

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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#### **Executive Summary**

- Summary of methodologies
  - Data Collection through API and webscraping
  - Data Wrangling
  - Exploratory Data Analysis with SQL and Data Visualizations
  - Interactive Visual Analytics with Folium and Plotly Dash
  - Machine Learning Prediction using various algorithms
- Summary of all results
  - Identified critical factors for success rate of launch incl payload, launch site, orbit
  - Found the best prediction algorithm for the data

#### Introduction

- Project background and context
  - Falcon 9, rocket designed by SpaceX claims to reduce the cost of rocket launch as it can use the first phase. Depending on various factors like Launch Site, Payload, customer, orbit, SpaceX decides whether to reuse the first stage or not. SpaceY wants to compete with SpaceX on developing a similar rocket. Goal is to create a machine learning pipeline to predict if the first stage will land successfully.
- Problems you want to find answers
  - Factors determining the successful landing of the rocket like Launch Site, Orbit etc
  - Relation between these factors, if any
  - Determine the price of each launch



# Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

- Data collection methodology:
  - Data Sets were collected using the Space X APIs and web scraping from wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
  - One hot encoding
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - Build, tune, evaluate classification models

#### **Data Collection**

- Describe how data sets were collected.
- You need to present your data collection process use key phrases and flowcharts

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

- 1) Used responses.get to receive data from the SpaceXAPI
- 2) Used json\_normalize() to convert json response to pandas dataframe
- 3) Used API to get specific information for the columns rocket, payloads, launchpad and cores (functions were pre-defined to get this information). This data is stored in lists
- 4) A dictionary is created using the data obtained in step 3 which is then converted to dataframe using pd.Dataframe
- 5) Dataframe is filtered to retain only data pertaining to Falcon 9 rocket
- 6) Empty Values of Payload Mass are replaced with the mean payload mass.
- 7) This data is then exported to a csv file using .to\_csv()

#Code snippets are provided in the annexure

### **Data Collection - Scraping**

- 1) Used requests.get() [HTTP GET method] to request Falcon 9 Wikipedia html page.
- 2) A Beautifulsoup object is created from the above response
- 3) Used find\_all() to get all the tables from the soup object
- 4) Iterated through the table headers to extract column names. An empty dictionary is created with all the column names
- 5) Parsed the tables to populate the dictionary with values from respective columns
- 6) Dictionary converted into dataframe using .DataFrame()
- 7) File is exported to csv using .to\_csv()
  - #codesnippets provided in annexures

# **Data Wrangling**

- 1) Used .value\_counts() to determine # of rockets from various launch sites, various orbits and the mission outcomes
- 2) Segregated the landing outcomes and created a new column "Class" as a landing outcome label
- 3) Found the overall success rate by measuring the mean of the Class column created above.

#### #codesnippets provided in annexures

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

Used Data Visualization to identify patterns or trends among the variables and with the dependent variable i.e. launch outcome.

Following Data Visualizations were explored:

- 1) Scatter Plot to understand relation between landing outcome, flight number and payload mass
- 2) Scatter Plot to understand relation between landing outcome, launch site and Flight number
- 3) Scatter Plot to understand relation between payload mass, launch site and landing outcome
- 4) Bar Chart to understand relation between landing outcome and orbit
- 5) Scatter Plot to understand relation between landing outcome, Flight number and orbit
- 6) Scatter Plot to understand relation between landing outcome, payload mass and orbit
- 7) Line graph to understand yearly trend(s) in landing outcome success

#Graphs provided in Section 2

#### EDA with SQL

Used SQL queries to identify the following:

- 1) Unique Launch sites in the mission
- 2) 5 records with Launch Site beginning with the string CCA
- 3) Total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- 4) Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- 5) Date when the first succesful landing outcome in ground pad was acheived
- 6) Names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- 7) Total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- 8) Names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass
- 9) Records which will display the month names, failure landing\_outcomes in drone ship ,booster versions, launch\_site for the months in year 2015.
- 10) Rank the count of landing outcomes

### Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Marked and added all launch sites as circles, success or failure of launches as markers and distance from railway line, airport, sea and city as lines. Added these objects to answer few questions like
  - Are the launch sites in proximity to equator (similar latitudes) or a coast YES. The launch sites are either on west coast or east coast of the United States
  - Color coding the markets (O or failure as red and 1 or success as green) helped in identifying performance of a launch site.
  - Distances to understand if launch sites are closer or farther from railways, highways, coastline or nearest city Launch Sites seem closer to railways, highways and coastline but seem far from cities

https://github.com/istupe/DS Capstone/blob/main/lab jupyter launch site location.ipynb

To view along with maps use the nbviewer link as github isn't rendering maps <a href="https://nbviewer.org/github/istupe/DS">https://nbviewer.org/github/istupe/DS</a> Capstone/blob/main/lab jupyter launch site location.ipynb

### Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Built a dashboard with option to input a) Launch Site as dropdown and b) Payload Mass as a slider
- When the Launch Site is selected, It shows a pie chart of the total launches from the selected site with distribution between successful and unsuccessful launches.
- Then we created a scatter plot with inputs as Launch Site (From dropdown) and Payload mass (from slider) and output indicating correlation between payload and success.

