in the "Landing \_Outcome" column

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

The FT booster version is the only booster to have a successful drone ship landing after being launched with a payload mass within this range

```
%%sql
select booster version from spacextbl
    where "Landing _Outcome" = "Success (drone ship)"
    and payload_mass__kg_ between 4000 and 6000
 * 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

- Only one mission had a failed outcome
- Note that a launch can have a failed landing, but the mission still be deemed successful

```
%%sql
select mission_outcome, count(mission_outcome) from spacextbl
group by mission_outcome

* sqlite://my_datal.db
Done.

Mission_Outcome count(mission_outcome)

Failure (in flight) 1

Success 98

Success 1

Success 1

Success 1
```

# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

- Where clause contains subquery to select records for payload mass that are equal to the maximum value in the payload mass column
- Only the B5 booster has carried the maximum payload mass

```
%%sql
select booster_version, PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ from spacextbl
    where PAYLOAD MASS KG = (select max(PAYLOAD MASS KG ) from spacextbl)
 * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
Booster Version PAYLOAD MASS KG
  F9 B5 B1048.4
                              15600
  F9 B5 B1049.4
                              15600
   F9 B5 B1051.3
                              15600
  F9 B5 B1056.4
                              15600
  F9 B5 B1048.5
                              15600
  F9 B5 B1051.4
                              15600
   F9 B5 B1049.5
                              15600
  F9 B5 B1060.2
                              15600
   F9 B5 B1058.3
                              15600
  F9 B5 B1051.6
                              15600
   F9 B5 B1060.3
                              15600
  F9 B5 B1049.7
                              15600
```

#### 2015 Launch Records

- Failed drone ship landings from 2015, with month, booster version, and launch site
- Data in Date column are actually being stored as strings, since SQLite doesn't have built-in DateTime storage.
- substr(Date,4,2) returns a substring from the Date column, that starts at position 4 (index starts at 1, not 0), and has a length of 2 characters. Substr(Date,7,4) returns a 4 character substring, from the Date column, that starts at position 7.

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

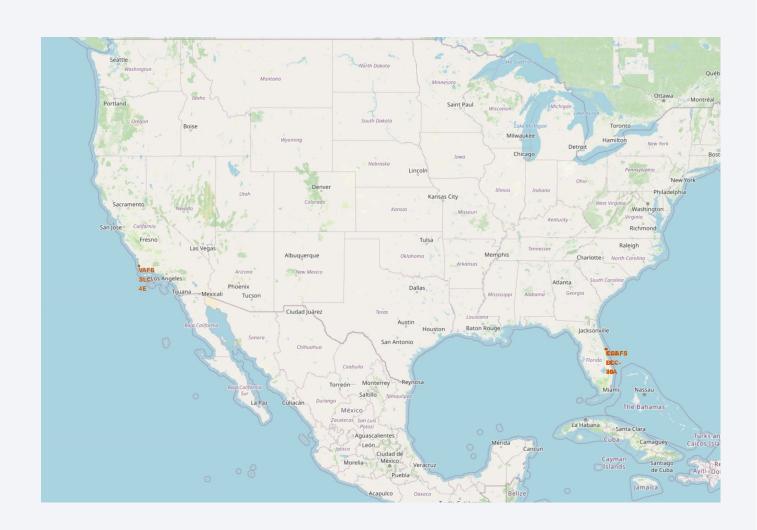
- Landings were not attempted for most of these launches. They may decide to not attempt it if chances of recovery are too low
- When landing are attempted, most are successful
- The first entry in the data set is for 2010-06-04, so specifying for dates to be greater this is unnecessary

