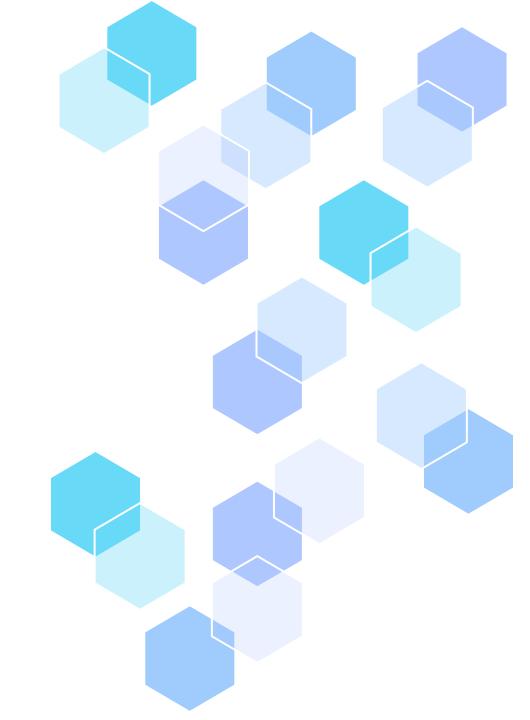
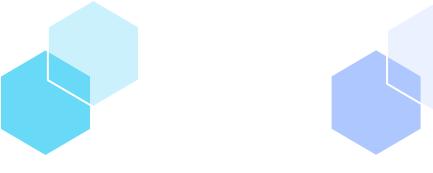
APPLIED DATA SCIENCE CAPSTONE PROJECT

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Project Summary

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Introduction





Project background and context

- SpaceX advertises Falcon 9 rocket launches on its website with a cost of 62 million dollars; other providers cost upward of 165 million dollars each, much of the savings is because SpaceX can reuse the first stage.
- Therefore if we can determine if the first stage will land,
- we can determine the cost of a launch. This information can be used if an alternate company wants to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch.

Problems you want to find answers

In this capstone, we will predict if the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully using data from Falcon 9 rocket launch advertised on its website.

Methodology

Project Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - Describes how data sets were collected
- Perform data wrangling
 - Describes how data were 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

- Description of how SpaceX Falcon9 data was collected.
 - Data was first collected using SpaceX API (a RESTful API) by making a get request to the SpaceX API. This was done by first defining a series helper functions that would help in the use of the API to extract information using identification numbers in the launch data and then requesting rocket launch data from the SpaceX API url.
 - Finally to make the requested JSON results more consistent, the SpaceX launch data was requested and parsed using the GET request and then decoded the response content as a Json result which was then converted into a Pandas data frame.
 - Also performed web scraping to collect Falcon 9 historical launch records from a Wikipedia page titled <u>List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches</u> of the launch records are stored in a HTML. Using BeautifulSoup and request Libraries, I extract the Falcon 9 launch HTML table records from the Wikipedia page, Parsed the table and converted it into a Pandas data frame

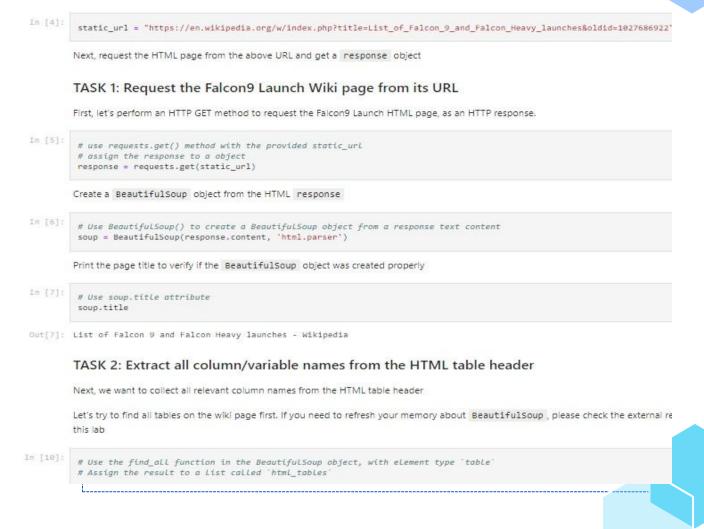
Data Collection – SpaceX API

• Data collected using SpaceX API (a RESTful API) by making a get request to the SpaceX API then requested and parsed the SpaceX launch data using the GET request and decoded the response content as a Json result which was then converted into a Pandas data frame



Data Collection - WebScraping

Performed web scraping to collect Falcon 9 historical launch records from a Wikipedia using BeautifulSoup and request, to extract the Falcon 9 launch records from HTML table of the Wikipedia page, then created a data frame by parsing the launch HTML.



Data Wrangling

- After obtaining and creating a Pandas DF from the collected data, data was filtered using the *BoosterVersion* column to only keep the Falcon 9 launches, then dealt with the missing data values in the *LandingPad* and *PayloadMass* columns. For the *PayloadMass*, missing data values were replaced using mean value of column.
- Also performed some Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) to find some patterns in the data and determine what would be the bel for training supervised models

TASK 4: Create a landing outcome label from Outcome column

Using the Outcome, create a list where the element is zero if the corresponding row in Outcome is variable landing_class:

```
# Landing_class = 0 if bad_outcome
# Landing_class = 1 otherwise
df['Class'] = df['Outcome'].apply(lambda x: 0 if x in bad_outcomes else 1)
df['Class'].value_counts()
```

```
1 60
0 30
Name: Class, dtype: int64
```

This variable will represent the classification variable that represents the outcome of each launch. If the first stage landed Successfully