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- 1) Created a numpy array from dataframe using to\_numpy(). Standardized the data using transform and split the data into training and testing with test size of 20%
- 2) Built different machine learning models (Logistic Regression, SVM, Decision tree Classifer, and K Nearest Neighbours) with hyperparameters using GridSearchCV.
- 3) Calculated the accuracy of the models using score and plotted the confusion matrix to identify the best method

https://github.com/istupe/DS Capstone/blob/main/SpaceX Machine Learning Prediction Part 5.jupyterlite.ipynb

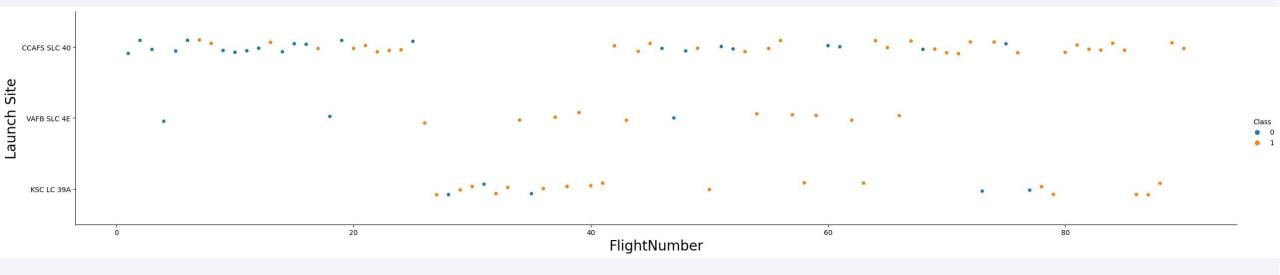
#### Results

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

These are presented in Section 2 of the presentation



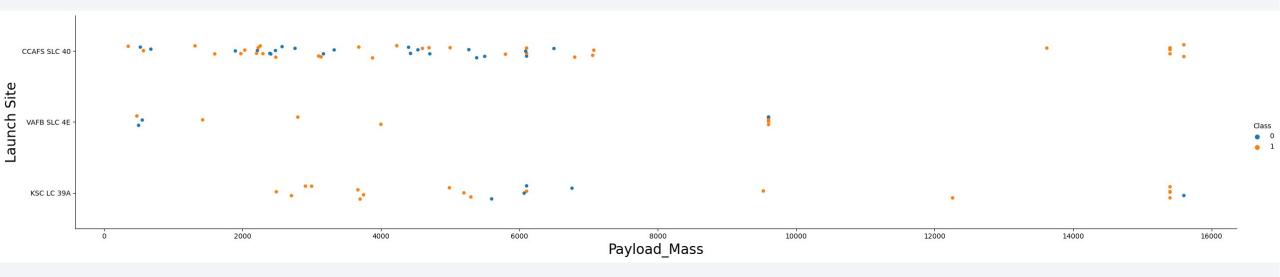
# Flight Number vs. Launch Site



#### From the Visualization we can notice that:

- 1) Earlier flights lauch were from CCAFS-SLC-40 site ,Followed by KSC-LC-39A
- 2) Most Launches are Launched from CCAFS-SLC-40 and least Launches from VAFB SLC 4E
- 3) For a brief period during Launches 20 to 40, launches were shifted from CCAFS SLC 40 to KSC LC 39A

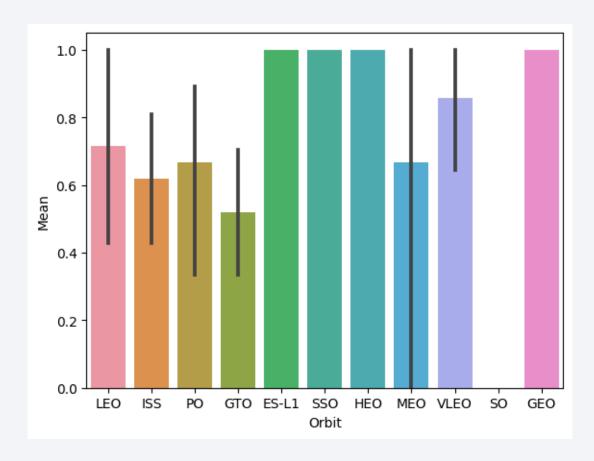
### Payload vs. Launch Site



#### From the Visualization we can notice that:

- 1) Payloads over 10000 KG are not launched at VAFB SLC 4E
- 2) Higher payloads (above 14000 kg) seem to have higher success rate

