

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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## **Executive Summary**

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### Introduction

- Project background and context
  - We analyze the Falcon-9 rocket launches of SpaceX company. SpaceX is the first rocket company to re-use the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of their rockets to reduce the launch cost. We use the data provided by SpaceX API as well as public data from Wikipedia page about Falcon-9 launches to gain insights. From this data we can determine if the Falcon-9 rocket first stages landed successfully or not and then make prediction if the Falcon-9 rocket first stage will land successfully in the future.
- Problems you want to find answers
  - We would like to answer if the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of a launched Falcon-9 rocket will land successfully. To be able to answer this question first we collect the data. Then we use data wrangling techniques to put the data in a format that is useful for us to analyze. We use Explanatory Data Analysis (EDA) to gain insight about the data. Finally we use Machine Learning classification models to predict if the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of a launched Falcon-9 rocket will land successfully.



## Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

- Data collection methodology:
  - The data about Falcon-9 launches is obtained from SpaceX API and scrapping Wikipedia web page about the SpaceX rocket launches.
- Perform data wrangling
  - The data obtained using API or web-page scrapping is not in the format we like. Therefore, we discard the information that we do not need and handle the missing values that are needed for our analysis.
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - We use ML models to make predictions about Falcon-9 rocket usability.

#### **Data Collection**

- The Falcon-9 rocket launch data is obtained through the SpaceX REST API as well as using web scrapping of a Wikipedia page about Falcon-9 launches.
- In both cases we use Python. For the REST API we use Python's requests library to obtain data in JSON format. Then we use panda's json\_normalize function to convert the data to a dataframe. We then select only the relevant data from the dataframe to construct a dictionary of the futures that we desire. Finally, we clean the data and save it into a csv file for future analysis.
- For the Wikipedia webpage scrapping, we use Python's BeautifulSoup library in addition to the requests library. We parse the requested webpage using html.parser. Again, constructing a dictionary of the futures we desire and then converting the dictionary to a data frame and then saving it in csv format.

# Data Collection - SpaceX API

- Import libraries and define auxiliary functions.
- Request and parse SpaceX launch data using GET request.
- Use json\_normalize()
  method to convert JSON
  result into a dataframe.
- Save desired data into a csv file.

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We will import the following libraries into the lab
             # Requests allows us to make HTTP requests which we will use to get data from an API
In [1]:
          2 import requests
          3 # Pandas is a software library written for the Python programming language for data mc
          4 import pandas as pd
          5 # NumPy is a library for the Python programming language, adding support for large, mu
          6 import numpy as np
          7 # Datetime is a library that allows us to represent dates
          1 # Takes the dataset and uses the rocket column to call the API and append the data to the
In [2]:
          2 def getBoosterVersion(data):
                 for x in data['rocket']:
                    if x:
                     response = requests.get("https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/rockets/"+str(x)).json()
                     BoosterVersion.append(response['name'])
In [6]:
             spacex url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
In [7]:
            response = requests.get(spacex url)
In [11]:
              # Use json_normalize meethod to convert the json result into a dataframe
           2 data = pd.json normalize(response.json())
```

https://github.com/nsetgil/IBM-DS-

# Data Collection - Scraping

- Import necessary Python libraries and create auxiliary functions.
- Using requests.get() method to scrape Wikipedia webpage.
- Using BeautifulSoup html.parser parser on requested data.
- Obtain necessary data (in table) from the soup object to construct a dataframe with desired columns.
- Save the dataframe as a csv file.

https://github.com/nsetgil/IBM-DS-Capstone/blob/c1097ce34cd8474003209e0ea6e574a89567ec7 b/IBM%20DS%20Capstone%20Web%20Scrape.ipynb

```
In [1]:
               1 import sys
                  import requests
                  from bs4 import BeautifulSoup
                  import re
                  import unicodedata
                  import pandas as pd
              and we will provide some helper functions for you to process web scraped HTML table
     In [2]:
                  def date time(table cells):
                      This function returns the data and time from the HTML table
                      Input: the element of a table data cell extracts extra row
                      return [data time.strip() for data time in list(table cells.s
               8 def booster version(table cells):
1 static_url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Falcon_9_ar
```

# **Data Wrangling**

- In this Lab we prepare data obtained in the previous Lab into a desired format.
- Identify percent of missing values in each attribute (column) of data.
- Identify the data types of each column.
- Identify the number of launches in each site.
- Calculate number of occurrence of each orbit.
- Find out mission outcome per orbit type.
- Create landing outcome label from outcome.
- Save dataframe in csv format.

