

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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### **Executive Summary**

#### Summary of methodologies

- Data collection methodology:
- Perform data wrangling
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Matplotlib
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models

#### Summary of all results

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

#### 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 should be found answers
  - Predicting if the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully.



# Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

- Data collection methodology:
  - By utilizing SpaceX API and Web Scraping
- Perform data wrangling
  - By utilizing Pandas
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Matplotlib
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - By utilizing Scikit-learn

#### **Data Collection**

- How data sets were collected.
  - SpaceX API
  - Web Scraping
- Data collection process with key phrases and flowcharts
  - See subsequent slides

### Data Collection – SpaceX API

- Collecting the data through SpaceX API and making sure the data is in the correct format.
- https://github.com/nakatama
   225/IBM\_DS\_Final\_Project/

Flowchart in this process

Task 1: Request and parse the SpaceX launch data using the GET request

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Task 2: Filter the dataframe to only include Falcon 9 launches

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Task 3: Dealing with Missing Values

# **Data Collection - Scraping**

Web scraping to collect
 Falcon 9 historical launch
 records from a Wikipedia
 page titled, List of Falcon 9
 and Falcon Heavy launches.

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 225/IBM\_DS\_Final\_Project/

Flowchart in this process

TASK 1: Request the Falcon9 Launch Wiki page from its URL

TASK 2: Extract all column/variable names from the HTML table header

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TASK 3: Create a data frame by parsing the launch HTML tables

# **Data Wrangling**

- Performing some Exploratory
  Data Analysis (EDA) through
  Pandas to find some patterns
  in the data and determine
  what would be the label for
  training supervised models.
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#### Flowchart in this process

TASK 1: Calculate the number of launches on each site

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TASK 2: Calculate the number and occurrence of each orbit

TASK 3: Calculate the number and occurrence of mission outcome per orbit type

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TASK 4: Create a landing outcome label from Outcome column

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

- Employing Scatter plots, bar charts, and line graphs to visualize data
- https://github.com/nakatama225/IBM\_DS\_Final\_Project/