```
%%sql
select "Landing _Outcome", count("Landing _Outcome") from spacextbl
group by "Landing Outcome"
having substr(Date,7,4) | '-' | substr(Date,4,2) | '-' | substr(Date,1,2) < '2017-03-20'
order by count("Landing Outcome") Desc
 * sqlite:///my data1.db
Done.
  Landing Outcome count("Landing Outcome")
         No attempt
                                          21
 Success (drone ship)
                                          14
 Success (ground pad)
                                           9
   Failure (drone ship)
                                           5
   Controlled (ocean)
                                           5
 Uncontrolled (ocean)
                                           2
   Failure (parachute)
                                           2
Precluded (drone ship)
```

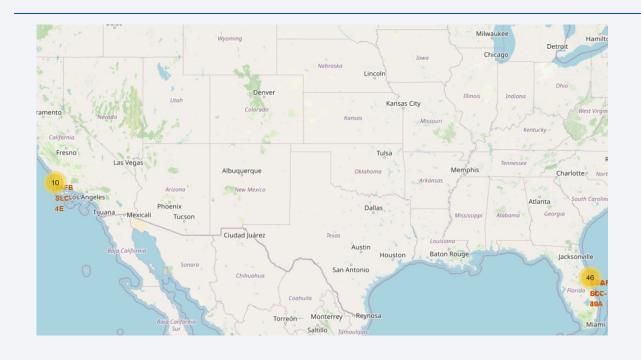


# Folium Map – All Launch Sites

• Launch sites are located on coastlines, near oceans

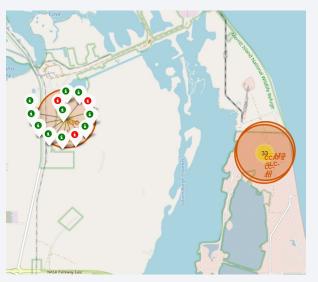


# Folium Map – Launch Outcomes

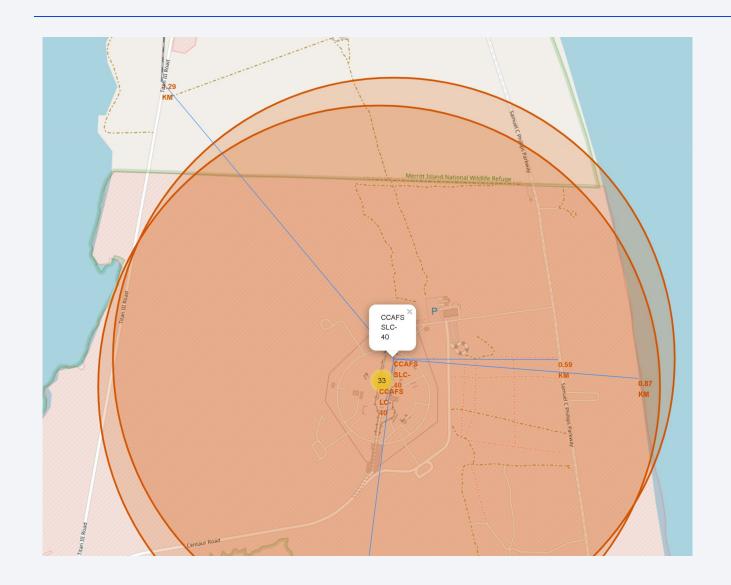


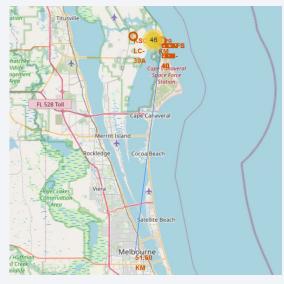
- Marker clusters show total number of launches from a particular area
- Clicking on a cluster will zoom in to show it's constituents
- Clicking on an individual constituent will show colorcoordinated breakdown of outcomes





# Folium Map - Proximities

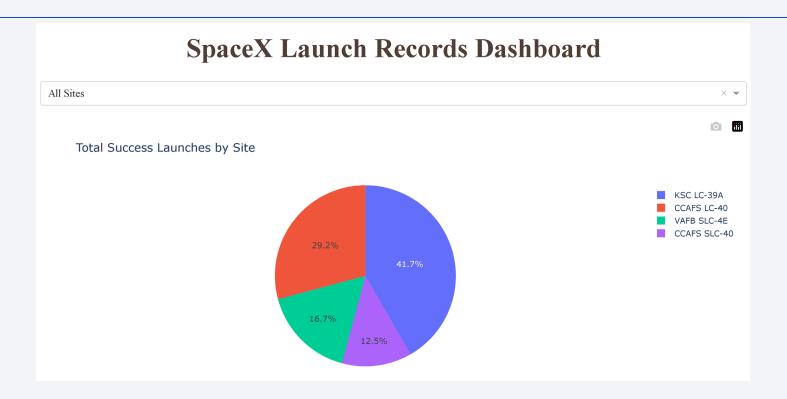




- As well as being located near oceans for launches, sites are also close distribution routes for better logistics