```
df.isnull().sum()/df.count()*100
df.dtypes
# Apply value_counts() on column LaunchSite
df.LaunchSite.value counts()
# Apply value counts on Orbit column
df.Orbit.value_counts()
# landing outcomes = values on Outcome column
landing outcomes = df.Outcome.value_counts()
# landing class = 0 if bad outcome
# landing class = 1 otherwise
landing class = []
for key, value in df["Outcome"].items():
     if value in bad outcomes:
        landing class.append(0)
     else:
        landing class.append(1)
df.to csv("dataset part 2.csv", index=False)
```

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<u>Capstone/blob/c1097ce34cd8474003209e0ea6e574a89567ec7b/IBM%20DS%20Capstone%20Data%20Wrangling.ipynb</u>

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

- Visualize relationship between Flight Number and Payload in kg. We observe that initial flights have low payload, increasing gradually as flight number increases.
- Visualize relationships between **Flight Number and Launch Site**. Launch sites KSC and VAFB have the most success recovering Falcon-9 rockets. The success rate for launch site CCAFS is mixed.
- Visualize relationship between **Payload and Launch Site**. For the very heavy payloads (i.e. greater than 10,000 kg) the launch site VAFB is not used. Also success rate is higher in heavy payloads.
- Visualize relationship between **Orbit and Success Rate**. The recovery success rate for orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO are 100%. For other orbits it is between 50% and 85%. Therefore the higher orbit flights are likely to be successful.
- Visualize relationship between **Payload and Orbit type**. Very heavy payloads are delivered to ISS, PO and VLO orbits. The recovery of the rockets for these is very successful.
- Visualize Success Rate yearly trend. We observe the success rate is improving throughout the years.

## **EDA** with SQL

#### Queries Performed Using SQL:

- Display the names of unique launch sites.
- Display 5 records where launch sites begin with string 'CCA'
- Display total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS).
- Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1.
- List the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved.
- List the names of boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000 kg.
- List total number of successful and failure mission outcomes.
- List the names of the booster versions which have carried the maximum payload mass.