#### **EDA** with SQL

- SQL queries you performed
  - SELECT DISTINCT "Launch\_Site" FROM SPACEXTABLE;
  - SELECT \* FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Launch Site" LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5;
  - SELECT SUM("Payload\_Mass\_\_kg\_") FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Customer"='NASA (CRS)';
  - SELECT AVG("Payload\_Mass\_\_kg\_") FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Booster\_Version"='F9 v1.1';
  - SELECT MIN("Date") FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Landing\_Outcome"='Success (ground pad)';
  - SELECT "Booster\_Version" FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Landing\_Outcome"='Success (drone ship)'
     AND "Payload\_Mass\_\_kg\_" BETWEEN 4000 AND 6000;
  - SELECT "Landing\_Outcome", COUNT(\*) FROM SPACEXTABLE GROUP BY "Landing\_Outcome";
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# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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We first need to create a folium Map object, with an initial center location to be NASA Johnson Space Center at Houston, Texas.
In [7]: # 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 [8]: # Create a blue circle at NASA Johnson Space Center's coordinate with a popup label showing its name
        circle = folium.Circle(nasa coordinate. radius=1000. color='#d35400'. fill=True).add child(folium.Popup('NASA Johnson Space Center'))
        # Create a blue circle at NASA Johnson Space Center's coordinate with a icon showing its name
        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:#d35400;"><b>%s</b></div>' % 'NASA JSC'.
        site map.add child(circle)
        site map.add child(marker)
```

- 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.
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### Build a Dashboard with Matplotlib

- Pie Chart and Scatter Plot
- To dive deeply more the visual analytics on SpaceX launch data
  - \* Originally, we planned to use Plotly and Dash, but since they could not be successfully executed in both cloud and local environments, we have adopted Matplotlib visualization.
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# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- Determined the best model by utilizing various modules of scikit-learn and comparing the prediction accuracy of the models.
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#### Flowchart in this process

TASK 1: Create a NumPy array from the column Class in data, by applying the method to\_numpy() then assign it to the variable Y,make sure the output is a Pandas series (only one bracket df['name of column']).

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TASK 2: Standardize the data in X then reassign it to the variable X using the transform provided below.

TASK 3: Use the function train\_test\_split to split the data X and Y into training and test data. Set the parameter test\_size to 0.2 and random\_state to 2. The training data and test data should be assigned to the following labels.

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TASK 4: Create ML model object then create a GridSearchCV object "the model"\_cv with cv = 10. Fit the object to find the best parameters from the dictionary parameters.

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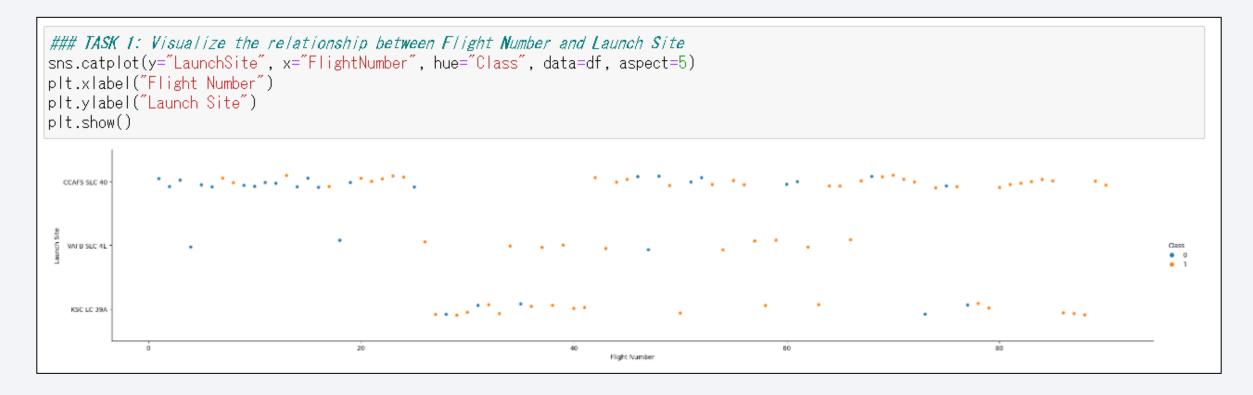
TASK 5: Calculate the accuracy on the test data using the method score of "the model" created.

#### Results

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

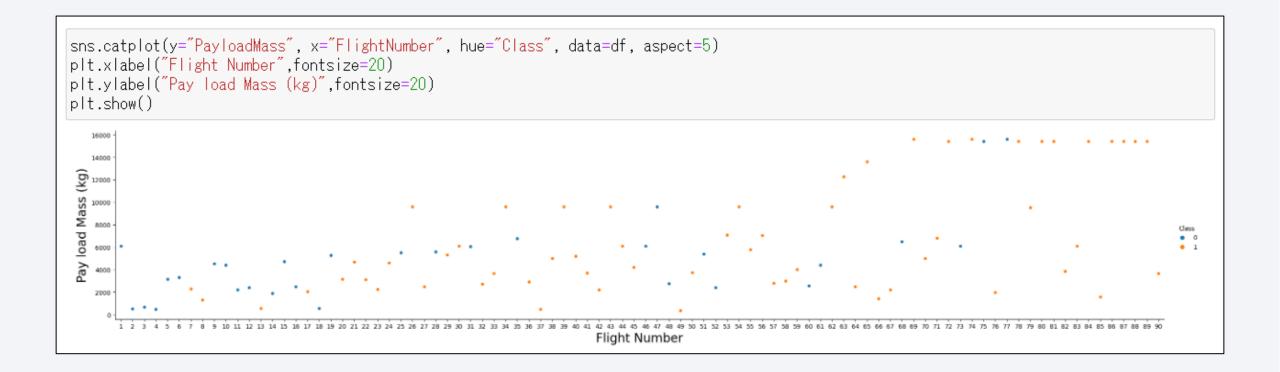


# Flight Number vs. Launch Site



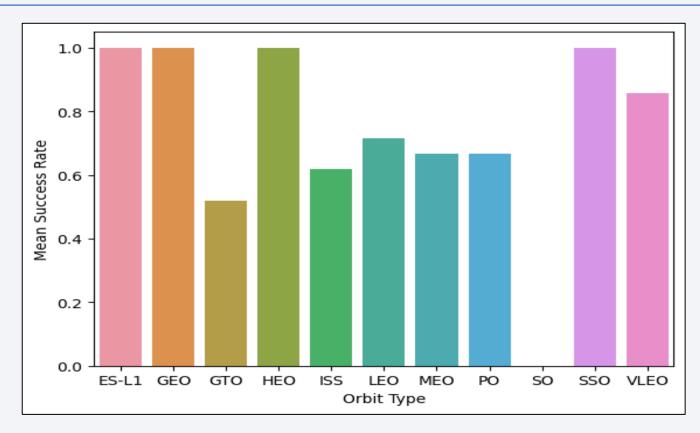
• Regardless of site, it appears that the probability of success is higher with a greater number of flights.

# Payload vs. Launch Site



There appears to be a positive correlation.

# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



• There appears to be a difference in the success rate depending on the orbit type.

# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



• Regardless of orbit type, it appears that the probability of success is higher with a greater number of flights.

# Payload vs. Orbit Type



• No clear overall tendency can be seen, but there may be a tendency for each orbit type.

# Launch Success Yearly Trend



• There appears to be seen that the success rate is high as the newer years.

#### All Launch Site Names

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

"sql SELECT DISTINCT "Launch_Site" FROM SPACEXTABLE;

* sqlite://my_datal.db
Done.

Launch_Site

CCAFS LC-40

VAFB SLC-4E

KSC LC-39A

CCAFS SLC-40
```