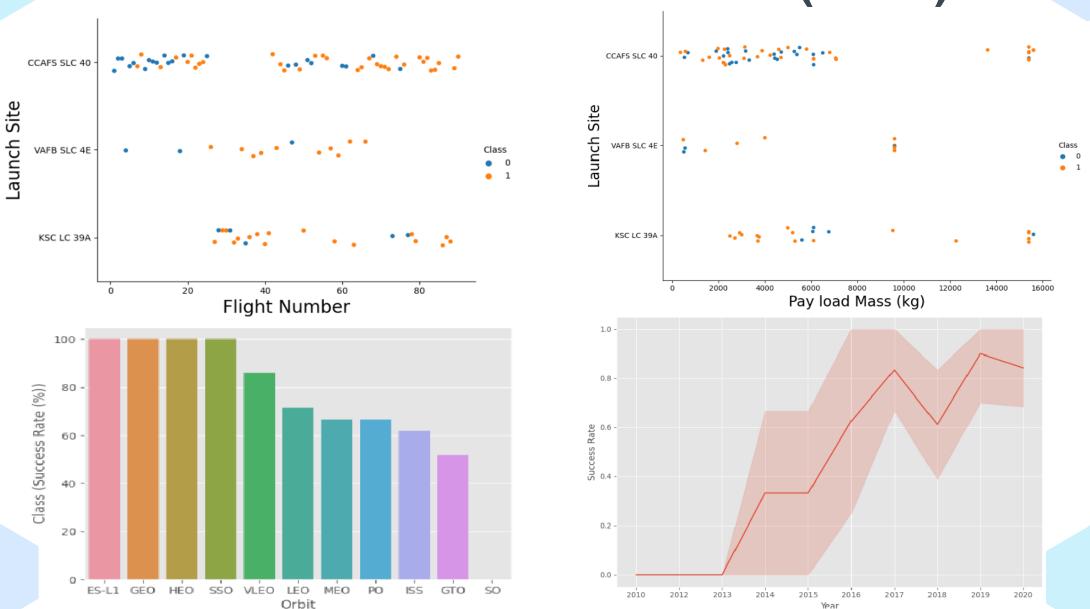
```
landing_class=df['Class']
df[['Class']].head(8)
```

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

EDA with Data Visualization

- Performed data Analysis and Feature Engineering using Pandas and Matplotlib.i.e.
 - Exploratory Data Analysis
 - Preparing Data Feature Engineering
- Used scatter plots to Visualize the relationship between Flight Number and Launch Site, Payload and Launch Site, FlightNumber and Orbit type, Payload and Orbit type.
- Used Bar chart to Visualize the relationship between success rate of each orbit type
- Line plot to Visualize the launch success yearly trend.

EDA with Data Visualization (Plots)



EDA with SQL



- The following SQL queries were performed for EDA
 - Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission

```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT LAUNCH_SITE as "Launch_Sites" FROM SPACEXTBL;
```

• Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'

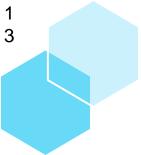
```
%sql SELECT * FROM 'SPACEXTBL' WHERE Launch_Site LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5;
```

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

```
%sql SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) as "Total Payload Mass(Kgs)", Customer FROM 'SPACEXTBL' WHERE Customer = 'NASA (CRS)';
```

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

```
%sql SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) as "Payload Mass Kgs", Customer, Booster_Version FROM 'SPACEXTBL' WHERE Booster_Version LIKE 'F9 v1.1%';
```



EDA with SQL

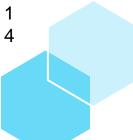


- List the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved %sql SELECT MIN(DATE) FROM 'SPACEXTBL' WHERE "Landing _Outcome" = "Success (ground pad)";
- List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000 (%sql SELECT DISTINCT Booster_Version, Payload FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE "Landing_Outcome" = "Success (drone ship)" AND PAYLOAD_MASS_______KG_ > 4000 AND PAYLOAD_MASS______KG_ < 6000;)
- List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

```
%sql SELECT "Mission_Outcome", COUNT("Mission_Outcome") as Total FROM SPACEXTBL GROUP BY "Mission_Outcome";
```







Build an Interactive Map with Folium



- Created folium map to marked all the launch sites, and created map objects such as markers, circles, lines to mark the success or failure of launches for each launch site.
- Created a launch set outcomes (failure=0 or success=1).





Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash



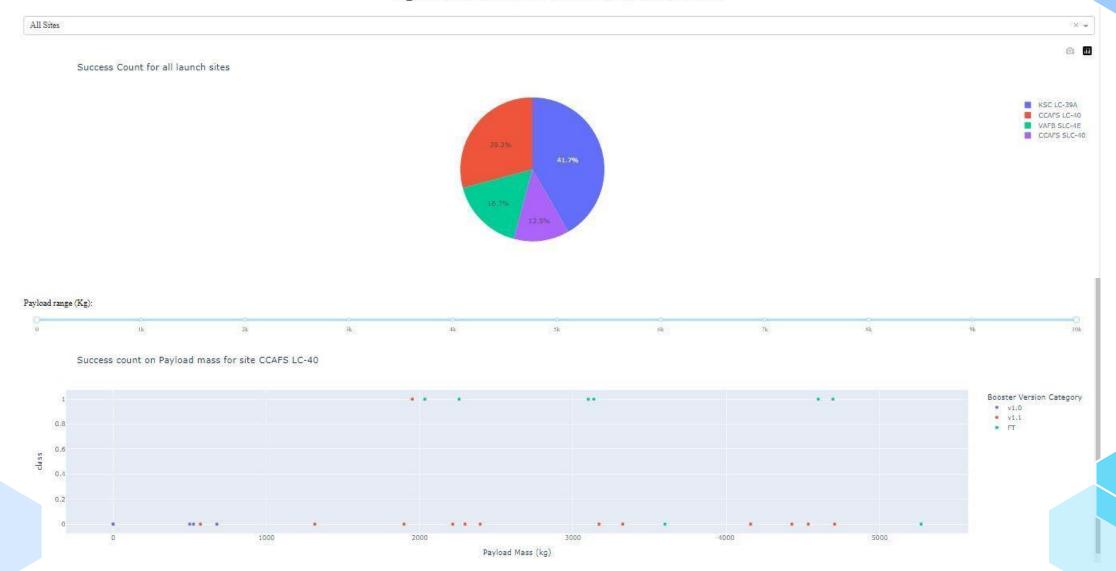
- Built an interactive dashboard application with Plotly dash by:
 - Adding a Launch Site Drop-down Input Component
 - Adding a callback function to render success-pie-chart based on selected site dropdown
 - Adding a Range Slider to Select Payload
 - Addeng a callback function to render the success-payload-scatter-chart scatter plot





SpaceX Dash App

SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard



Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- Summary of how I built, evaluated, improved, and found the best performing classification model
- After loading the data as a Pandas Dataframe, I set out to perform exploratory Data Analysis and determine Training Labels by;
 - creating a NumPy array from the column Class in data, by applying the method to_numpy() then assigned it to the variable Y as the outcome variable.
 - Then standardized the feature dataset (x) by transforming it using preprocessing.StandardScaler() function from Sklearn.
 - After which the data was split into training and testing sets using the function train_test_split from sklearn.model_selection with the test_size parameter set to 0.2 and random_state to 2.