- 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.
- Rank the count of successful landing\_outcomes between the date 04-06-2010 and 20-03-2017 in descending order.

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## Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- We have build an interactive map of Launch Sites using Folium.
- In order to demonstrate the failed and successful recovery of Falcon-9 rockets at a particular site we have build a marker\_cluster child object. These object have red color if the recovery is failed and green color if the rocket recovery is successful.
- In order to find out the distance between given coordinates (such as between the launch site and railroad line), we build a distance\_marker child object. Using the coordinates of the launch site and a landmark, distance marker shows how far the landmark is away from the launch site.

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## Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- We have build an interactive dashboard for Falcon-9 launch sites using Plotly Dash.
- By using Dash, we can visualize the successful Falcon-9 rocket recovery rate at each launch site by selecting the site from a selection menu.
- By using Dash, we can also visualize successful and failed recoveries of Falcon-9 rockets according to their payloads during the launch. The payload values can be interactively chosen by a slider to visualize the results dynamically.

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# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- Using the Machine Learning classification models, Logistic Regression, Support Vector Machines (SVM), Decision Tree and K Nearest Neighbors (KNN) we predict if a Falcon-9 rocket can be successfully landed.
- The data is split into training and test sets. Each model is trained on the training set data and then model accuracy is calculated using the data in the test set.
- For each model, the prediction accuracy of Falcon-9 landing outcome and the related confusion matrix are calculated.

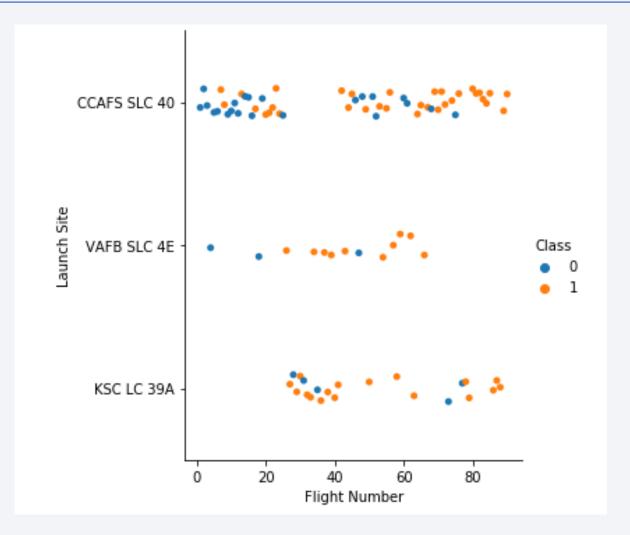
#### Results

- From the Exploratory data analysis we obtained following results:
  - Payload of Falcon-9 rocket is increasing gradually throughout the years.
  - Success rate of landing outcome of Falcon-9 rockets is increasing throughout the years.
- From Interactive analytics demo we observe that:
  - Landing sites of Falcon-9 rockets are in California and Florida.
