Launch Sites Locations Analysis with Folium

Estimated time needed: **40** minutes

The launch success rate may depend on many factors such as payload mass, orbit type, and so on. It may also depend on the location and proximities of a launch site, i.e., the initial position of rocket trajectories. Finding an optimal location for building a launch site certainly involves many factors and hopefully we could discover some of the factors by analyzing the existing launch site locations.

In the previous exploratory data analysis labs, you have visualized the SpaceX launch dataset using `matplotlib` and `seaborn` and discovered some preliminary correlations between the launch site and success rates. In this lab, you will be performing more interactive visual analytics using `Folium`.

Objectives

This lab contains the following tasks:

- **TASK 1:** Mark all launch sites on a map
- **TASK 2:** Mark the success/failed launches for each site on the map
- **TASK 3:** Calculate the distances between a launch site to its proximities

After completed the above tasks, you should be able to find some geographical patterns about launch sites.

Let's first import required Python packages for this lab:

In [1]:
```
!pip3 install folium
!pip3 install wget
```

```
/opt/conda/envs/Python-3.7-OpenCE/lib/python3.7/site-packages/secretstorage/dhcrypt
o.py:16: CryptographyDeprecationWarning: int_from_bytes is deprecated, use int.from_
bytes instead
  from cryptography.utils import int_from_bytes
/opt/conda/envs/Python-3.7-OpenCE/lib/python3.7/site-packages/secretstorage/util.py:
25: CryptographyDeprecationWarning: int_from_bytes is deprecated, use int.from_bytes
instead
  from cryptography.utils import int_from_bytes
Collecting folium
  Downloading folium-0.12.1-py2.py3-none-any.whl (94 kB)
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Requirement already satisfied: jinja2>=2.9 in /opt/conda/envs/Python-3.7-OpenCE/lib/
```

```
python3.7/site-packages (from folium) (2.11.3)
Collecting branca>=0.3.0
  Downloading branca-0.4.2-py3-none-any.whl (24 kB)
Requirement already satisfied: numpy in /opt/conda/envs/Python-3.7-OpenCE/lib/python
3.7/site-packages (from folium) (1.19.2)
Requirement already satisfied: requests in /opt/conda/envs/Python-3.7-OpenCE/lib/pyt
hon3.7/site-packages (from folium) (2.25.1)
Requirement already satisfied: MarkupSafe>=0.23 in /opt/conda/envs/Python-3.7-OpenC
E/lib/python3.7/site-packages (from jinja2>=2.9->folium) (1.1.1)
Requirement already satisfied: idna<3,>=2.5 in /opt/conda/envs/Python-3.7-OpenCE/li
b/python3.7/site-packages (from requests->folium) (2.8)
Requirement already satisfied: urllib3<1.27,>=1.21.1 in /opt/conda/envs/Python-3.7-O
penCE/lib/python3.7/site-packages (from requests->folium) (1.26.6)
Requirement already satisfied: certifi>=2017.4.17 in /opt/conda/envs/Python-3.7-Open
CE/lib/python3.7/site-packages (from requests->folium) (2021.5.30)
Requirement already satisfied: chardet<5,>=3.0.2 in /opt/conda/envs/Python-3.7-OpenC
E/lib/python3.7/site-packages (from requests->folium) (3.0.4)
Installing collected packages: branca, folium
Successfully installed branca-0.4.2 folium-0.12.1
/opt/conda/envs/Python-3.7-OpenCE/lib/python3.7/site-packages/secretstorage/dhcrypt
o.py:16: CryptographyDeprecationWarning: int_from_bytes is deprecated, use int.from_
bytes instead
  from cryptography.utils import int_from_bytes
/opt/conda/envs/Python-3.7-OpenCE/lib/python3.7/site-packages/secretstorage/util.py:
25: CryptographyDeprecationWarning: int_from_bytes is deprecated, use int.from_bytes
instead
  from cryptography.utils import int_from_bytes
Collecting wget
  Downloading wget-3.2.zip (10 kB)
Building wheels for collected packages: wget
  Building wheel for wget (setup.py) ... done
  Created wheel for wget: filename=wget-3.2-py3-none-any.whl size=9681 sha256=9c7c3f
a38d4993b9a9294bd8d6ba217cfe08c308a43c80283c808e0ca250aad9
  Stored in directory: /tmp/wsuser/.cache/pip/wheels/a1/b6/7c/0e63e34eb06634181c63ad
acca38b79ff8f35c37e3c13e3c02
Successfully built wget
Installing collected packages: wget
Successfully installed wget-3.2
```