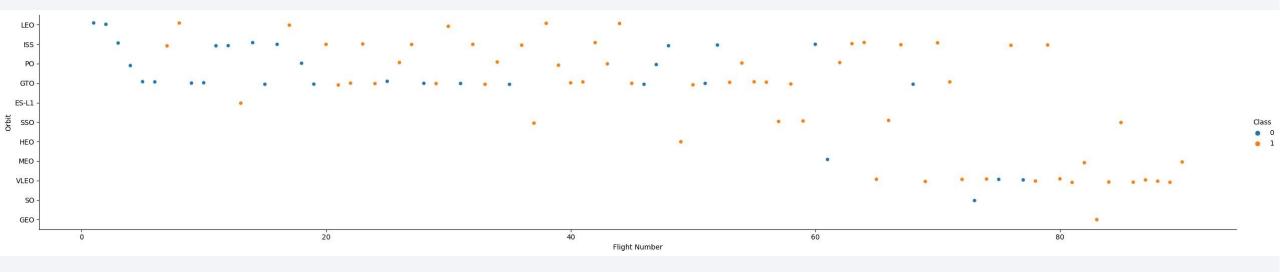
# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



From the Visualization we can notice that:

1) ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate.

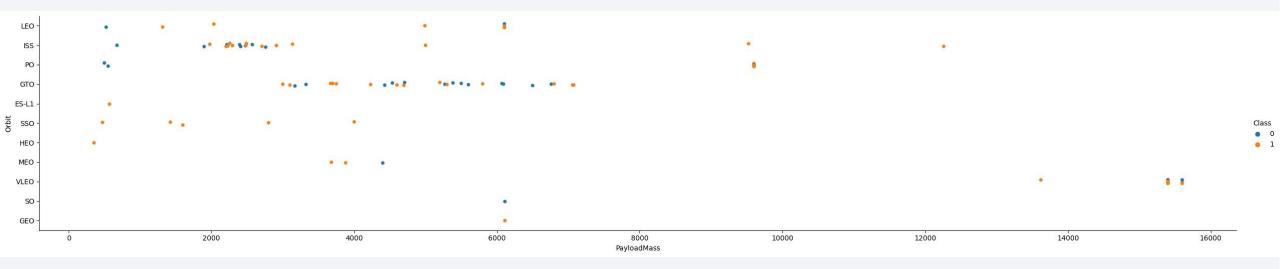
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



#### From the Visualization we can notice that:

- 1) VLEO orbit flights came much later but have good success rate along with SSO orbit
- 2) Initially lot of failures in GTO and ISS orbit launches
- 3) GTO and ISS also seem to have the most launches followed by VLEO

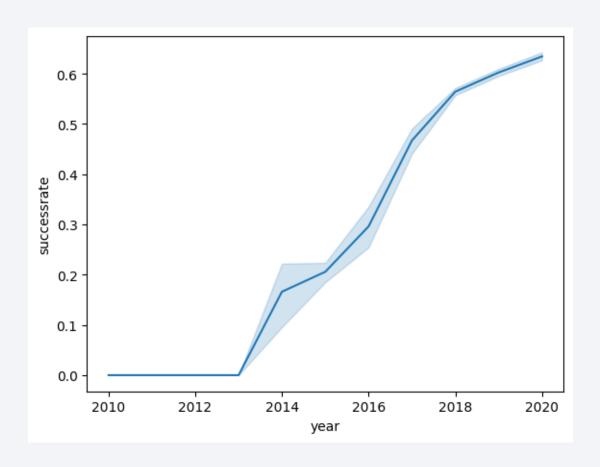
# Payload vs. Orbit Type



#### From the Visualization we can notice that:

- 1) Most of the ISS payloads are between 2000 to 4000. Most of the GTO payloads are between 3000 and 7000. VLEO has only higher payloads. HEO, ES-L1 and have very small payloads
- 2) With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Polar, LEO and ISS.
- 3) For GTO we cannot distinguish this well as both positive landing rate and negative landing(unsuccessful mission) are both there here.