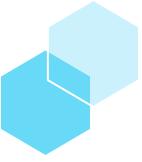
Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- In order to find the best ML model/ method that would performs best using the test data between SVM, Classification Trees, k nearest neighbors and Logistic Regression;
 - First created an object for each of the algorithms then created a GridSearchCV object and assigned them a set of parameters for each model.
 - For each of the models under evaluation, the GridsearchCV object was created with cv=10, then fit the training data into the GridSearch object for each to Find best Hyperparameter.
 - After fitting the training set, we output GridSearchCV object for each of the models, then displayed the best parameters using the data attribute best_params_ and the accuracy on the validation data using the data attribute best_score_.
 - Finally using the method score to calculate the accuracy on the test data for each model and plotted a confussion matrix for each using the test and predicted outcomes.

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

• The table below shows the test data accuracy score for each of the methods comparing them to show which performed best using the test data between SVM, Classification Trees, k nearest neighbors and Logistic Regression;

Method	Test Data Accuracy
Logistic_Reg	0.833333
SVM	0.833333
Decision Tree	0.833333
KNN	0.833333



Results

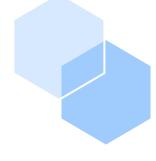


- Exploratory data analysis results
- Interactive analytics demo in screenshots
- Predictive analysis results

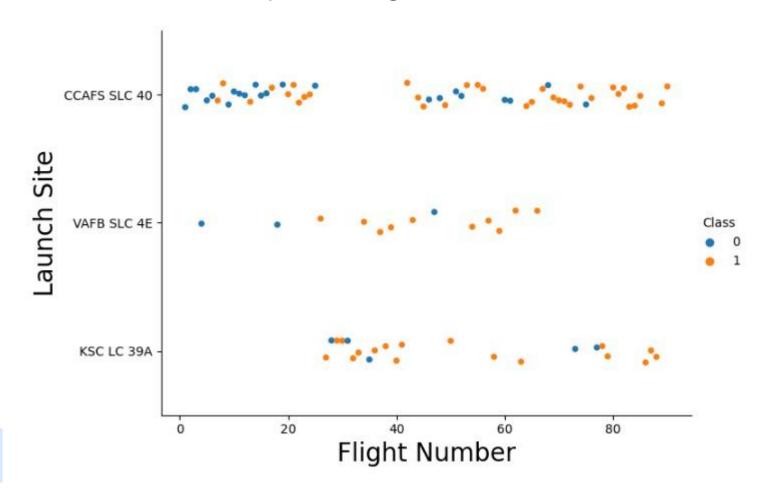




EDA - Flight Number vs. Launch Site

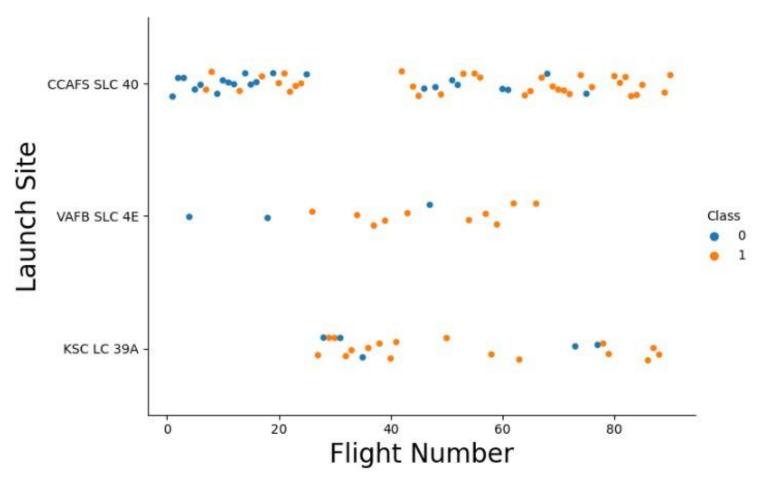


A scatter plot of Flight Number vs. Launch Site



Flight Number vs. Launch Site with explanations

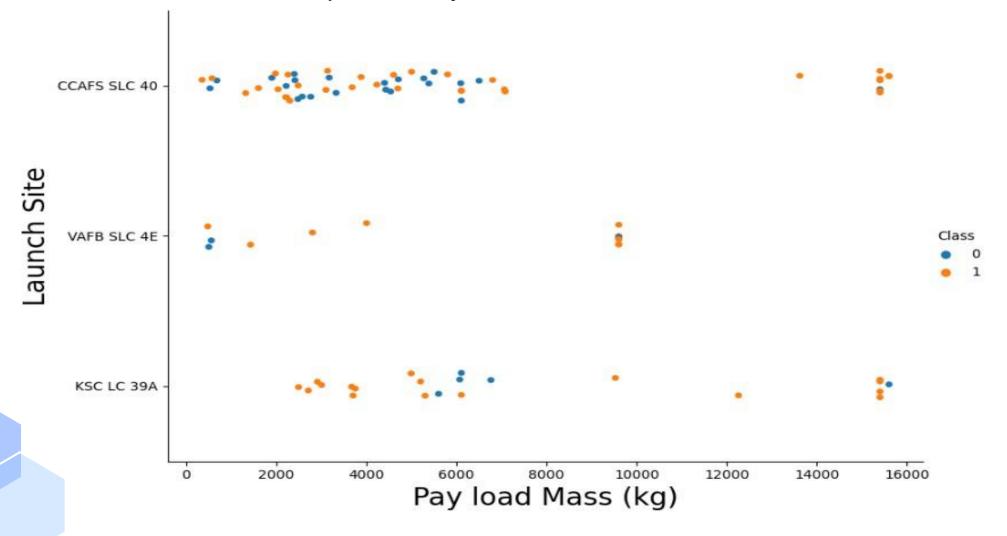
A scatter plot with explanations Flight Number vs. Launch Site