In [2]:
```python
import folium
import wget
import pandas as pd
```

In [3]:
```python
# Import folium MarkerCluster plugin
from folium.plugins import MarkerCluster
# Import folium MousePosition plugin
from folium.plugins import MousePosition
# Import folium DivIcon plugin
from folium.features import DivIcon
```

If you need to refresh your memory about folium, you may download and refer to this previous folium lab:

Generating Maps with Python

Task 1: Mark all launch sites on a map

First, let's try to add each site's location on a map using site's latitude and longitude coordinates

The following dataset with the name `spacex_launch_geo.csv` is an augmented dataset with latitude and longitude added for each site.

In [4]:
```python
# Download and read the `spacex_launch_geo.csv`
spacex_csv_file = wget.download('https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.
spacex_df=pd.read_csv(spacex_csv_file)
```

Now, you can take a look at what are the coordinates for each site.

In [5]:
```python
# Select relevant sub-columns: `Launch Site`, `Lat(Latitude)`, `Long(Longitude)`, `c
spacex_df = spacex_df[['Launch Site', 'Lat', 'Long', 'class']]
launch_sites_df = spacex_df.groupby(['Launch Site'], as_index=False).first()
launch_sites_df = launch_sites_df[['Launch Site', 'Lat', 'Long', 'class']]
launch_sites_df
```

Out[5]:

	Launch Site	Lat	Long	class
0	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0
1	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	1
2	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	1
3	VAFB SLC-4E	34.632834	-120.610746	0

Above coordinates are just plain numbers that can not give you any intuitive insights about where are those launch sites. If you are very good at geography, you can interpret those numbers directly in your mind. If not, that's fine too. Let's visualize those locations by pinning them on a map.

We first need to create a folium `Map` object, with an initial center location to be NASA Johnson Space Center at Houston, Texas.

In [6]:
```python
# Start location is NASA Johnson Space Center
nasa_coordinate = [29.559684888503615, -95.0830971930759]
site_map = folium.Map(location=nasa_coordinate, zoom_start=10)
```

We could use `folium.Circle` to add a highlighted circle area with a text label on a specific coordinate. For example,

In [7]:
```python
# Create a blue circle at NASA Johnson Space Center's coordinate with a popup label
circle = folium.Circle(nasa_coordinate, radius=1000, color='#007fd3', fill=True).add
# Create a blue circle at NASA Johnson Space Center's coordinate with a icon showing
marker = folium.map.Marker(
```

```
        nasa_coordinate,
        # Create an icon as a text label
        icon=DivIcon(
            icon_size=(20,20),
            icon_anchor=(0,0),
            html='<div style="font-size: 12; color:#007fd3;"><b>%s</b></div>' % 'NASA JS
            )
        )
    site_map.add_child(circle)
    site_map.add_child(marker)
```

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and you should find a small yellow circle near the city of Houston and you can zoom-in to see a larger circle.

Now, let's add a circle for each launch site in data frame `launch_sites`

TODO: Create and add `folium.Circle` and `folium.Marker` for each launch site on the site map

An example of folium.Circle:

```
folium.Circle(coordinate, radius=1000, color='#000000',
fill=True).add_child(folium.Popup(...))
```

An example of folium.Marker:

```
folium.map.Marker(coordinate, icon=DivIcon(icon_size=(20,20),icon_anchor=
(0,0), html='<div style="font-size: 12; color:#d35400;"><b>%s</b></div>' %
'label', ))
```