# Launch Success Yearly Trend



From the Visualization we can notice that:

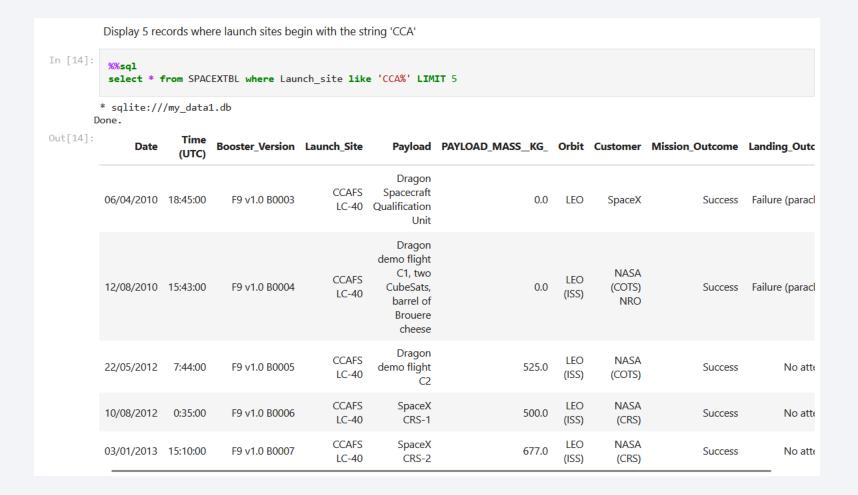
1) Success rate kept increasing from 2013 onwards

#### All Launch Site Names

```
Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
In [9]:
         %sql select distinct(Launch_site) from SPACEXTBL
        * sqlite:///my_data1.db
       Done.
Out[9]:
          Launch Site
          CCAFS LC-40
          VAFB SLC-4E
           KSC LC-39A
         CCAFS SLC-40
                None
```

To get the unique launch sites, we used distinct (launch\_site) from the database.
There are 4 unique launch sites

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'



We used the condition Launch\_site like 'CCA%' to identify launch sites whose name begins with CCA and limited to 5 records using LIMIT keyword

# **Total Payload Mass**

```
Task 3

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

In [18]: 

**sql select sum(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from SPACEXTBL where Customer = 'NASA (CRS)'

** sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.

Out[18]: 

**sum(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)

45596.0
```

Used the Sum(Payload\_mass\_\_Kg\_) with the condition that customer is NASA (CRS) to calculate total payload

### Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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

In [23]:  
%sql select avg(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from SPACEXTBL where Booster_Version = 'F9 v1.1'

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

Out[23]:  
avg(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)

2928.4
```

Used the Avg(Payload\_mass\_\_Kg\_) with the condition that Booster\_Version is F9 v1.1 to calculate average payload

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

#### We can get the required result by either query

%sql select Date as First\_Successful\_Landing, Landing\_Outcome from SPACEXTBL where Landing\_Outcome = 'Success (ground pad)' order by Date desc LIMIT 1 or

%sql select min(date) as First\_Successful\_landing from SPACEXTBL where Landing\_Outcome like 'Success (ground pad)'

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

LIST THE HATTES OF THE DOOSTELS WHICH HAVE SUCCESS III AFORE SHIP AND HAVE PAYIONA HASS GREATER HART TOOK DATHESS THAIL SOOK In [56]: # selected payload mass for verification %sql SELECT Booster\_Version, PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_ from SPACEXTBL where Landing\_Outcome like 'Success (drone ship)' \* sqlite:///my data1.db Done. Out[56]: Booster\_Version PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_ F9 FT B1022 4696.0 F9 FT B1026 4600.0 F9 FT B1021.2 5300.0 F9 FT B1031.2 5200.0

%sql SELECT Booster\_Version, PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_ from SPACEXTBL where Landing\_Outcome like 'Success (drone ship)' and PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_ between 4000 and 6000

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



Used count of mission\_outcome to get the number of successful and failure mission outcomes

# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

```
In [61]:
           %sql SELECT Booster_Version, PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ as Payload_Mass from SPACEXTBL where PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ in (select max(PAYLOAD
          * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Out[61]: Booster_Version Payload_Mass
             F9 B5 B1048.4
                                  15600.0
             F9 B5 B1049.4
                                  15600.0
             F9 B5 B1051.3
                                  15600.0
             F9 B5 B1056.4
                                  15600.0
             F9 B5 B1048.5
                                  15600.0
             F9 B5 B1051.4
                                  15600.0
             F9 B5 B1049.5
                                  15600.0
             F9 B5 B1060.2
                                  15600.0
             F9 B5 B1058.3
                                  15600.0
             F9 B5 B1051.6
                                  15600.0
             F9 B5 B1060.3
                                  15600.0
             F9 B5 B1049.7
                                  15600.0
```

%sql SELECT Booster\_Version, PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_ as Payload\_Mass from SPACEXTBL where PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_ in (select max(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_) from SPACEXTBL)

#### 2015 Launch Records

