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==0.7.0
            !pip3 install wget
            Collecting folium==0.7.0
              Downloading folium-0.7.0-py3-none-any.whl (85 kB)
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            kages (from folium==0.7.0) (1.16.0)
            Requirement already satisfied: jinja2 in c:\users\mohre\anaconda3\lib\site-
            packages (from folium==0.7.0) (2.11.3)
            Requirement already satisfied: requests in c:\users\mohre\anaconda3\lib\sit
            e-packages (from folium==0.7.0) (2.26.0)
            Collecting branca>=0.3.0
              Downloading branca-0.5.0-py3-none-any.whl (24 kB)
            Requirement already satisfied: numpy in c:\users\mohre\anaconda3\lib\site-p
            ackages (from folium==0.7.0) (1.20.3)
            Requirement already satisfied: MarkupSafe>=0.23 in c:\users\mohre\anaconda3
            \lib\site-packages (from jinja2->folium==0.7.0) (1.1.1)
            Requirement already satisfied: idna<4,>=2.5 in c:\users\mohre\anaconda3\lib
            \site-packages (from requests->folium==0.7.0) (3.2)
            Requirement already satisfied: urllib3<1.27,>=1.21.1 in c:\users\mohre\anac
            onda3\lib\site-packages (from requests->folium==0.7.0) (1.26.7)
            Requirement already satisfied: charset-normalizer~=2.0.0 in c:\users\mohre
            \anaconda3\lib\site-packages (from requests->folium==0.7.0) (2.0.4)
            Requirement already satisfied: certifi>=2017.4.17 in c:\users\mohre\anacond
            a3\lib\site-packages (from requests->folium==0.7.0) (2021.10.8)
            Installing collected packages: branca, folium
            Successfully installed branca-0.5.0 folium-0.7.0
            Requirement already satisfied: wget in c:\users\mohre\anaconda3\lib\site-pa
            ckages (3.2)
In [2]: ▶ import folium
            import wget
            import pandas as pd
         # Import folium MarkerCluster plugin
In [3]:
            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:

<u>Generating Maps with Python (https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork/labs/module_3/DV0101EN-3-5-1-Generating-Maps-in-Python-py-v2.0.ipynb)</u>

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

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

Out[5]:

Launch Site		Lat	Long	
0	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	
1	CCAFS SLC-40	28.563197	-80.576820	
2	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	
3	VAFB SLC-4E	34.632834	-120.610745	

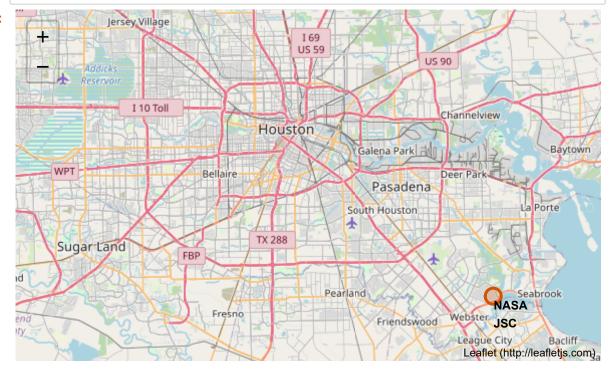
Above coordinates are just plain numbers that can not give you any intuitive insights about where are those launch sites. If you are very good at geography, you can interpret those numbers directly in your mind. If not, that's fine too. Let's visualize those locations by pinning them on a map.

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]: # 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,

Out[7]:



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

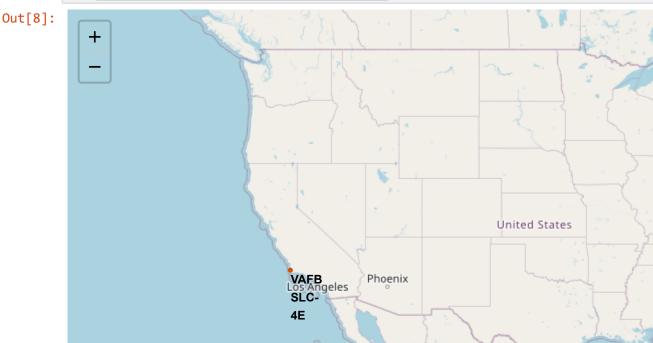
TODO: Create and add folium.Circle and folium.Marker for each launch site on the site map

An example of folium. Circle:

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

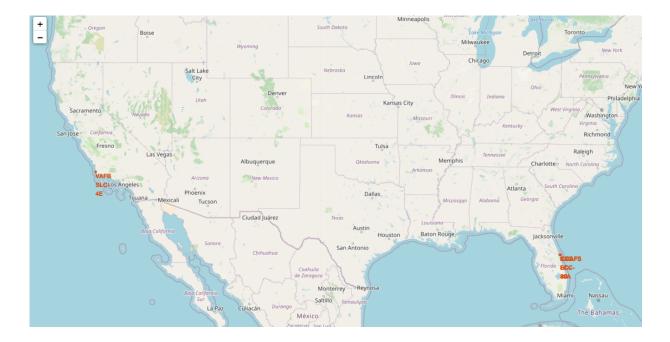
```
folium.map.Marker(coordinate, icon=DivIcon(icon_size=(20,20),icon_anchor=
(0,0), html='<div style="font-size: 12; color:#d35400;"><b>%s</b></div>' %
'label', ))
```

```
In [8]:
         # Initial the map
            site_map = folium.Map(location=nasa_coordinate, zoom_start=5)
            # For each launch site, add a Circle object based on its coordinate (Lat, Lon
            for lat, lng, label in zip(launch_sites_df['Lat'], launch_sites_df['Long'], 1
                coordinate = [lat, lng]
                circle = folium.Circle(coordinate, radius=1000, color='#d35400', fill=Tru
                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>'
                site map.add child(circle)
                site_map.add_child(marker)
            site map
```



Leaflet (http://leafletjs.com)

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 [9]: ▶ spacex_df.tail(10)

Out[9]:

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

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

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

```
In [11]:  # 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'

spacex_df['marker_color'] = spacex_df['class'].apply(assign_marker_color_LSDF spacex_df)
```

Out[11]:

			Long	class	marker_color
0	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
1	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
2	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
3	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
4	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
5	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
6	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
7	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
8	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
9	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
10	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
11	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
12	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
13	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
14	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
15	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
16	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
17	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	1	green
18	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	1	green
19	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
20	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	1	green
21	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	1	green
22	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	1	green
23	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	0	red
24	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	1	green
25	CCAFS LC-40	28.562302	-80.577356	1	green
26	VAFB SLC-4E	34.632834	-120.610745	0	red

	Launch Site	Lat	Long	class	marker_color
27	VAFB SLC-4E	34.632834	-120.610745	0	red
28	VAFB SLC-4E	34.632834	-120.610745	1	green
29	VAFB SLC-4E	34.632834	-120.610745	1	green
30	VAFB SLC-4E	34.632834	-120.610745	1	green
31	VAFB SLC-4E	34.632834	-120.610745	1	green
32	VAFB SLC-4E	34.632834	-120.610745	0	red
33	VAFB SLC-4E	34.632834	-120.610745	0	red
34	VAFB SLC-4E	34.632834	-120.610745	0	red
35	VAFB SLC-4E	34.632834	-120.610745	0	red
36	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	1	green
37	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	0	red
38	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	1	green
39	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	1	green
40	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	0	red
41	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	1	green
42	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	1	green
43	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	0	red
44	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	1	green
45	KSC LC-39A	28.573255	-80.646895	1	green
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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

```
In [12]: # 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)
```

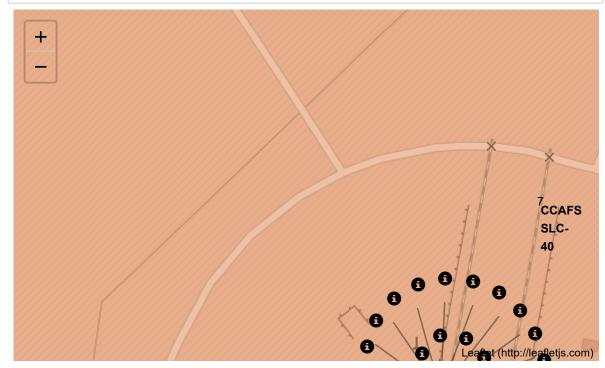
Out[12]:

	Launch Site	Lat	Long	class	marker_color
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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

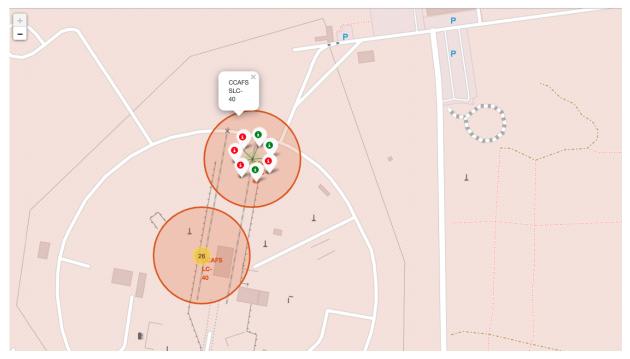
```
In [13]:
          # Add marker_cluster to current site_map
             site_map.add_child(marker_cluster)
             # for each row in spacex df data frame
             # create a Marker object with its coordinate
             # and customize the Marker's icon property to indicate if this launch was suc
             # 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
                 # 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
```

Out[13]:



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)

Out[14]:



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:

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

```
In [16]:  # find coordinate of the closet coastline
# e.g.,: Lat: 28.56367 Lon: -80.57163
# distance_coastline = calculate_distance(launch_site_lat, launch_site_lon, c
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, coa
```

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



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

In [18]: # Create a `folium.PolyLine` object using the coastline coordinates and launc
lines=folium.PolyLine(locations=coordinates, weight=1)
launch_site_coordinates = [launch_site_lat, launch_site_lon]
lines=folium.PolyLine(locations=[coast_coordinates, launch_site_coordinates],
site_map.add_child(lines)



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:

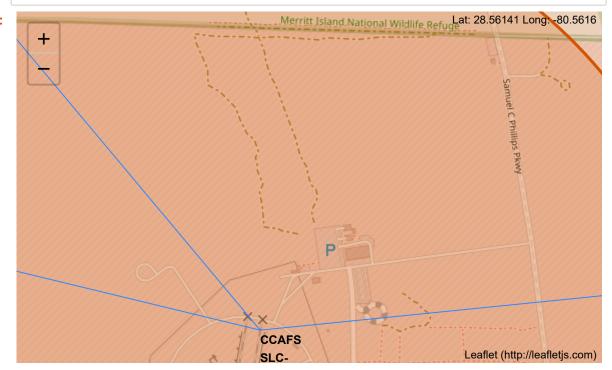


```
In [19]:
          # Create a marker with distance to a closest city, railway, highway, etc.
             # Draw a line between the marker to the launch site
             city lat = 28.61208
             city lon = -80.80764
             distance_city = calculate_distance(launch_site_lat, launch_site_lon, city_lat
             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>' % "
             distance_marker.add_to(site_map)
             launch_site_coordinates = [launch_site_lat, launch_site_lon]
             lines=folium.PolyLine(locations=[city_coordinates, launch_site_coordinates],
             site map.add child(lines)
             site_map
```



```
In [20]:
          # 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, railw
             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>' % "
             distance_marker.add_to(site_map)
             launch_site_coordinates = [launch_site_lat, launch_site_lon]
             lines=folium.PolyLine(locations=[railway_coordinates, launch_site_coordinates
             site_map.add_child(lines)
             site map
```

Out[20]:



```
In [21]:
          # 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, highw
             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>' % "
             distance_marker.add_to(site_map)
             launch_site_coordinates = [launch_site_lat, launch_site_lon]
             lines=folium.PolyLine(locations=[highway_coordinates, launch_site_coordinates
             site_map.add_child(lines)
             site_map
```

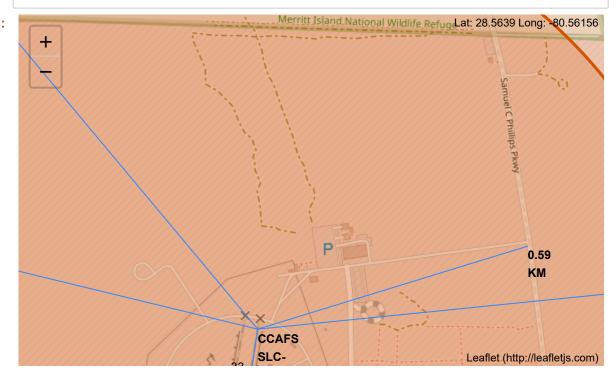
Out[21]:



Lat: 28.56399 Long: -80.56758

```
In [22]:
          ▶ # Draw a line between the closest city(Cape Canaveral) to the launch site
             city_2_{lat} = 28.40159
             city_2lon = -80.6042
             distance_city_2 = calculate_distance(launch_site_lat, launch_site_lon, city_2
             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>' % "
             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]
             site_map.add_child(lines)
             site map
```

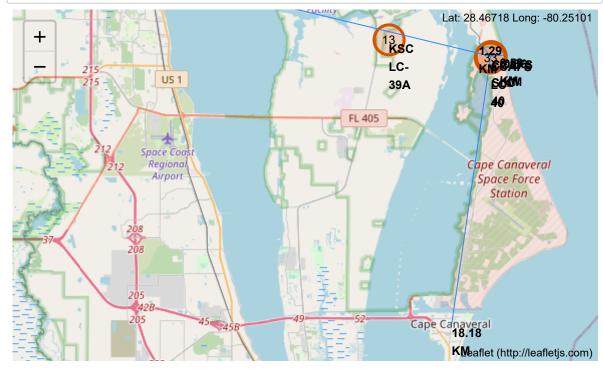
Out[22]:



```
In [23]:
          # Draw a line between the closest city(Lompoc) to the Launch site(Space Launch
             launch site 4 lat = 34.63286
             launch site 4 lon = -120.61074
             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_lat)
             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>' % "
             distance marker.add to(site map)
             lines=folium.PolyLine(locations=[city_Lompoc_coordinates, launch_site_4_coord
             site map.add child(lines)
             # Draw a line between the closest coast to the launch site(Space Launch Compl
             west_coast_lat = 34.63698
             west coast lon = -120.6245
             distance_west_coast = calculate_distance(launch_site_4_lat, launch_site_4_lor
             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>' % "
             distance_marker.add_to(site_map)
             lines=folium.PolyLine(locations=[west coast coordinates, launch site 4 coordi
             site map.add child(lines)
             # Draw a line between the closest railway to the launch site(Space Launch Com
             railway 4 lat = 34.63677
             railway_4_lon = -120.6236
             distance railway 4 = calculate distance(launch site 4 lat, launch site 4 lon,
             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>' % "
)
)
distance_marker.add_to(site_map)
lines=folium.PolyLine(locations=[railway_4_coordinates, launch_site_4_coordinsite_map.add_child(lines)
site_map
```

Out[23]:



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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