- They are also a fair distance away from nearby cities

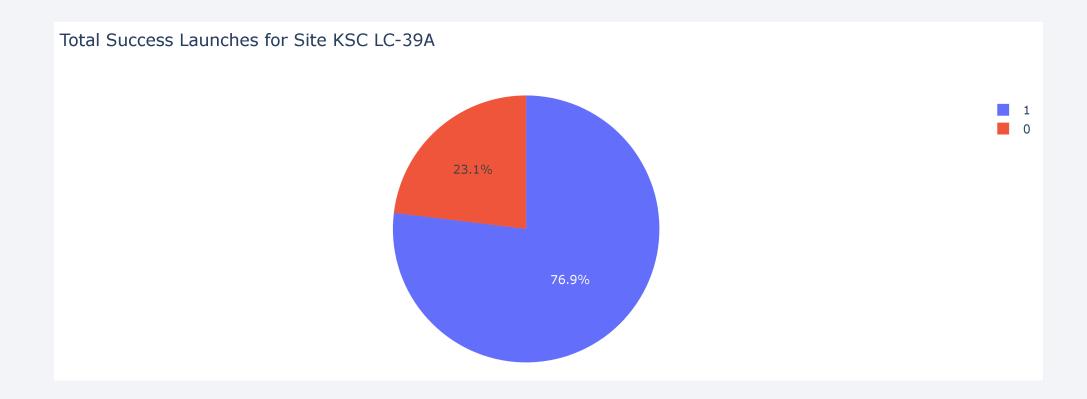


# Plotly Dash – Share of Successful Launches by Site



KSC LC-39A is responsible for most of SpaceX's successful launches

# Plotly Dash – Ratio of Successful Launches



KSC LC-39A also had the highest ratio of successful launches for individual launch sites

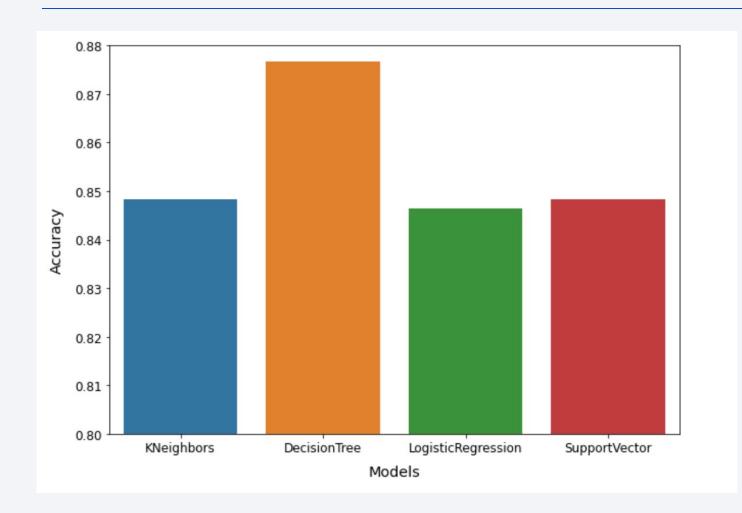
### Plotly Dash - Payload Range and Booster Success



- Booster v1.1 was tested for a wide range of payloads and was unsuccessful nearly 100% of the time
- Booster FT looks to have the highest success rate out of boosters that have been launched multiple times



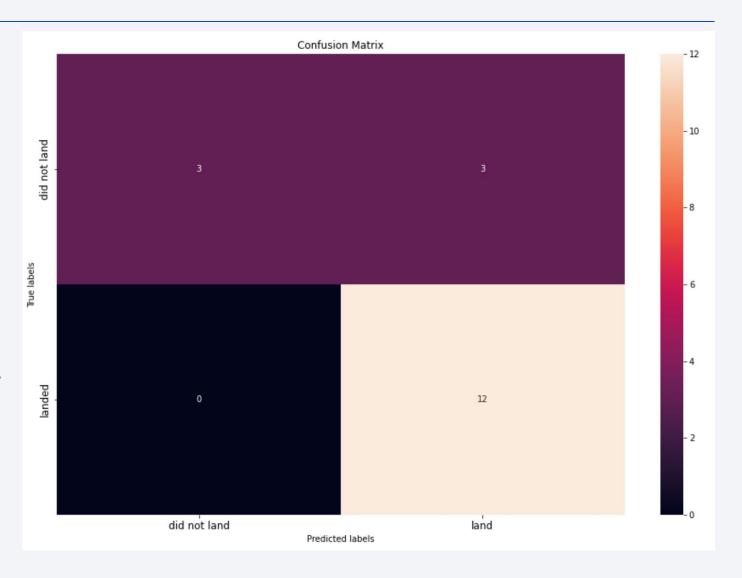
# **Classification Accuracy**



The bar chart shows that the decision tree model has the highest accuracy

#### **Confusion Matrix**

- The decision tree model can accurately predict landing outcomes for the majority of the launch data
- There are no instances of false negatives
- There were instances of false positives, where it predicted successful landings that were unsuccessful in reality



#### Conclusions

- Booster FT had the highest success rate
  - Replicate booster FT launches for early launches
  - Keep early payload masses <6k kg</li>
- Expect that the first ~20 landings may be unsuccessful
  - Account for this when calculating costs
- Launch sites must be located near coastlines
  - Must be in logistically appropriate locations
  - Far enough away from densely populated areas
- DecisionTree is best classification model