```
In [80]:
          %%sql
           SELECT
            CASE
               WHEN substr(Date, 4,2) = '01' THEN 'January'
               WHEN substr(Date, 4,2) = '02' THEN 'February'
               WHEN substr(Date, 4,2) = '03' THEN 'March'
               WHEN substr(Date, 4,2) = '04' THEN 'April'
               WHEN substr(Date, 4,2) = '05' THEN 'May'
               WHEN substr(Date, 4,2) = '06' THEN 'June'
               WHEN substr(Date, 4,2) = '07' THEN 'July'
               WHEN substr(Date, 4,2) = '08' THEN 'August'
               WHEN substr(Date, 4,2) = '09' THEN 'September'
               WHEN substr(Date, 4,2) = '10' THEN 'October'
               WHEN substr(Date, 4,2) = '11' THEN 'November'
               WHEN substr(Date, 4,2) = '12' THEN 'December'
            END AS month name,
            substr(Date, 4,2) as month, Landing_outcome, Booster_Version, Launch_Site from SPACEXTBL where substr(Date,7,4)='2015' an
         * sqlite:///my_data1.db
         month name month
                                  Landing_Outcome Booster_Version Launch_Site
              February
                           02
                                        No attempt
                                                      F9 v1.1 B1014 CCAFS LC-40
                  April
                                  Failure (drone ship)
                                                      F9 v1.1 B1015 CCAFS LC-40
                           04
                  April
                                        No attempt
                                                      F9 v1.1 B1016 CCAFS LC-40
                           06 Precluded (drone ship)
                 June
                                                      F9 v1.1 B1018 CCAFS LC-40
               October
                                  Failure (drone ship)
                                                      F9 v1.1 B1012 CCAFS LC-40
             November
                                   Controlled (ocean)
                                                      F9 v1.1 B1013 CCAFS LC-40
                           11
```

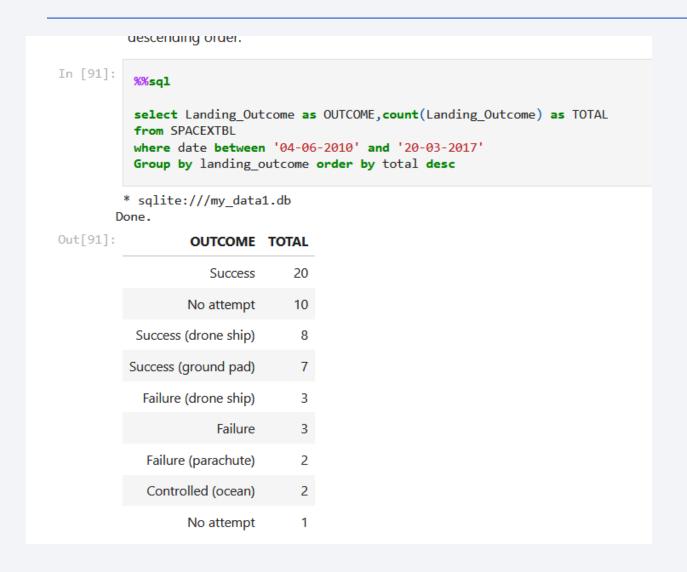
substr(Date, 4,2) as month, Landing\_outcome, Booster\_Version, Launch\_Site from SPACEXTBL where substr(Date,7,4)='2015' and Landing\_Outcome not like '%Success%' order by month

To get the failure landing outcomes, used CASE to get the name of the month with the extracted month number,

Used where for identifying year and landing outcome doesn't contain the word success

Results ordered by month chronologically

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



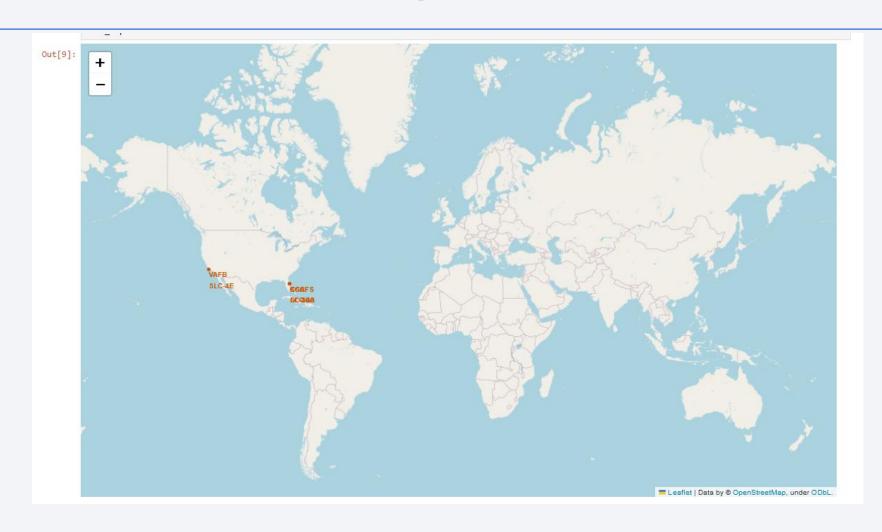
To get the landing outcomes by ranking, we used count to get the total landing outcomes