• There appears to be seen four main launch sites.

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

#### Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA' %sql SELECT \* FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Launch Site" LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5; \* sqlite:///my\_data1.db Done. Booster\_Version Launch\_Site Payload PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_ Customer Mission\_Outcome Landing\_Outcome Date Orbit Dragon Spacecraft CCAFS LC-2010-18:45:00 F9 v1.0 B0003 0 **LEO** SpaceX Failure (parachute) Success Qualification Unit 04-06 Dragon demo flight C1, two CCAFS LC-**LEO** 2010-NASA 15:43:00 F9 v1.0 B0004 CubeSats, barrel of Brouere Failure (parachute) Success (COTS) NRO 08-12 (ISS) cheese 2012-CCAFS LC-**LEO** NASA 07:44:00 F9 v1.0 B0005 Dragon demo flight C2 525 Success No attempt 05-22 (ISS) (COTS) 2012-CCAFS LC-00:35:00 F9 v1.0 B0006 SpaceX CRS-1 500 NASA (CRS) Success No attempt 08-10 CCAFS LC-2013-F9 v1.0 B0007 15:10:00 SpaceX CRS-2 677 NASA (CRS) Success No attempt 01-03

# **Total Payload Mass**

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

%sql SELECT SUM("Payload_Mass_kg_") FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Customer"='NASA (CRS)';

* sqlite://my_datal.db
Done.

SUM("Payload_Mass_kg_")

45596
```

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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

%sql SELECT AVG("Payload_Mass_kg_") FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Booster_Version"='F9 v1.1';

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.

AVG("Payload_Mass_kg_")

2928.4
```

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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

Hint: Use min function

**sql SELECT MIN("Date") FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Landing_Outcome"='Success (ground pad)';

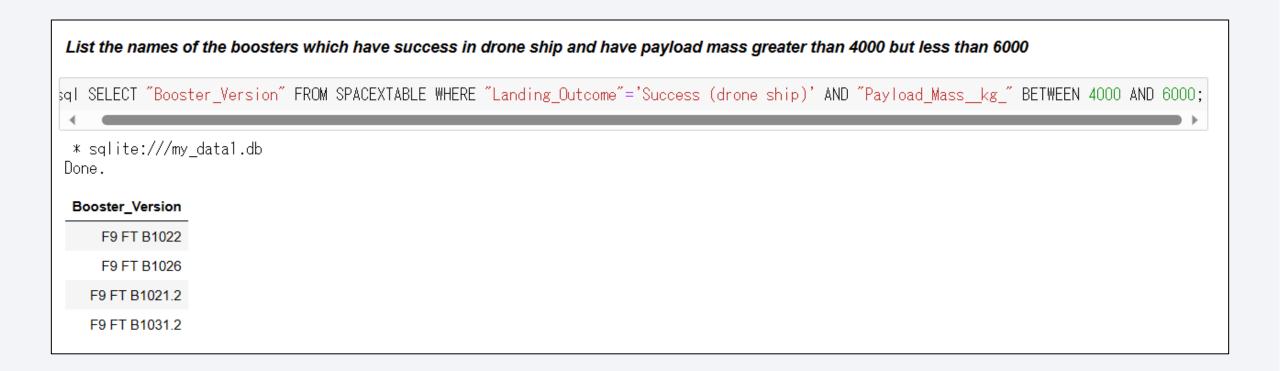
* sqlite:///my_datal.db

Done.