  - Florida site have the highest number of successful landing of Falcon-9 rockets.
- From Predictive analysis we observe that:
  - Decision Tree classification method has the highest predication accuracy, even though other models also have high prediction accuracy.



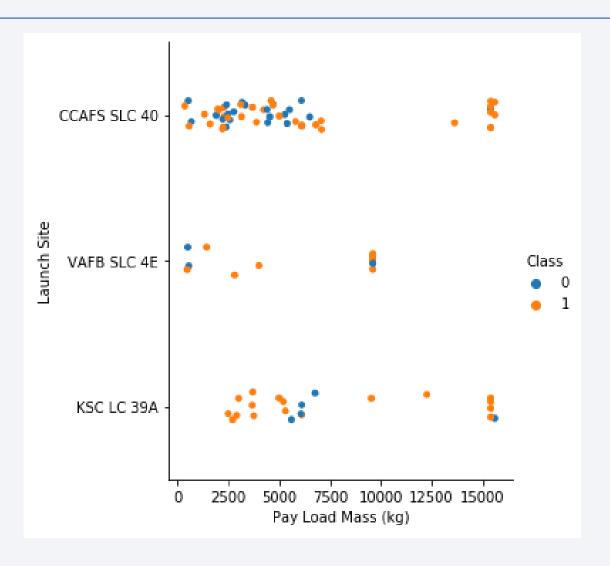
# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- Launches from all sites have better landing outcomes as flight numbers increases.
- Most of the launches take place in CCAFS launch site.



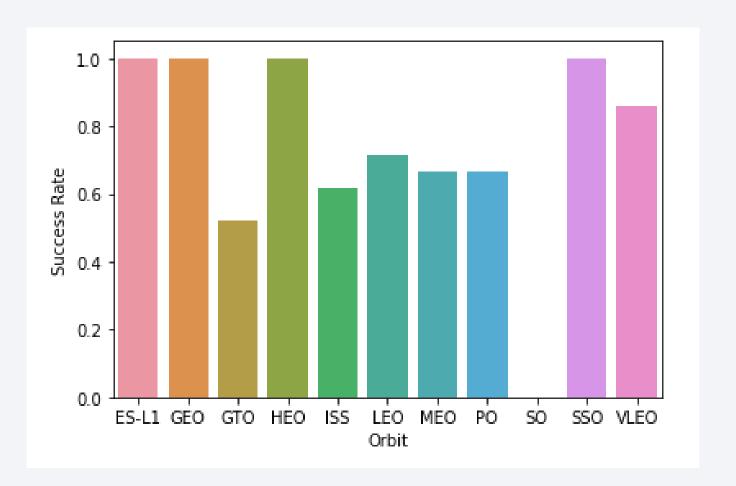
## Payload vs. Launch Site

- The payload for majority of launches is less than 7,500 kg.
- Majority of launches from KSC LC 39-A launch site have successful landing outcome.



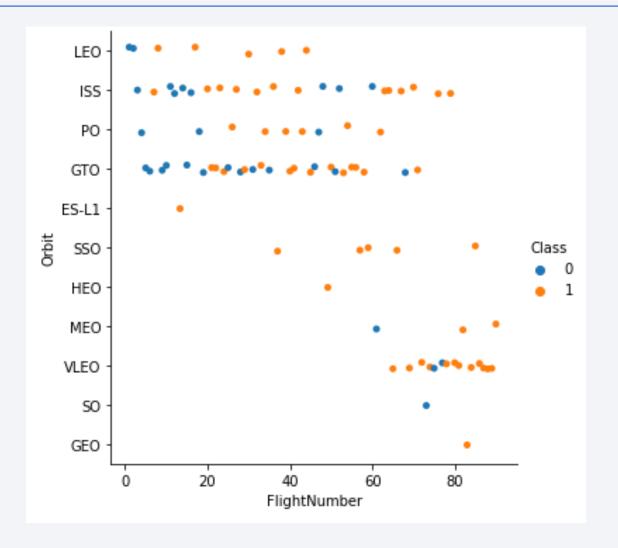
## Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

- The Falcon-9 rocket launches to ES-L1, GEO, HEO and SSO orbits have landing success rate of 100%.
- The Falcon-9 rocket launches to other orbits have landing success rate between 50% and 85%



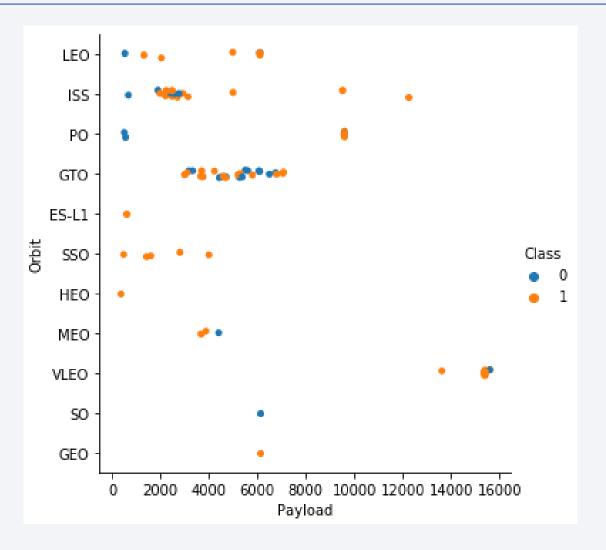
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- Launches to higher orbits (SSO, HEO, MEO, VLEO, SO and GEO) are becoming more common as flight number increases.
- Success rate of Falcon-9 landings is increasing with flight number for all orbits.



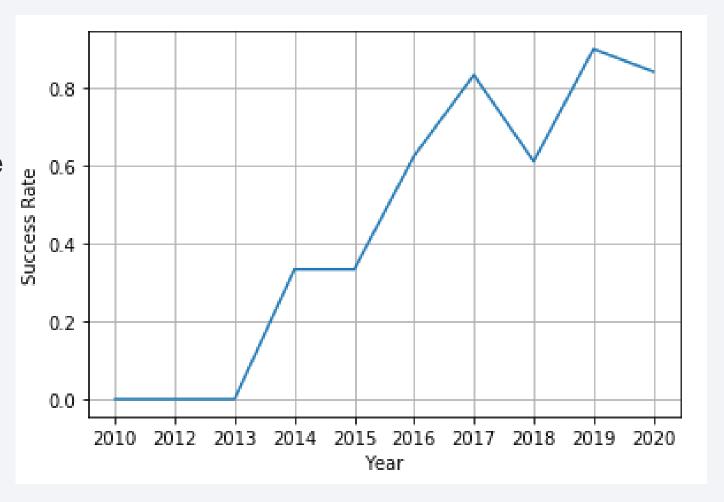
## Payload vs. Orbit Type

- The payload to orbit VLEO us greater than 13,000 kg.
- The number of launches with payload greater than 9,000 is very low.
- Payload amount is not a good indicator if the rocket will land successfully.



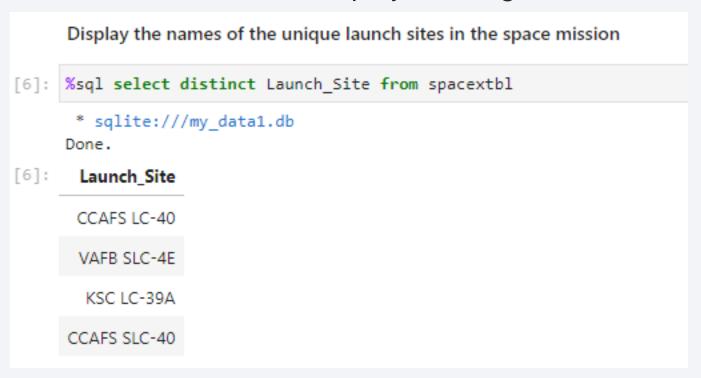
# Launch Success Yearly Trend

- Success rate of Falcon-9 rocket landing is improving steadily since 2013.
- 80% of Falcon-9 rockets are landing successfully and hence can be re-used since 2019.



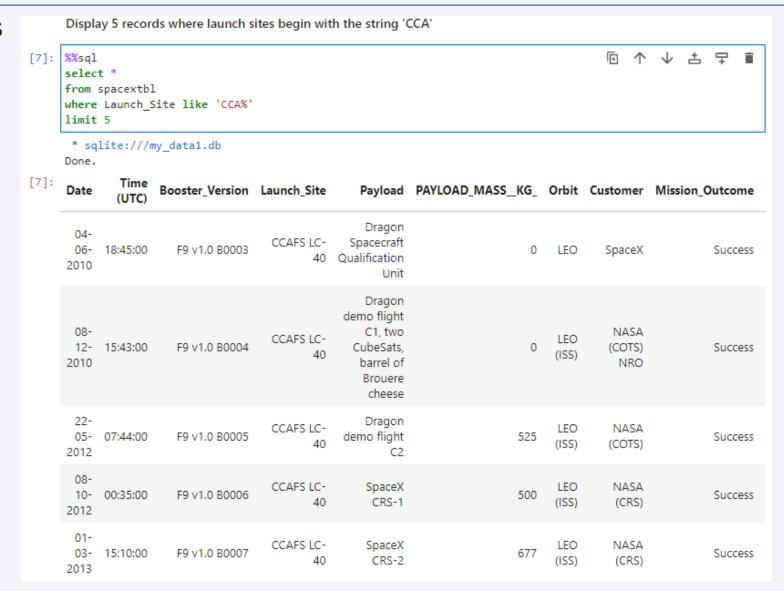
#### All Launch Site Names

Unique launch site names are displayed using the distinct keyword



# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

 Display 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`



## **Total Payload Mass**

 Display the total payload carried by boosters from NASA

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

[8]: 

%%sql
select sum(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)
from spacextbl
where Customer = 'NASA (CRS)'

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.

[8]: 

sum(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)

45596
```

## Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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

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

[9]: %%sql
select avg(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_), Booster_Version from spacextbl
where Booster_Version = 'F9 v1.1'

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

[9]: avg(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) Booster_Version

2928.4 F9 v1.1
```

## First Successful Ground Landing Date

• Display the date of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad.

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

 Display names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

```
[60]: %%sql
      SELECT Booster Version, PAYLOAD MASS KG , "Landing Outcome"
      from spacextbl
      where "Landing Outcome" = 'Success (drone ship)'
      and PAYLOAD MASS KG between 4000 and 6000
       * sqlite:///my data1.db
      Done.
[60]:
      Booster_Version PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ Landing_Outcome
                                      4696 Success (drone ship)
           F9 FT B1022
                                      4600 Success (drone ship)
          F9 FT B1026
         F9 FT B1021.2
                                      5300 Success (drone ship)
                                      5200 Success (drone ship)
         F9 FT B1031.2
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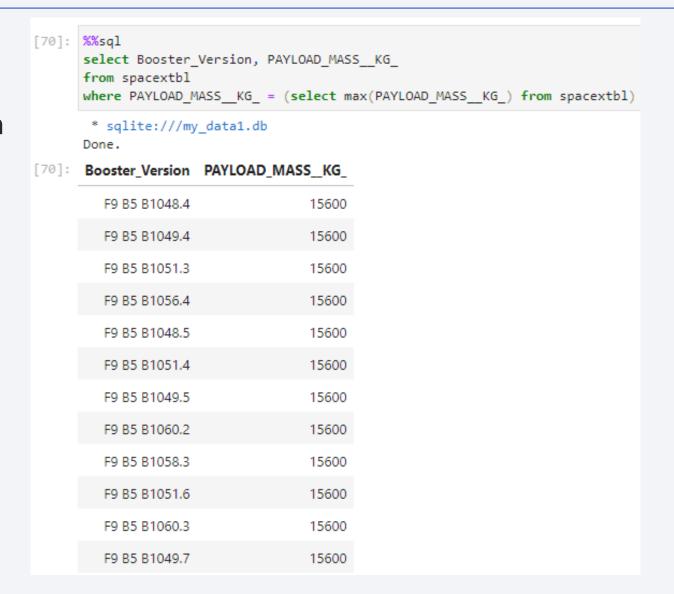
#### Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