Then used group by which groups as per the landing outcome

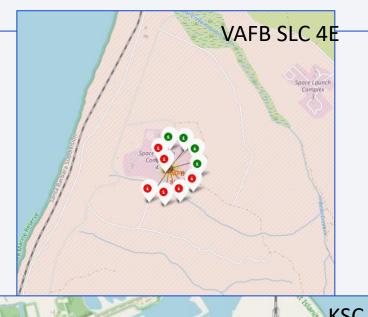
Used order by the count of landing outcomes and sorted using desc



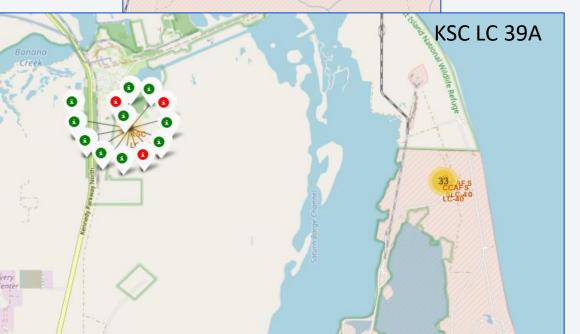
# Global Launch Sites of SpaceX

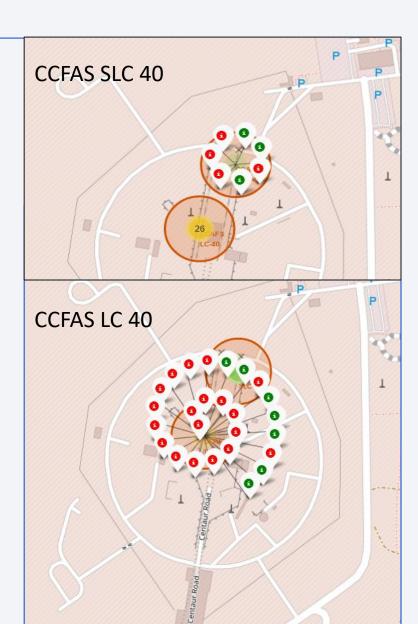


#### Launch Sites and Outcomes of Launches

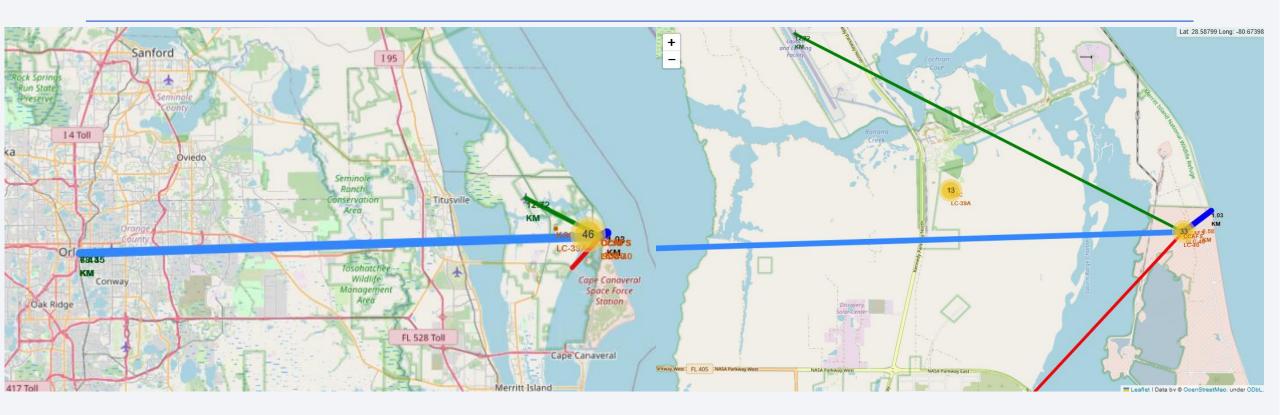


The four screenshots provide the locations of launch sites along with the outcomes of launches as markers. Red marker means a failure and green marker means success





## Launch Site proximities and connectivity

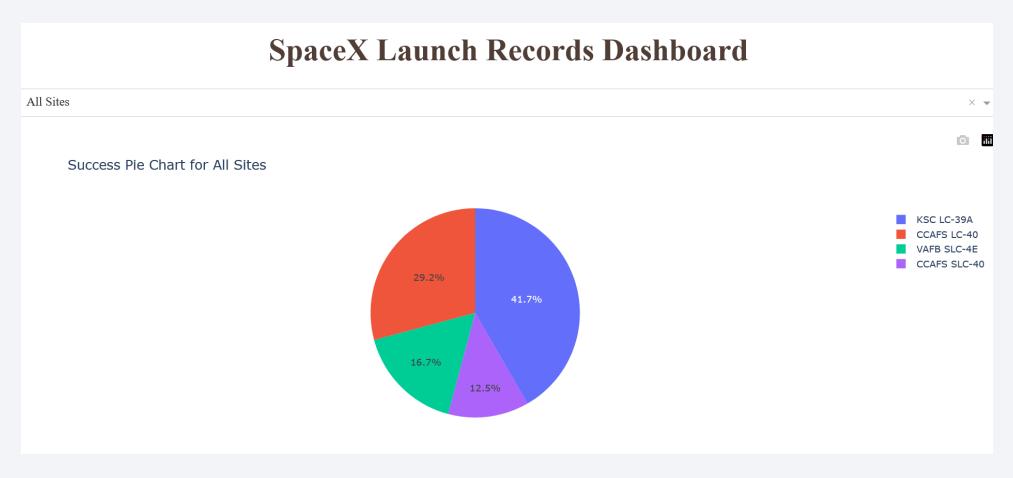


We have mapped the distance from the launch site to coast line, Nasa Parkway east highway, Launch and Training Facility airport and Orlando city. Distances and lines are drawn on the map.

Launch site is close to the coast, airport and highway but far from the city

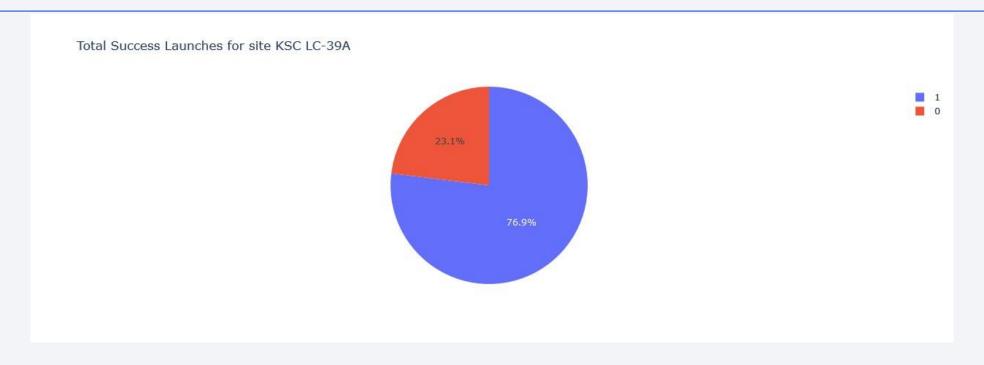


#### Success Pie chart for all sites



KSC-LC-39A had contributed to the most successful launches followed by CCAFS LC 40

# Launch Site with highest success ratio



KSC-LC-39A – 76.9% of the launches at the site were successful

### Scatter Plot – Payload vs Launch Outcome – All Sites



Two graphs are presented plotting Payload Mass vs Class for all sites with each dot color-coded as per booster version.

Above graph is for all payloads while below is for payloads till 5000 kg

- FT has more success rate below 5000kg payload
- Most v1.1 launches are failures irrespective of payload

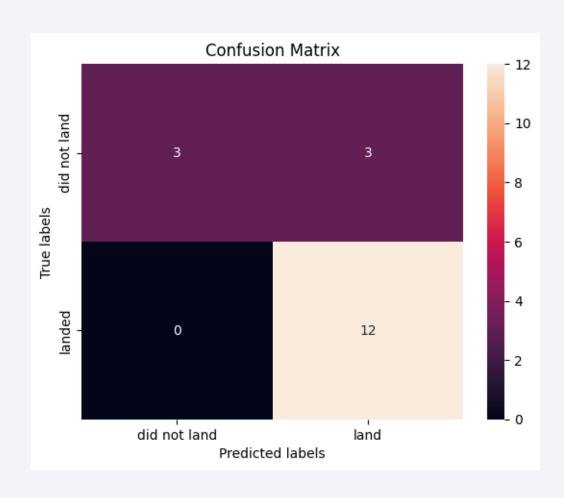


## Classification Accuracy



Accuracy scores of the algorithms on train and test data are plotted above. It can be seen that Decision tree algorithm has the best classification accuracy

#### **Confusion Matrix**



The confusion matrix for the decision tree classifier shows that the classifier can distinguish between the different classes.

The model has identified 15 outcomes accurately.

There are no false negatives i.e., model did not predict unsuccessful landing when there is successful landing

The major problem is the false positives .i.e., unsuccessful landing marked as successful landing by the classifier.

#### **Conclusions**

- The larger the flight number, the greater the success rate.
- Launch success rate started to increase in 2013 till 2020.
- Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate. Payloads over 10000 KG are not launched at VAFB SLC 4E
- KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches of any sites with 77% success rate.
- Launch Sites are on the coastal areas, close to transport like highways but far from cities.
- The Decision tree classifier is the best machine learning algorithm for this task.

# Appendix - Code Snippets - Data Collection API