MIN("Date")

2015-12-22
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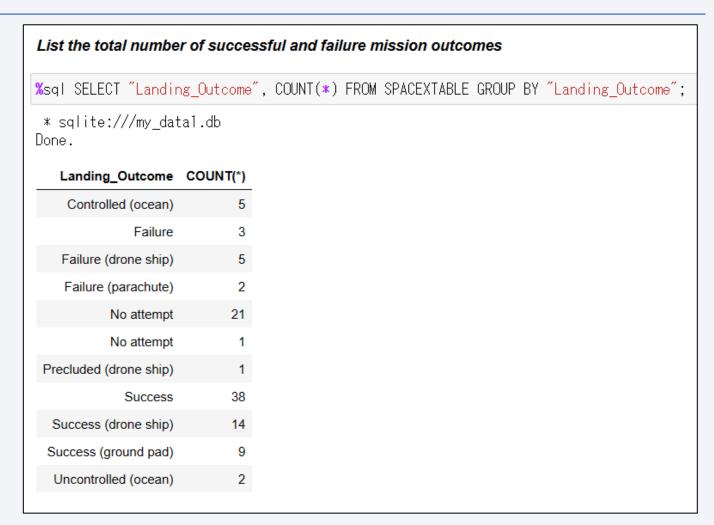
#### Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000



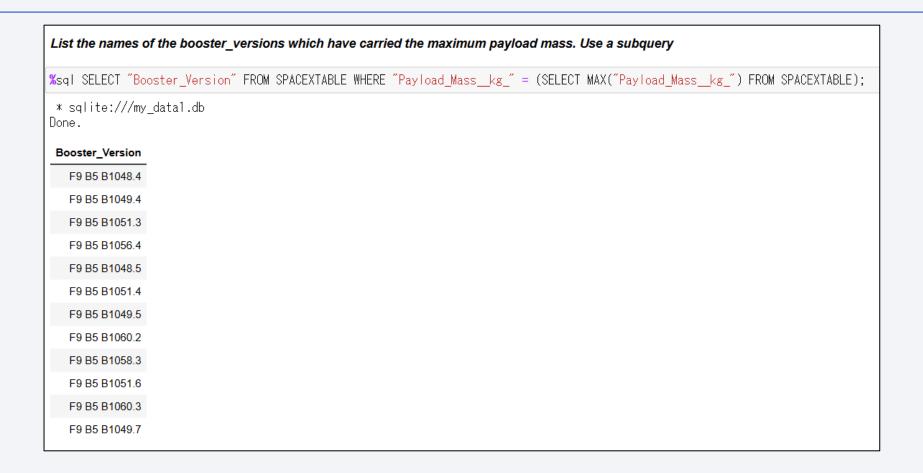
• Regarding Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000, there appears to be seen that the Booster version starting with "F9 FT B10" is extracted.

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

- When success and failure are compared, it appears that success is more common.
- Also, there appears to be that No attempt is seen not quite a few.



# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**



As a result, there appears to be seen that the Booster version starting with "F9 B5 B10" is extracted.

#### 2015 Launch Records

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.

Note: SQLLite does not support monthnames. So you need to use substr(Date, 4, 2) as month to get the months and substr(Date, 7,4)='2015' for year.