In [93]:
```
# Initial the map
```

```python
site_map = folium.Map(location=nasa_coordinate, zoom_start=5)
# For each launch site, add a Circle object based on its coordinate (Lat, Long) valu
for lat, lng, label in zip(launch_sites_df['Lat'], launch_sites_df['Long'], launch_s
    coordinate = [lat, lng]
    circle = folium.Circle(coordinate, radius=1000, color='#d35400', fill=True).add_
    marker = folium.map.Marker(
        coordinate,
        icon=DivIcon(
            icon_size=(20,20),
            icon_anchor=(0,0),
            html='<div style="font-size: 12; color:#d35400;"><b>%s</b></div>' % labe
        )
    )
    site_map.add_child(circle)
    site_map.add_child(marker)

site_map
```

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The generated map with marked launch sites should look similar to the following:
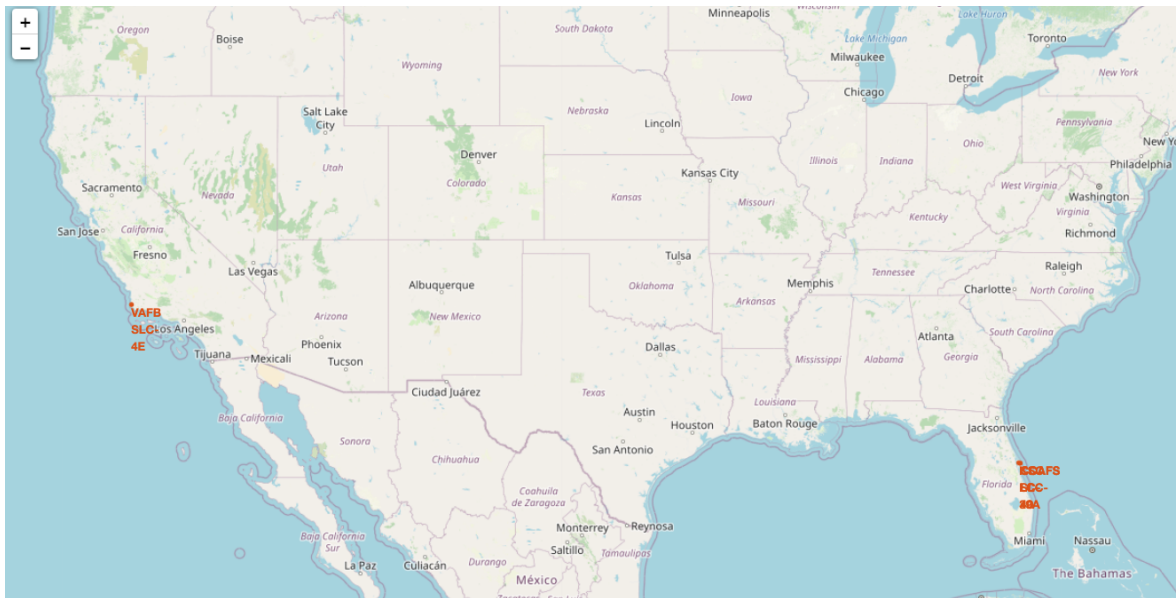
Now, you can explore the map by zoom-in/out the marked areas , and try to answer the following questions:

- Are all launch sites in proximity to the Equator line?
- Are all launch sites in very close proximity to the coast?

Also please try to explain your findings.

Task 2: Mark the success/failed launches for each site on the map

Next, let's try to enhance the map by adding the launch outcomes for each site, and see which sites have high success rates. Recall that data frame spacex_df has detailed launch records, and the `class` column indicates if this launch was successful or not

In [78]:
```
spacex_df.tail(10)
```

Out[78]:

	Launch Site	Lat	Long	class	marker_color
46	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	1	green
47	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	1	green
48	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	1	green
49	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	1	green
50	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	1	green
51	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	0	red
52	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	0	red
53	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	0	red

	Launch Site	Lat	Long	class	marker_color
54	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	1	green
55	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	0	red

Next, let's create markers for all launch records. If a launch was successful `(class=1)`, then we use a green marker and if a launch was failed, we use a red marker `(class=0)`

Note that a launch only happens in one of the four launch sites, which means many launch records will have the exact same coordinate. Marker clusters can be a good way to simplify a map containing many markers having the same coordinate.