- Display the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes.
- We observe that all of the mission outcomes of the Falcon-9 rocket are successful, except 1.

```
[22]: %%sql
      select COUNT(Mission Outcome) as "# of successful missions"
      from spacextbl
      where Mission Outcome LIKE 'Success%';
       * sqlite:///my data1.db
      Done.
[22]: # of successful missions
                        100
[23]: %%sql
      select COUNT(Mission Outcome) as "# of failed missions"
      from spacextbl
      where Mission_Outcome LIKE 'Failure%'
       * sqlite:///my data1.db
      Done.
[23]: # of failed missions
```

## **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

 Display the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass.



#### 2015 Launch Records

- Display the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015.
- We observe that in months of January and April of 2015 the drone ship landings of Falcon-9 rockets have failed.

```
[79]: %%sql
      select substr(Date, 7,4) as Year, substr(Date, 4, 2) as Month
      Booster Version, Launch Site, "Landing Outcome"
      from spacextbl
      where "Landing Outcome" = 'Failure (drone ship)'
      and substr(Date, 7,4) = '2015'
       * sqlite:///my data1.db
      Done.
      Year Month Booster_Version Launch_Site Landing_Outcome
      2015
                      F9 v1.1 B1012 CCAFS LC-40 Failure (drone ship)
                      F9 v1.1 B1015 CCAFS LC-40 Failure (drone ship)
      2015
                04
```

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

• We observe that most of the landings are successful between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20.