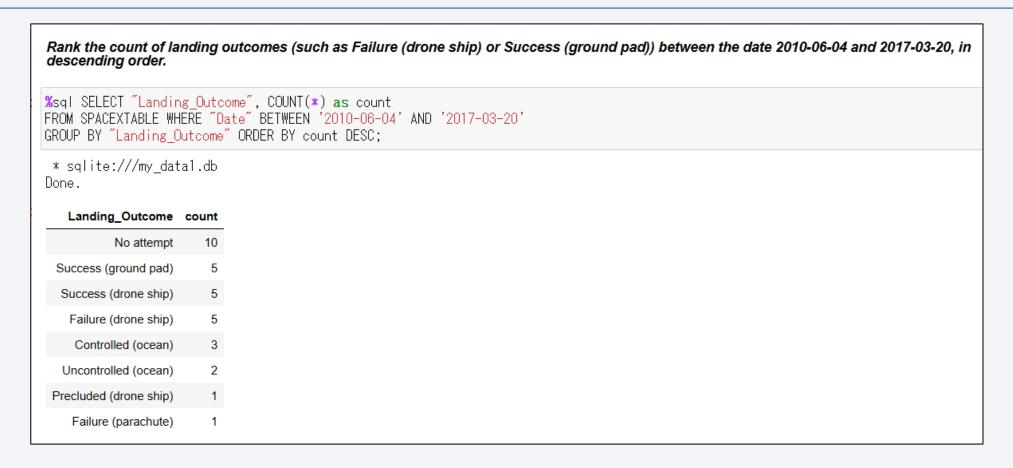
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%sql SELECT *, SUBSTR(Date, 4, 2) as month FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE "Landing_Outcome" LIKE 'Failure%' AND SUBSTR(Date, 7, 4)='2015';