Payload vs. Launch Site

A scatter plot of Payload vs. Launch Site

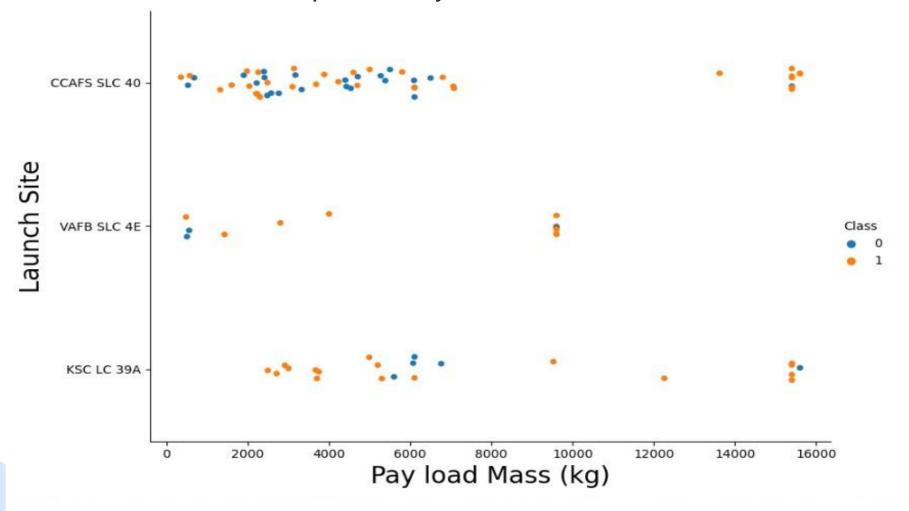




Payload vs. Launch Site with explanations



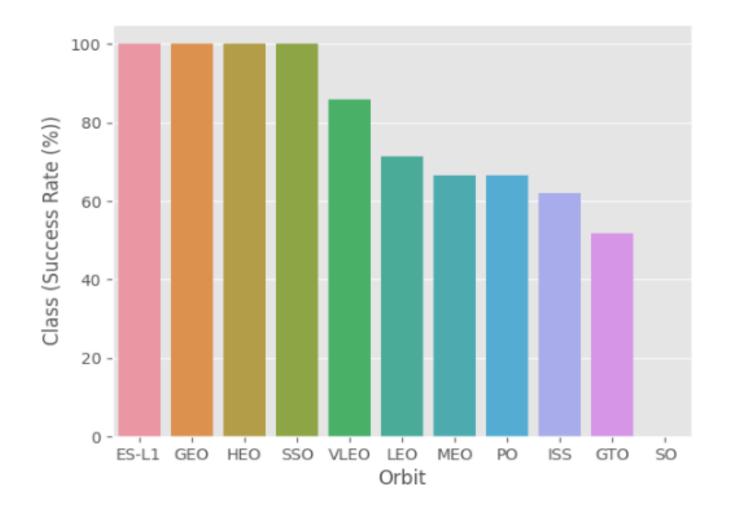
A scatter plot of Payload vs. Launch Site





Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

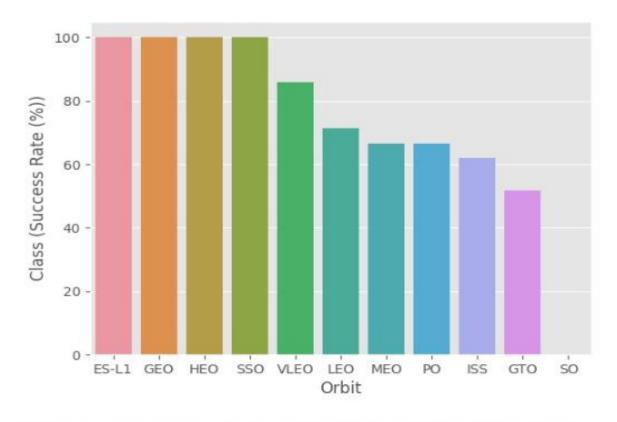
Show a bar chart for the success rate of each orbit type





Success Rate vs. Orbit Type with explanations

Show the screenshot of the bar chart with explanations

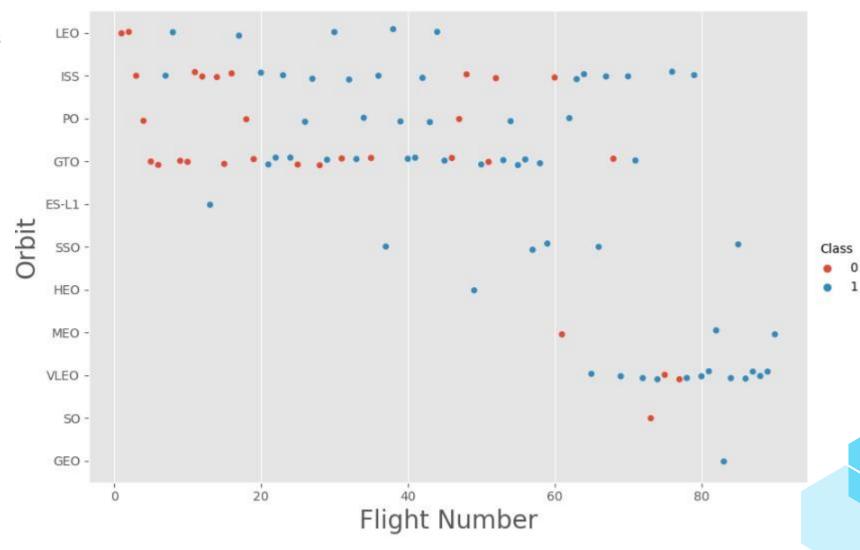


Analyze the ploted bar chart try to find which orbits have high sucess rate.