```
In [6]:
         spacex url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
        response = requests.get(spacex_url)
       Check the content of the response
In [8]:
         print(response.content)
      b'[{"fairings":{"reused":false, "recovery_attempt":false, "recovered":false, "ships":[]}, "links":{"patch":{"small":"https://image
      s2.imgbox.com/94/f2/NN6Ph45r o.png", "large": "https://images2.imgbox.com/5b/02/QcxHUb5V o.png"}, "reddit": {"campaign":null, "laun
      In [11]:
          # Use json normalize meethod to convert the json result into a dataframe
          data = pd.json normalize(response.json())
          # data.head()
Out[11]:
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                                                                                 rocket success
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In [32]:
         # Hint data['BoosterVersion']!='Falcon 1'
         data falcon9 = launch df[launch df['BoosterVersion']!='Falcon 1']
         data falcon9['BoosterVersion'].value counts()
         # data falcon9['FlightNumber'].value counts()
Out[32]: FlightNumber
```

Used responses.get to receive data from the SpaceX API

https://github.com/istupe/DS
Capstone/blob/main/jupyterlabs-spacex-data-collectionapi.ipynb

Used json\_normalize to convert into datframe

Remove Falcon 1 Launches from the data

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### Appendix – Code Snippets – Data Collection Scraping