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.
```

Date Time (UTC) Booster\_Version Launch\_Site Payload PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_ Orbit Customer Mission\_Outcome Landing\_Outcome month

• As the figure shows, the result number of data is zero.

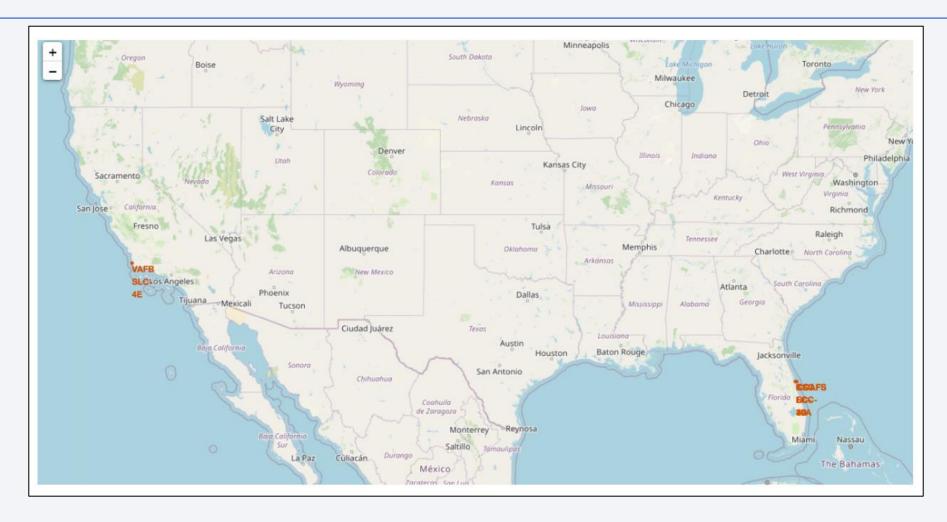
#### Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20



• There appears to be seen that No attempt is the highest number in this query conditions.

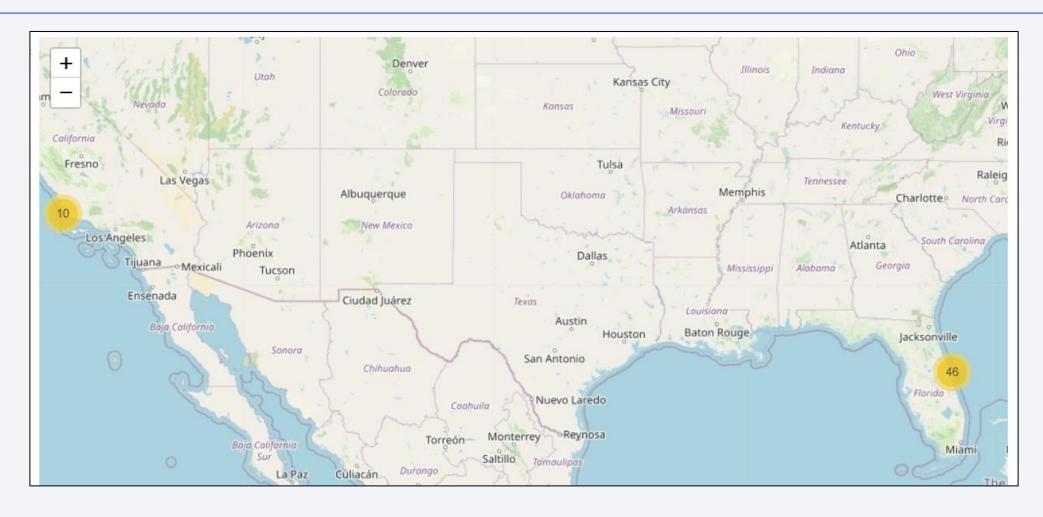


### All launch sites on a global map



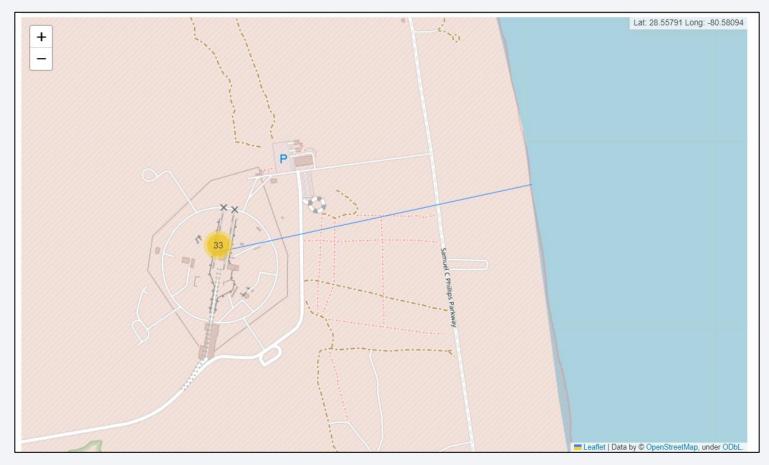
• It can be seen that the launch sites are located on the west and east coasts respectively.

# All launch sites count on a global map



• It can be seen that there are 46 data points on the East Coast and 10 on the West Coast.

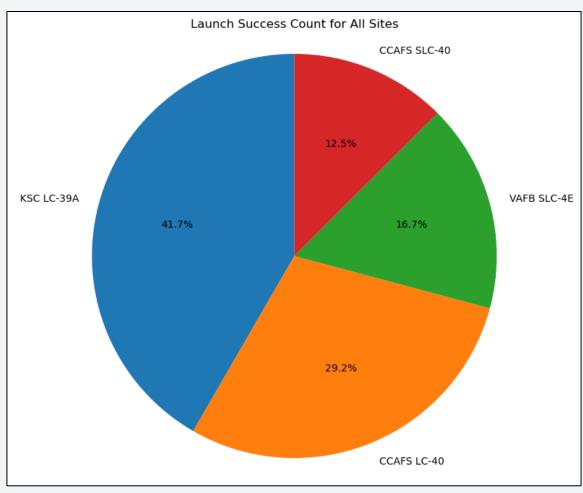
#### Straight line from 33 data points on the East Coast to the nearest coastline



• It can be seen that a straight line from 33 data points on the East Coast to the nearest coastline.

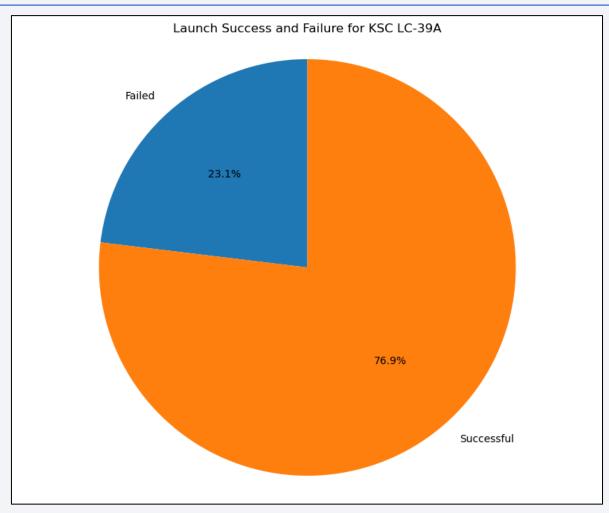


#### Launch success count for all sites



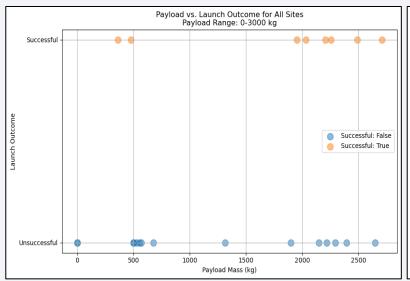
• It can be seen that "KSC LC-39A" accounts for 40% of the total.

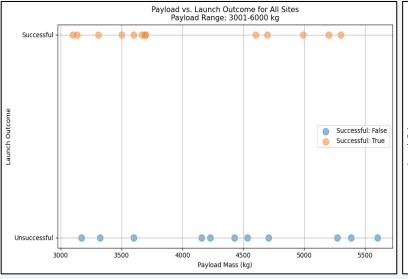
#### Piechart for the launch site with highest launch success ratio

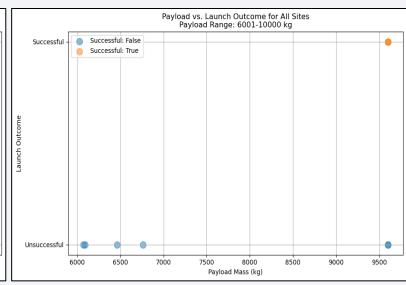


• In "KSC LC-39A", it can be seen that more than 70% succeeded.

#### Payload vs. Launch Outcome for different payload ranges







- It can be seen that the higher the Payload Mass, the more a little likely it is to be successful.