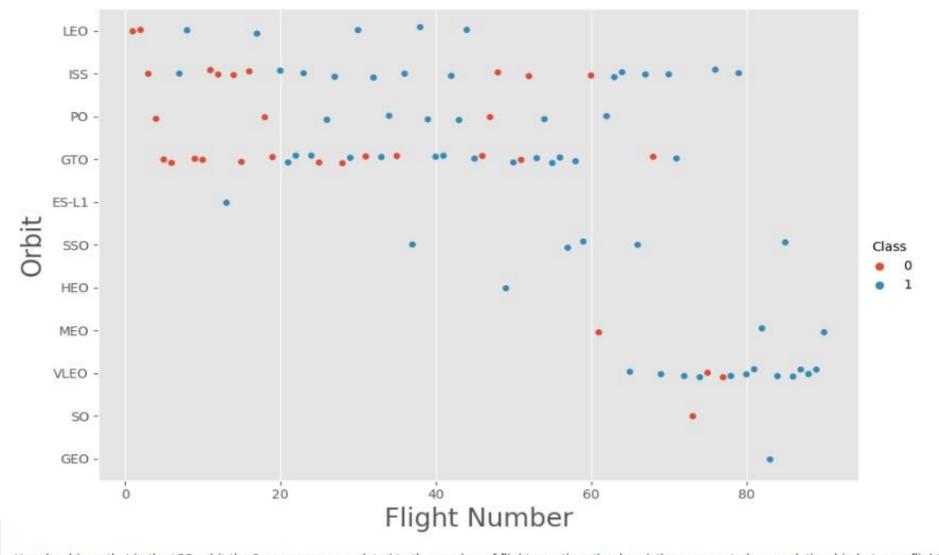
Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO & SSO have the highest success rates at 100%, with SO orbit having the lowest success rate at ~50%. Orbit SO has 0% success rate.

Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

A scatter point of Flight number vs. Orbit type



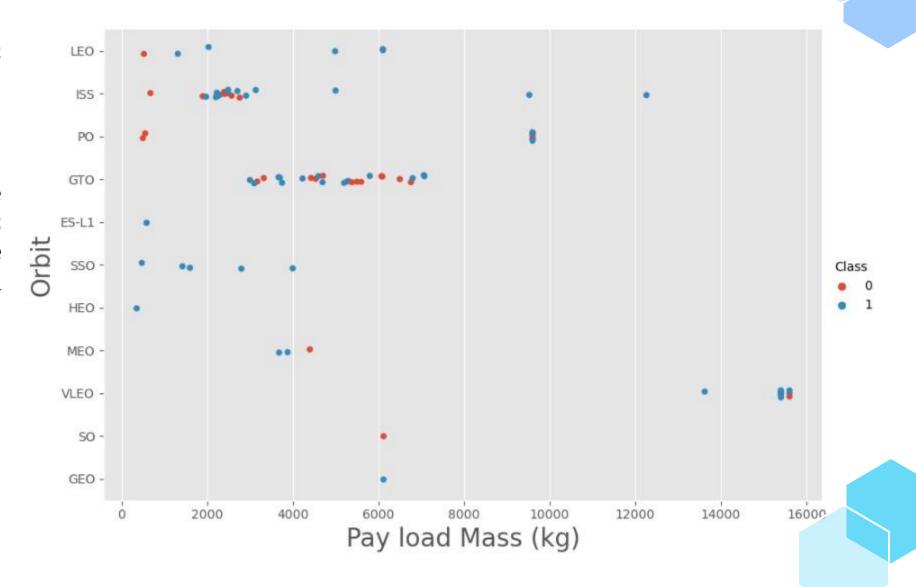
Flight Number vs. Orbit Typewith explanations



You should see that in the LEO orbit the Success appears related to the number of flights; on the other hand, there seems to be no relationship between flight number when in GTO orbit.

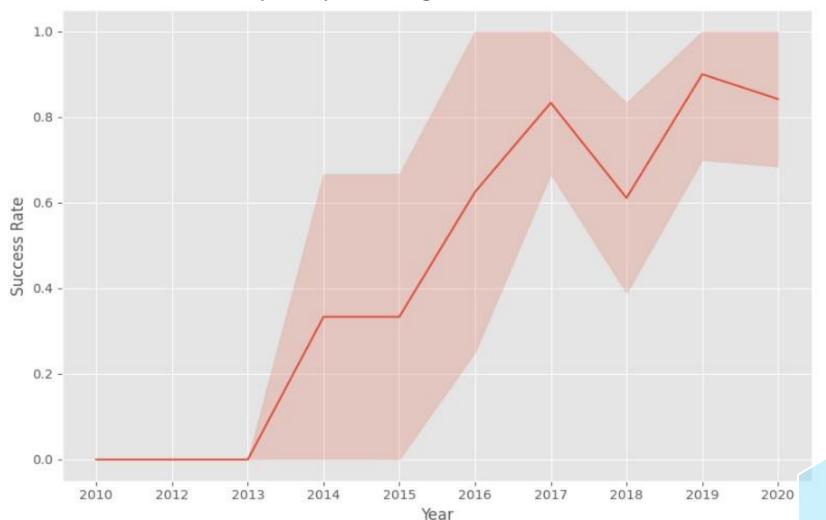
Payload vs. Orbit Type

- With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Polar,LEO and ISS.
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Launch Success Yearly Trend

 Since 2013, the success rate kept going up till 2020 A line chart of yearly average success rate



All Launch Site Names



 Find the names of the unique launch sites

 Used 'SELECT DISTINCT' statement to return only the unique launch sites from the 'LAUNCH_SITE' column of the SPACEXTBL table

Task 1

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

```
In [31]:  %sql SELECT DISTINCT LAUNCH_SITE as "Launch_Sites" FROM SPACEXTBL;

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

Out[31]:  Launch_Sites

CCAFS LC-40
```

KSC LC-39A

VAFB SLC-4E

CCAFS SLC-40

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

Find 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`

Task 2

Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'

In [72]: %sql SELECT * FROM 'SPACEXTBL' WHERE Launch Site LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5; * sqlite:///my_data1.db Out[72]: Landing Date Booster Version Launch Site Payload PAYLOAD MASS KG Orbit Customer Mission Outcome Outcome 04-06-CCAFS LC-Failure 18:45:00 Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit F9 v1.0 B0003 LEO SpaceX Success 2010 (parachute) NASA (COTS) 08-12-CCAFS LC-Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel Failure 15:43:00 F9 v1.0 B0004 0 Success 2010 of Brouere cheese (ISS) (parachute) 22-05-CCAFS LC-NASA (COTS) 07:44:00 F9 v1.0 B0005 Dragon demo flight C2 525 Success No attempt 2012 08-10-CCAFS LC-LEO NASA (CRS) 00:35:00 F9 v1.0 B0006 SpaceX CRS-1 500 No attempt Success 2012 (155) CCAFS LC-01-03-F9 v1.0 B0007 677 NASA (CRS) 15:10:00 SpaceX CRS-2 No attempt Success 2013