Let's first create a `MarkerCluster` object

In [94]:
```python
marker_cluster = MarkerCluster()
```

TODO: Create a new column in `launch_sites` dataframe called `marker_color` to store the marker colors based on the `class` value

In [80]:
```python
# Apply a function to check the value of `class` column
# If class=1, marker_color value will be green
# If class=0, marker_color value will be red
def assign_marker_color_LSDF(launch_class):
    if launch_class == 1:
        return 'green'
    else:
        return 'red'

launch_sites_df['marker_color'] = launch_sites_df['class'].apply(assign_marker_color
launch_sites_df
```

Out[80]:
	Launch Site	Lat	Long	class	marker_color
0	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
1	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	1	green
2	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	1	green
3	VAFB SLC-4E	34.632834	-120.610746	0	red

In [81]:
```python
# Function to assign color to launch outcome
def assign_marker_color(launch_outcome):
    if launch_outcome == 1:
        return 'green'
    else:
        return 'red'

spacex_df['marker_color'] = spacex_df['class'].apply(assign_marker_color)
spacex_df.tail(10)
```

	Launch Site	Lat	Long	class	marker_color
46	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	1	green
47	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	1	green
48	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	1	green
49	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	1	green
50	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	1	green
51	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	0	red
52	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	0	red
53	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	0	red
54	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	1	green
55	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	0	red

TODO: For each launch result in `spacex_df` data frame, add a `folium.Marker` to `marker_cluster`

In [95]:

```python
# Add marker_cluster to current site_map
site_map.add_child(marker_cluster)

# for each row in spacex_df data frame
# create a Marker object with its coordinate
# and customize the Marker's icon property to indicate if this launch was successed
# e.g., icon=folium.Icon(color='white', icon_color=row['marker_color']
for lat, lng, label, color in zip(spacex_df['Lat'], spacex_df['Long'], spacex_df['La
    # TODO: Create and add a Marker cluster to the site map
    # marker = folium.Marker(...)
    coordinate = [lat, lng]
    marker = folium.Marker(
        coordinate,
        icon=folium.Icon(color='white', icon_color=color),
        popup=label
    )
    marker_cluster.add_child(marker)

site_map
```