- It can be seen that the lower the Payload Mass, the more a little likely it is to be successful.
- It can be seen that it is difficult to succeed regardless of Payload Mass.



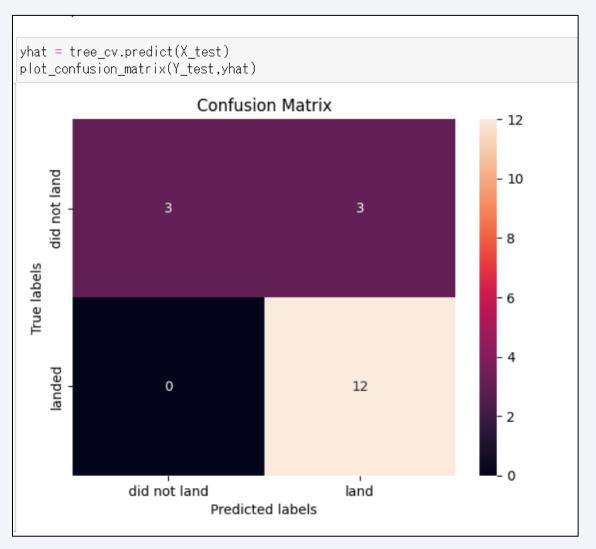
# Classification Accuracy

1 Support Vector Machine         0.848214         0.833333           2 Decision Tree         0.889286         0.833333	_	Model	Best Score (Validation)	Test Accuracy
<b>2</b> Decision Tree 0.889286 0.833333	0	Logistic Regression	0.846429	0.833333
	1	Support Vector Machine	0.848214	0.833333
3 K-Nearest Neighbors 0.848214 0.833333	2	Decision Tree	0.889286	0.833333
· · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · · ·	3	K-Nearest Neighbors	0.848214	0.833333

• It can be seen that the decision tree model had the highest score among the models executed in this project.

#### **Confusion Matrix**

 It can be seen that the overall prediction accuracy is high, and in this test data, the actual successful data is accurately predicted.



#### **Conclusions**

- Within the scope of the data set in this project, the prediction by the decision tree model was found to be effective.
- Applying these model predictions to future launch projects would allow for the calculation of expected costs associated with success or failure.

• On the other hand, for future issues, it should be noted that the data sample size for this project is not necessarily large and that a statistically detailed analysis has not been conducted.

### **Appendix**

- Include any relevant assets like Python code snippets, SQL queries, charts, Notebook outputs, or data sets that you may have created during this project
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