• Used 'LIKE' command with '%' wildcard in 'WHERE' clause to select and dispay a table of all records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'

Total Payload Mass

Calculate and Display the total payload carried by boosters from NASA

Task 3

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

Used the 'SUM()' function to return and dispaly the total sum of 'PAYLOAD_MASS_KG' column for Customer 'NASA(CRS'

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

Calculate the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

Task 4

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

```
%sql SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) as "Payload Mass Kgs", Customer, Booster_Version FROM 'SPACEXTBL' WHERE Booster_Version LIKE 'F9 v1.1%';
* sqlite:///my data1.db
```

Payload Mass Kgs	Customer	Booster_Version
2534,66666666666	MDA	F9 v1.1 B1003

 Used the 'AVG()' function to return and dispaly the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1



First Successful Ground Landing Date

Find the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad

Task 5

01-05-2017

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

Hint:Use min function

```
%sql SELECT MIN(DATE) FROM 'SPACEXTBL' WHERE "Landing _Outcome" = "Success (ground pad)";

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.
MIN(DATE)
```

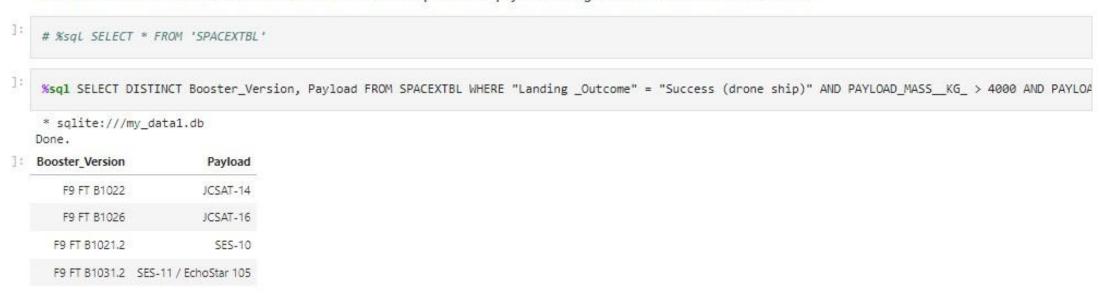
 Used the 'MIN()' function to return and dispaly the first (oldest) date when first successful landing outcome on ground pad 'Success (ground pad)' happened.

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

 List of Boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

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



• Used 'Select Distinct' statement to return and list the 'unique' names of boosters with operators >4000 and <6000 to only list booster with payloads btween 4000-6000 with landing outcome of 'Success (drone ship)'.

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcom

Calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

Task 7

List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

 Used the 'COUNT()' together with the 'GROUP BY' statement to return total number of missions outcomes

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

List of the boosters which have carried the maximum payload mass

* sqlite:///m Done.	ny_data1.db	
Booster_Version	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_
F9 B5 B1048,4	Starlink 1 v1.0, SpaceX CRS-19	15600
F9 B5 B1049.4	Starlink 2 v1.0, Crew Dragon in-flight abort test	15600
F9 B5 B1051.3	Starlink 3 v1.0, Starlink 4 v1.0	15600
F9 B5 B1056.4	Starlink 4 v1.0, SpaceX CRS-20	15600
F9 B5 B1048.5	Starlink 5 v1.0, Starlink 6 v1.0	15600
F9 B5 B1051.4	Starlink 6 v1.0, Crew Dragon Demo-2	15600
F9 B5 B1049.5	Starlink 7 v1.0, Starlink 8 v1.0	15600
F9 B5 B1060.2	Starlink 11 v1.0, Starlink 12 v1.0	15600
F9 B5 B1058.3	Starlink 12 v1.0, Starlink 13 v1.0	15600
F9 B5 B1051.6	Starlink 13 v1.0, Starlink 14 v1.0	15600
F9 B5 B1060.3	Starlink 14 v1.0, GPS III-04	15600
F9 B5 B1049.7	Starlink 15 v1.0, SpaceX CRS-21	15600

 Using a Subquerry to return and pass the Max payload and used it list all the boosters that have carried the Max payload of 15600kgs

2015 Launch Records

List of failed landing outcomes in drone ship, with their booster versions, and launch site names in 2015

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.

Done.	Done . substr(Date, 7,4) substr(Date, 4, 2) Booster_Version Launch_Site Payload PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ Mission_Outcome Landing_Outcome	* sqlite:///	my_data1.db						
substr(Data 7.4) substr(Data 4.3) Reactor Version Launch Site Dayload DAVLOAD MASS VC Mission Outcome Landing Outcome	Substituate, 1,4) Substituate, 4, 2) Booster_version Launch_Site Payload PATLOAD_MASS_RG_ Mission_Outcome Landing_Outcome	Done.		Poorter Version	Launch Site	Dayload	DAVIOAD MASS VC	Mission Outsome	Landing Outcome
2015 01 F9 v1.1 B1012 CCAFS LC-40 SpaceX CRS-5 2395 Success Failure (drone ship)		2015	04	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-6	1898	Success	Failure (drone ship)

sed the 'subsrt()' in the select statement to get the month and year from the date colurner substr(Date,7,4)='2015' for year and Landing_outcome was 'Failure (drone ship) return the records nmatching the filter.

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

Task 10

Rank the count of successful landing_outcomes between the date 04-06-2010 and 20-03-2017 in descending order.

%sql SELECT * FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE "Landing _Outcome" LIKE 'Success%' AND (Date BETWEEN '04-06-2010' AND '20-03-2017') ORDER BY Date DESC;

* sqlite:///my_data1.db Done.

Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing _Outcome
19-02- 2017	14:39:00	F9 FT B1031.1	KSC LC-39A	SpaceX CRS-10	2490	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Success (ground pad)
18-10- 2020	12:25:57	F9 B5 B1051.6	KSC LC-39A	Starlink 13 v1.0, Starlink 14 v1.0	15600	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Success
18-08- 2020	14:31:00	F9 B5 B1049.6	CCAFS SLC- 40	Starlink 10 v1.0, SkySat-19, -20, -21, SAOCOM 1B	15440	LEO	SpaceX, Planet Labs, PlanetIQ	Success	Success
18-07- 2016	04:45:00	F9 FT B1025.1	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-9	2257	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Success (ground pad)
18-04- 2018	22:51:00	F9 B4 B1045,1	CCAFS SLC- 40	Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)	362	HEO	NASA (LSP)	Success	Success (drone ship)

Launch sites – Proximity Analysis Markers of all launch sites on global map



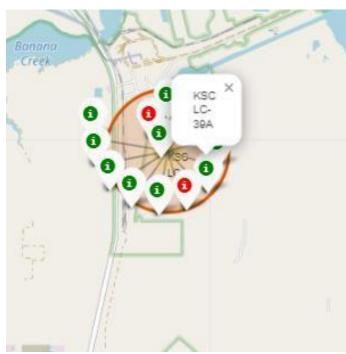
 All launch sites are in proximity to the Equator, (located southwards of the US map). Also all the laumch sites are in very close proximity to the coast.

Launch outcomes for each site on the map With Color Markers

Florida Sites



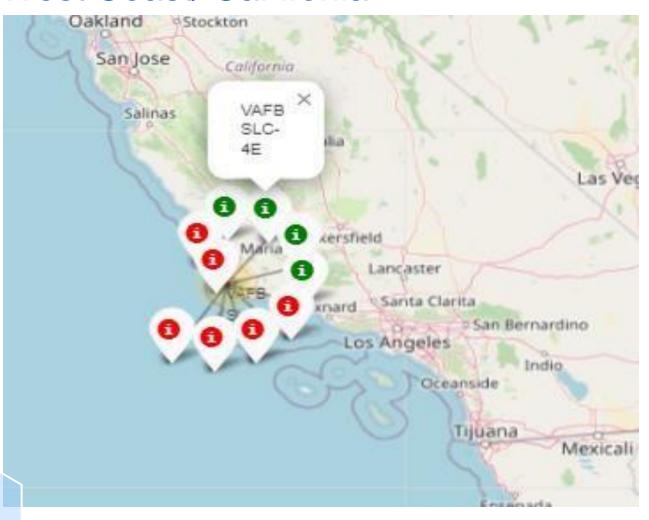




• In the Eastern coast (Florida) Launch site KSC LC-39A has relatively high success rates compared to CCAFS SLC-40 & CCAFS LC-40.

Launch outcomes for each site on the map With Color Markers

West Coast/ Carlifonia



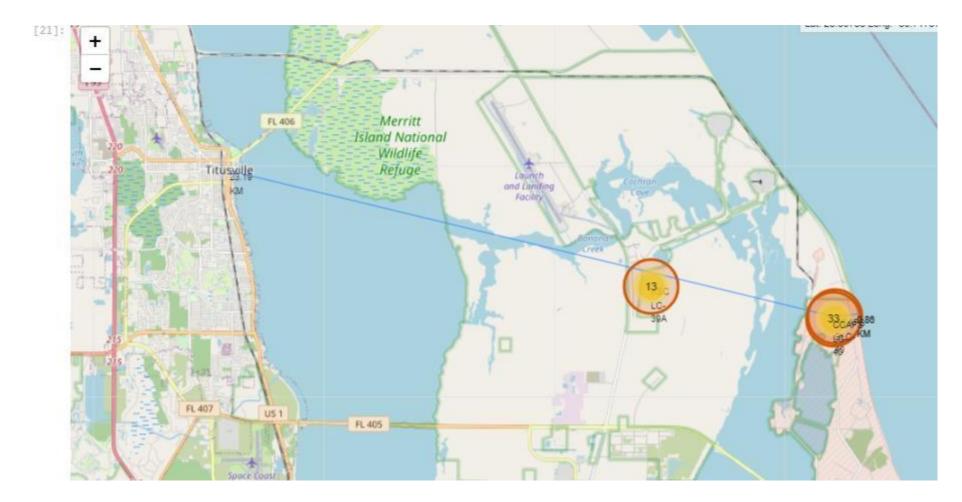
the West Coast In (Californai) Launch site VAFB SLC-4E has relatively lower success rates 4/10 compared to KSC LC- 39A launch site in the Eastern Coast of Florida.

Distances between a launch site to its proximiti



Launch site CCAFS SLC-40 proximity to coastline is 0.86km

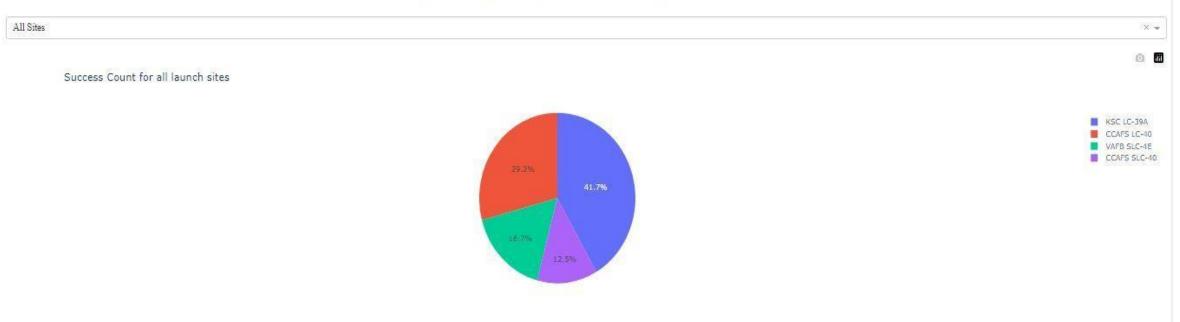
Distances between a launch site to its proximities