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Your updated map may look like the following screenshots:
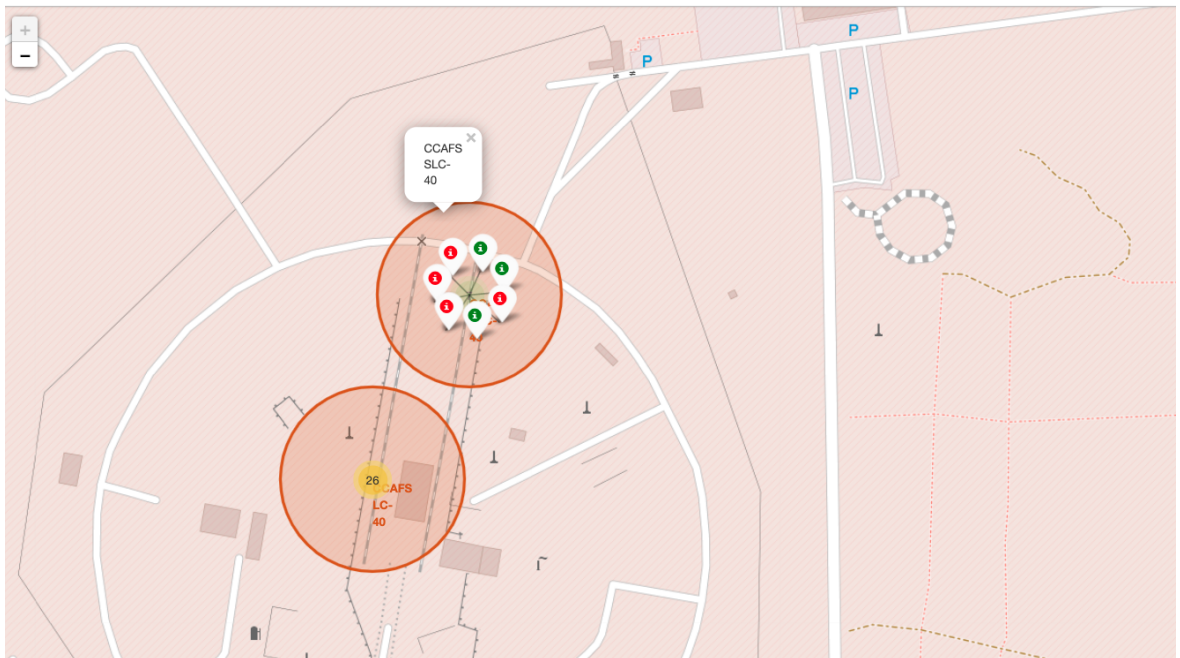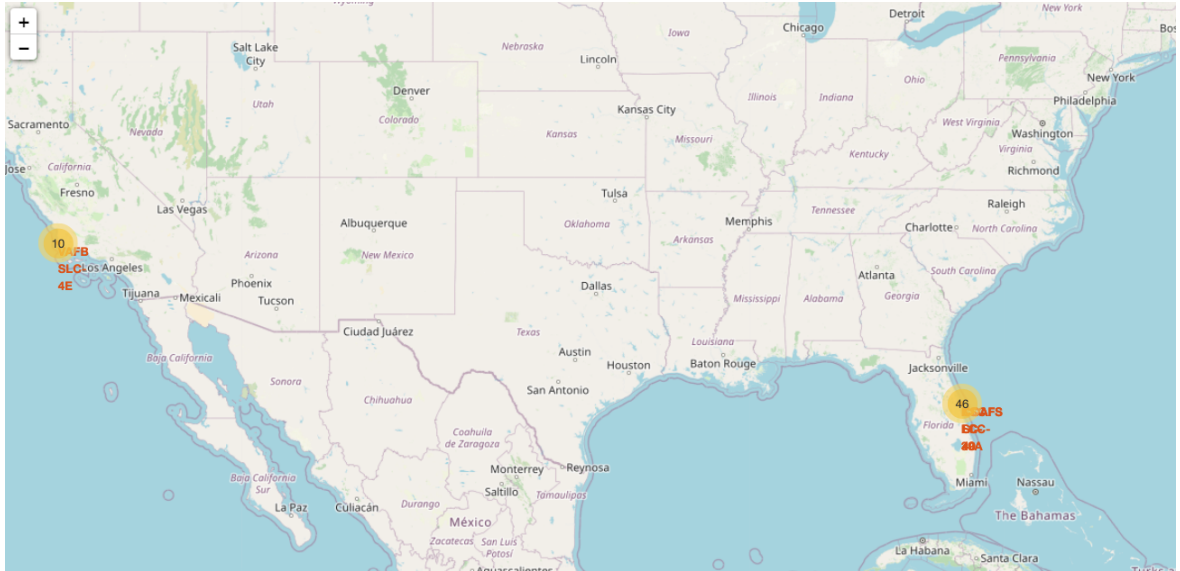
From the color-labeled markers in marker clusters, you should be able to easily identify which launch sites have relatively high success rates.

TASK 3: Calculate the distances between a launch site to its proximities

Next, we need to explore and analyze the proximities of launch sites.

Let's first add a `MousePosition` on the map to get coordinate for a mouse over a point on the map. As such, while you are exploring the map, you can easily find the coordinates of any points of interests (such as railway)

In [96]:
```python
# Add Mouse Position to get the coordinate (Lat, Long) for a mouse over on the map
formatter = "function(num) {return L.Util.formatNum(num, 5);};"
mouse_position = MousePosition(
    position='topright',
    separator=' Long: ',
    empty_string='NaN',
    lng_first=False,
    num_digits=20,
    prefix='Lat:',
    lat_formatter=formatter,
    lng_formatter=formatter,
)

site_map.add_child(mouse_position)
site_map
```

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Now zoom in to a launch site and explore its proximity to see if you can easily find any railway, highway, coastline, etc. Move your mouse to these points and mark down their coordinates (shown on the top-left) in order to the distance to the launch site.