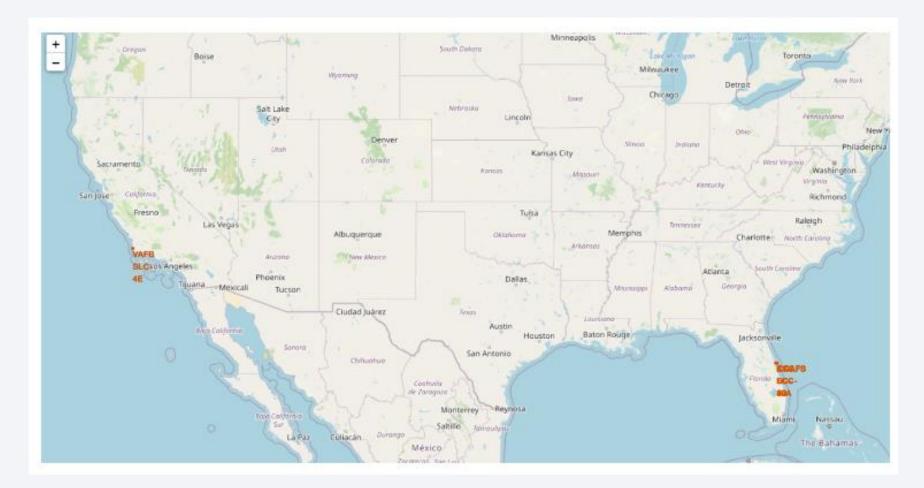
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[57]: %%sql
       select "Landing _Outcome", count("Landing Outcome") as Rank
       from spacextbl
       where Date between '04-06-2010' and '20-03-2017'
       group by "Landing Outcome"
       order by rank desc
        * sqlite:///my data1.db
       Done.
        Landing Outcome Rank
                   Success
                              20
               No attempt
                              10
        Success (drone ship)
       Success (ground pad)
         Failure (drone ship)
                    Failure
         Controlled (ocean)
         Failure (parachute)
               No attempt
```



## All Launch Sites Locations

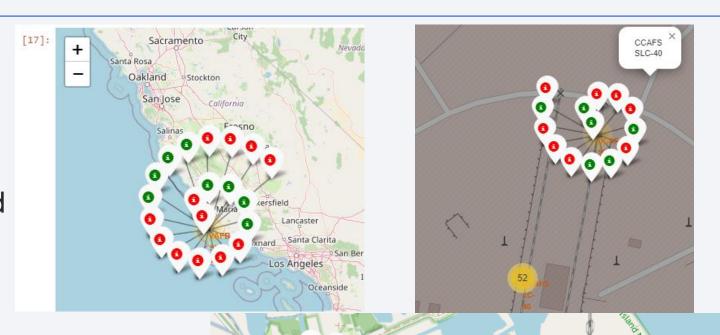
The SpaceX

 Falcon-9
 launch sites
 are located in
 Florida and
 California



## Color Labeled Launch Outcomes at Launch Sites

 Green markers show successful landings. Red markers show failed landings.



## Distance to Railroad, Highway and Coastline

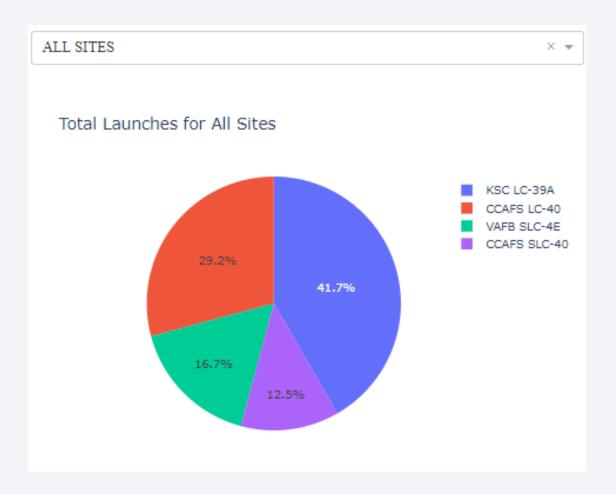
 It is observed that CCAFS SLC-40 launch site is 0.86 km to Florida coastline, 0.58 km to the nearest highway and 1.28 km to the nearest railway line.





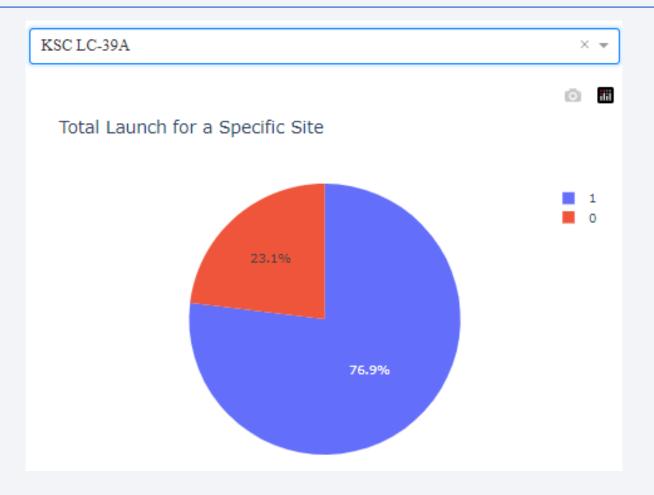
### Launch Successes for All Sites

 Most of the landing successes (41.7%) are at KSC LC-39 launch site.



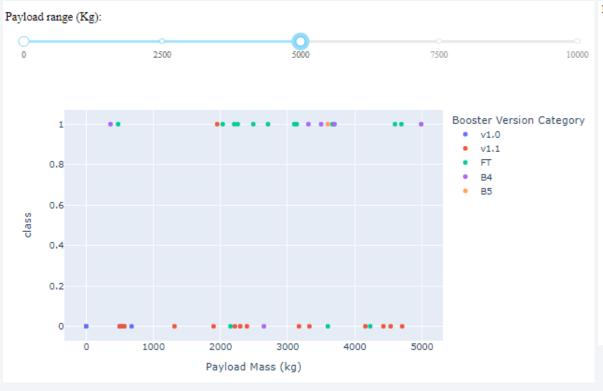
## Launch Site with Highest Launch Success Ratio

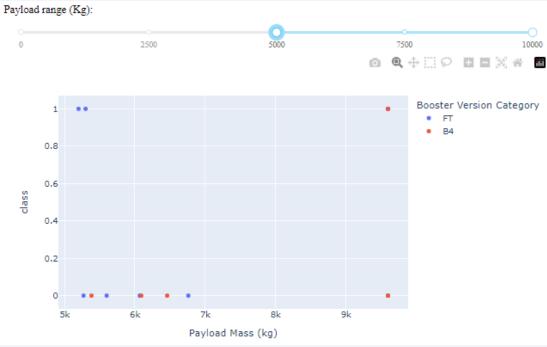
KSC LC-39A is the launch site