Launch site CCAFS SLC-40 closest to highway (Washington Avenue) is 23.19km

Dashboard with Plotly Dash Pie-Chart for launch success count for all sites

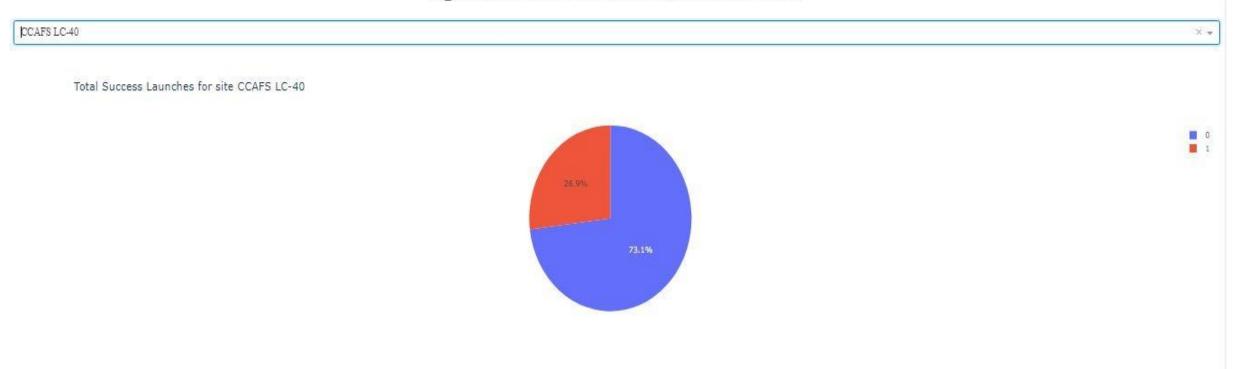
SpaceX Launch Records Dashboard



Launch site KSC LC-39A has the highest launch success rate at 42% followed by CCAFS LC-40 at 29%, VAFB SLC-4E at 17% and lastly launch site CCAFS SLC-40 with a success rate of 13%

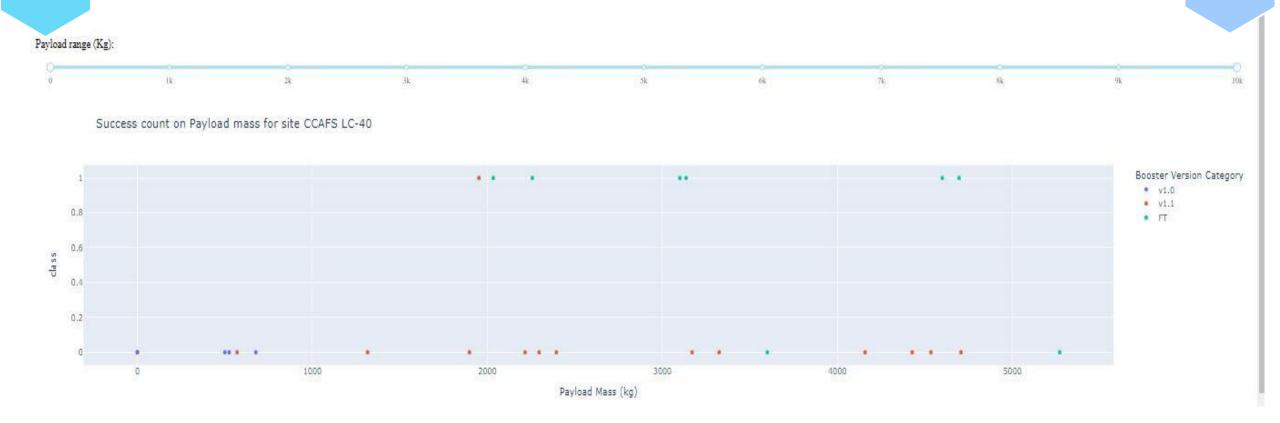
Pie chart for the launch site with 2nd highest launch success ratio

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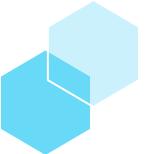


 Launch site CCAFS LC-40 had the 2nd highest success ratio of 73% success against 27% failed launches

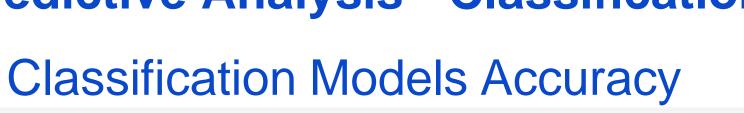
Payload vs. Launch Outcome scatter plot for all sites



 For Launch site CCAFS LC-40 the booster version FT has the largest success rate from a payload mass of >2000kg



Predictive Analysis - Classification



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	Method	Test Data Accuracy
	Logistic_Reg	0.833333
	SVM	0.833333
	Decision Tree	0.833333
	KNN	0,833333

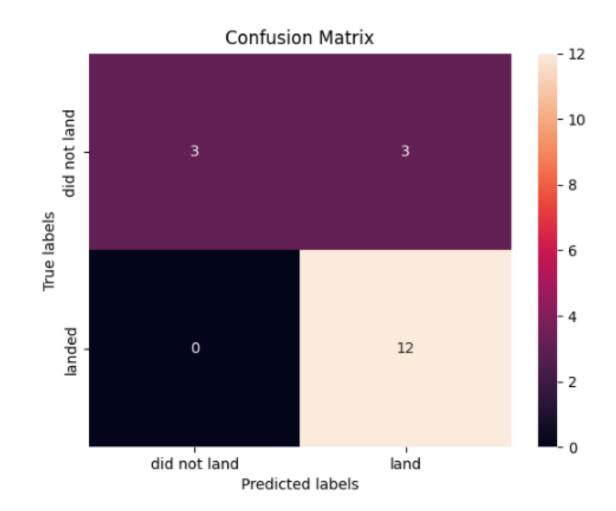
All the methods perform equally on the test data: i.e. They all have the same accuracy of 0.833333 on the test Data





Confusion Matrix

 All the 4 classification model had the same confusion matrixes and were able equally distinguish between the different classes. The major problem is false positives for all the models.



Conclusions

Different launch sites have different success rates. CCAFS LC-40, has a success rate of 60 %, while KSC LC-39A and VAFB SLC 4E has a success rate of 77%.

- We can deduce that, as the flight number increases in each of the 3 launcg sites, so does the success rate. For instance, the success rate for the VAFB SLC 4E launch site is 100% after the Flight number 50. Both KSC LC 39A and CCAFS SLC 40 have a 100% success rates after 80th flight
- If you observe Payload Vs. Launch Site scatter point chart you will find for the VAFB-SLC launchsite there are no rockets launched for heavypayload mass(greater than 10000).
- Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO & SSO have the highest success rates at 100%, with SO orbit having the lowest success rate at ~50%. Orbit SO has 0% success rate.
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Anf finally the sucess rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020.



Thank You