You can calculate the distance between two points on the map based on their `Lat` and `Long` values using the following method:

In [97]:
```python
from math import sin, cos, sqrt, atan2, radians
```

```python
def calculate_distance(lat1, lon1, lat2, lon2):
    # approximate radius of earth in km
    R = 6373.0

    lat1 = radians(lat1)
    lon1 = radians(lon1)
    lat2 = radians(lat2)
    lon2 = radians(lon2)

    dlon = lon2 - lon1
    dlat = lat2 - lat1

    a = sin(dlat / 2)**2 + cos(lat1) * cos(lat2) * sin(dlon / 2)**2
    c = 2 * atan2(sqrt(a), sqrt(1 - a))

    distance = R * c
    return distance
```

TODO: Mark down a point on the closest coastline using MousePosition and calculate the distance between the coastline point and the launch site.

In [98]:
```python
# find coordinate of the closet coastline
coastline_lat = 28.56398
coastline_lon = -80.56809
launch_site_lat = 28.56321
launch_site_lon = -80.57683
distance_coastline = calculate_distance(launch_site_lat, launch_site_lon, coastline_
```

TODO: After obtained its coordinate, create a `folium.Marker` to show the distance

In [99]:
```python
# Create and add a folium.Marker on your selected closest coastline point on the map
# Display the distance between coastline point and launch site using the icon proper
coast_coordinates = [coastline_lat, coastline_lon]
distance_marker = folium.Marker(
    coast_coordinates,
    icon=DivIcon(
        icon_size=(20,20),
        icon_anchor=(0,0),
        html='<div style="font-size: 12; color:#d35400;"><b>%s</b></div>' % "{:10.2f
    )
)
distance_marker.add_to(site_map)
site_map
```

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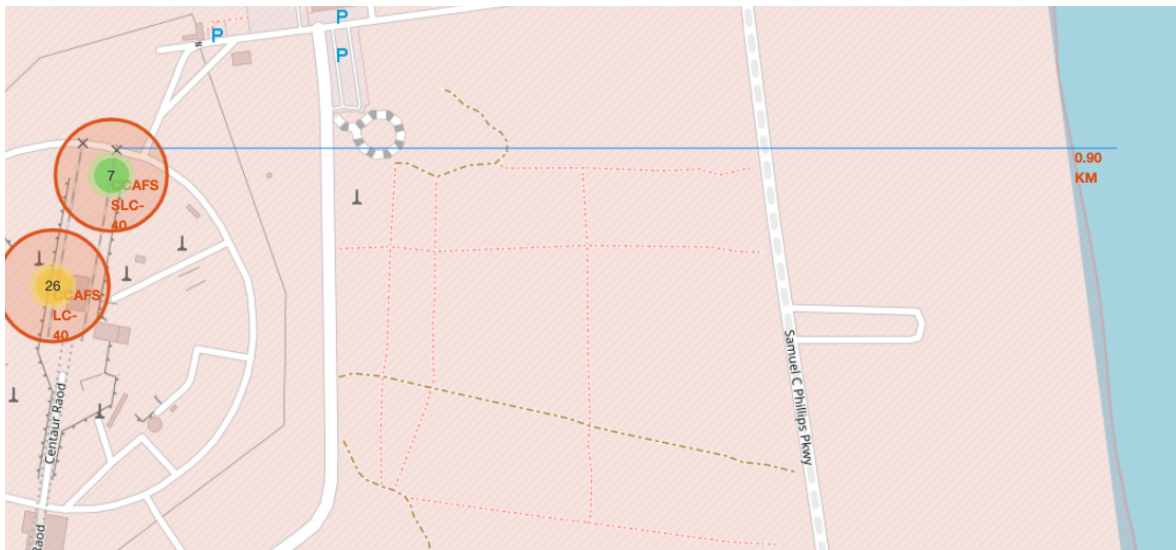*TODO:* Draw a `PolyLine` between a launch site to the selected coastline point