with the highest success ratio.
That is for the 76.9% of the
launches from this site, the
first stage of the Falcon-9
rocket landed successfully.



## Payload vs. Launch Outcome for All Sites

- When payload is less than 5,000 kg all booster versions are used.
- When payload is greater than 5,000 kg only the booster versions FT and B4 are used.
- Each booster version launched can successfully land or fail to land. There is no clear choice.

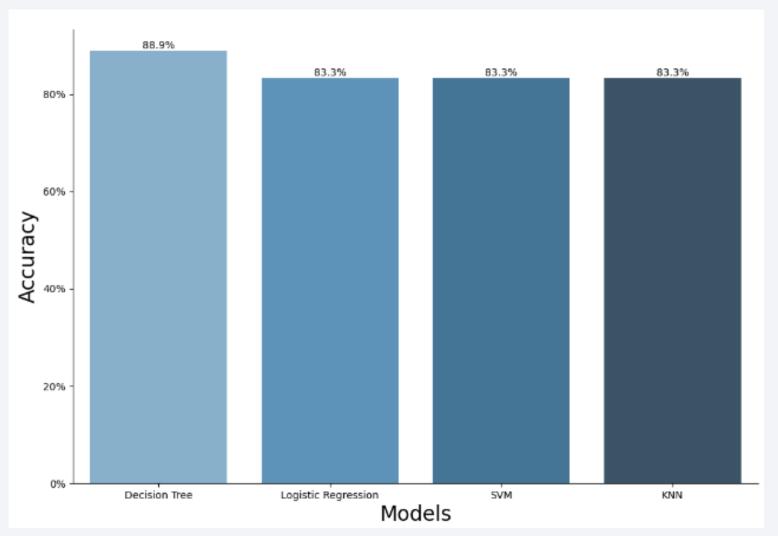






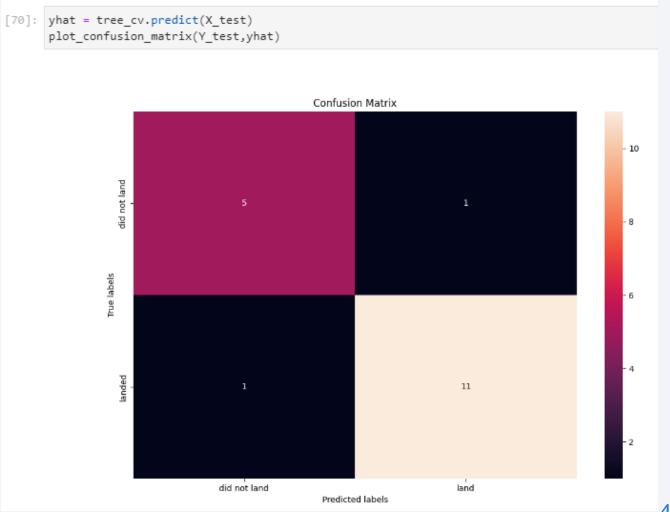
## Classification Model Accuracy

- Decision Tree model has the highest accuracy with 88.9% to predict a launch outcome.
- Other classification models have 83.3% accuracy to predict the launch outcome.



# Confusion Matrix of Best Performing Model

 Decision Tree classification model has the confusion matrix from the test samples, such that there are 5 true negatives and 11 true positives. There is only 1 false negative and 1 false positive.



#### Conclusions

- We observed that the 1<sup>st</sup> stage of Falcon-9 rocket landing success improved significantly over the years.
- We also observed that ML classification models can be trained with a high accuracy to predict the landing outcome of Falcon-9 rocket.
- In this capstone we have used API requests, webpage scrapping, SQL queries, Folio maps and Plotly Dash to obtain data, query data and visualize data to have insights. We have also used ML classification models to predict the landing outcome of a Falcon-9 rocket with high accuracy.