```
In [5]:
          # use requests.get() method with the provided static url
                                                                                                   Used requests get to get data
          # assign the response to a object
                                                                                                   from webpage
          response = requests.get(static url)
         Create a BeautifulSoup object from the HTML response
 In [6]:
                                                                                                   Created a beautiful soup object
          # Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
          soup = BeautifulSoup(response.content)
 In [8]:
          # Use the find all function in the BeautifulSoup object, with element type `table`
                                                                                                  Used find_all to get the tables
          # Assign the result to a list called `html tables`
          html tables = soup.find all('table')
                                                                                          https://github.com/istupe/DS Capstone/
                                                                                          blob/main/jupyter-labs-
                                                                                          webscraping.ipynb
In [34]:
          df=pd.DataFrame(launch dict)
          # df.head()
                                                                       Converted dictionary to
         Booster landing
Out[34]:
                                                                                                                                47
                                                                       dataframe
         Success
                        80
```

No attempt

Failure

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# Appendix – Code Snippets – Data Wrangling

Identify and calculate the percentage of the missing values in each attribute

Out[19]:

Class

```
Calculating missing values
 In [3]:
         df.isnull().sum()/df.count()*100
In [5]:
         # Apply value counts() on column LaunchSite
         df['LaunchSite'].value counts()
Out[5]: LaunchSite
        CCAFS SLC 40
                       55
                                                                Launches against launch sites
        KSC LC 39A
        WAER SLC AF
                       13
In [6]:
         # Apply value counts on Orbit column
         df['Orbit'].value counts()
Out[6]: Orbit
                 27
        GTO
        ISS
                 21
                                                        Launches in orbits
        VLE0
                 14
In [19]:
         df['Class']=landing class
          df[['Class']].head(8)
                                                       Creating a column Class to identify whether
                                                                                                                               48
                                                       launch is success or failure
```