In [100…
```python
# Create a `folium.PolyLine` object using the coastline coordinates and launch site
launch_site_coordinates = [launch_site_lat, launch_site_lon]
lines=folium.PolyLine(locations=[coast_coordinates, launch_site_coordinates], weight
site_map.add_child(lines)
```
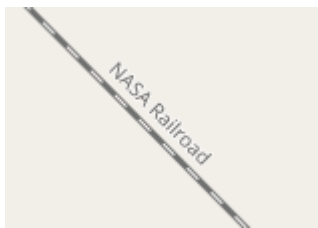
Out[100… Make this Notebook Trusted to load map: File -> Trust Notebook

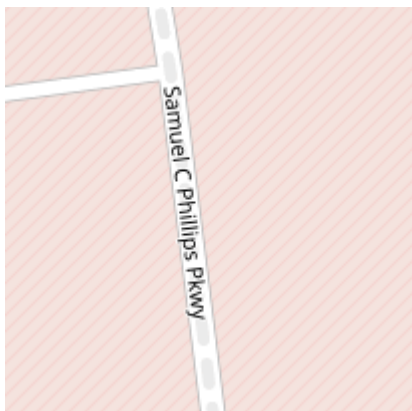Your updated map with distance line should look like the following screenshot:

TODO: Similarly, you can draw a line betwee a launch site to its closest city, railway, highway, etc. You need to use `MousePosition` to find the their coordinates on the map first
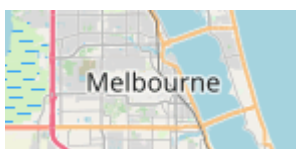
A railway map symbol may look like this:

A highway map symbol may look like this:

A city map symbol may look like this:

In [101...

```
# Create a marker with distance to a closest city, railway, highway, etc.
# Draw a line between the closest city(Titusville) to the launch site
city_lat = 28.61208
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```python
city_lon = -80.80764
distance_city = calculate_distance(launch_site_lat, launch_site_lon, city_lat, city_

city_coordinates = [city_lat, city_lon]
distance_marker = folium.Marker(
    city_coordinates,
    icon=DivIcon(
        icon_size=(20,20),
        icon_anchor=(0,0),
        html='<div style="font-size: 12; color:#d35400;"><b>%s</b></div>' % "{:10.2f
        )
    )
distance_marker.add_to(site_map)

launch_site_coordinates = [launch_site_lat, launch_site_lon]
lines=folium.PolyLine(locations=[city_coordinates, launch_site_coordinates], weight=
site_map.add_child(lines)
site_map
```

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In [102...

```python
# Draw a line between the closest railway to the launch site
railway_lat = 28.57208
railway_lon = -80.58527
distance_railway = calculate_distance(launch_site_lat, launch_site_lon, railway_lat,

railway_coordinates = [railway_lat, railway_lon]
distance_marker = folium.Marker(
    railway_coordinates,
    icon=DivIcon(
        icon_size=(20,20),
        icon_anchor=(0,0),
        html='<div style="font-size: 12; color:#d35400;"><b>%s</b></div>' % "{:10.2f
        )
    )
distance_marker.add_to(site_map)

launch_site_coordinates = [launch_site_lat, launch_site_lon]
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lines=folium.PolyLine(locations=[railway_coordinates, launch_site_coordinates], weig
site_map.add_child(lines)
site_map
```

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In [103...
```
# Draw a line between the closest highway to the launch site
highway_lat = 28.56478
highway_lon = -80.57103
distance_highway = calculate_distance(launch_site_lat, launch_site_lon, highway_lat,

highway_coordinates = [highway_lat, highway_lon]
distance_marker = folium.Marker(
    highway_coordinates,
    icon=DivIcon(
        icon_size=(20,20),
        icon_anchor=(0,0),
        html='<div style="font-size: 12; color:#d35400;"><b>%s</b></div>' % "{:10.2f
    )
)
distance_marker.add_to(site_map)

launch_site_coordinates = [launch_site_lat, launch_site_lon]
lines=folium.PolyLine(locations=[highway_coordinates, launch_site_coordinates], weig
site_map.add_child(lines)
site_map
```

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In [104...
```python
# Draw a line between the closest city(Cape Canaveral) to the launch site
city_2_lat = 28.40159
city_2_lon = -80.6042
distance_city_2 = calculate_distance(launch_site_lat, launch_site_lon, city_2_lat, c

city_2_coordinates = [city_2_lat, city_2_lon]
distance_marker = folium.Marker(
    city_2_coordinates,
    icon=DivIcon(
        icon_size=(20,20),
        icon_anchor=(0,0),
        html='<div style="font-size: 12; color:#d35400;"><b>%s</b></div>' % "{:10.2f
    )
)
distance_marker.add_to(site_map)

launch_site_coordinates = [launch_site_lat, launch_site_lon]
lines=folium.PolyLine(locations=[city_2_coordinates, launch_site_coordinates], weigh
site_map.add_child(lines)
site_map
```

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In [105...
```python
# Draw a line between the closest city(Lompoc) to the launch site(Space Launch Compl
launch_site_4_lat = 34.63286
launch_site_4_lon = -120.61074
```

```python
launch_site_4_coordinates = [launch_site_4_lat, launch_site_4_lon]

city_Lompoc_lat = 34.63879
city_Lompoc_lon = -120.45788
distance_city_Lompoc = calculate_distance(launch_site_4_lat, launch_site_4_lon, city

city_Lompoc_coordinates = [city_Lompoc_lat, city_Lompoc_lon]

distance_marker = folium.Marker(
    city_Lompoc_coordinates,
    icon=DivIcon(
        icon_size=(20,20),
        icon_anchor=(0,0),
        html='<div style="font-size: 12; color:#d35400;"><b>%s</b></div>' % "{:10.2f
        )
    )
distance_marker.add_to(site_map)

lines=folium.PolyLine(locations=[city_Lompoc_coordinates, launch_site_4_coordinates]
site_map.add_child(lines)

# Draw a line between the closest coast to the launch site(Space Launch Complex 4)
west_coast_lat = 34.63698
west_coast_lon = -120.6245
distance_west_coast = calculate_distance(launch_site_4_lat, launch_site_4_lon, west_

west_coast_coordinates = [west_coast_lat, west_coast_lon]

distance_marker = folium.Marker(
    west_coast_coordinates,
    icon=DivIcon(
        icon_size=(20,20),
        icon_anchor=(0,0),
        html='<div style="font-size: 12; color:#d35400;"><b>%s</b></div>' % "{:10.2f
        )
    )
distance_marker.add_to(site_map)

lines=folium.PolyLine(locations=[west_coast_coordinates, launch_site_4_coordinates],
site_map.add_child(lines)

# Draw a line between the closest railway to the launch site(Space Launch Complex 4)
railway_4_lat = 34.63677
railway_4_lon = -120.6236
distance_railway_4 = calculate_distance(launch_site_4_lat, launch_site_4_lon, railwa

railway_4_coordinates = [railway_4_lat, railway_4_lon]

distance_marker = folium.Marker(
    railway_4_coordinates,
    icon=DivIcon(
        icon_size=(20,20),
        icon_anchor=(0,0),
        html='<div style="font-size: 12; color:#d35400;"><b>%s</b></div>' % "{:10.2f
        )
    )
distance_marker.add_to(site_map)

lines=folium.PolyLine(locations=[railway_4_coordinates, launch_site_4_coordinates],
site_map.add_child(lines)
```

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site_map
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After you plot distance lines to the proximities, you can answer the following questions easily:

- Are launch sites in close proximity to railways?
- Are launch sites in close proximity to highways?
- Are launch sites in close proximity to coastline?
- Do launch sites keep certain distance away from cities?

Also please try to explain your findings.

Next Steps:

Now you have discovered many interesting insights related to the launch sites' location using folium, in a very interactive way. Next, you will need to build a dashboard using Ploty Dash on detailed launch records.

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