

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

Summary of methodologies

- Data collection through use of Web Scrapping & APIs
- Data Wrangling & Analysis through use of SQL & Python
- Interactive Visual mapping with Folium
- Predictive Analysis for different models using Machine Learning

Summary of all results

- Exploratory Data Analysis & Visualization results
- Predictive Analysis results

Introduction

Project background and context:

• The overall goal of this project is to predict whether or not the first stage of the Falcon 9 rocket will land successfully. On the SpaceX website, the estimated cost of Falcon 9 rocket launches is advertised to be 62 million dollars; other companies advertise an estimated cost of 165 million dollars or more. Through successful landings of the first stage of the Falcon 9 rocket, SpaceX can reuse this key component for future rockets.

Problems to address:

- Considering all factors, which ones contribute the most to a successful landing?
- What degree of impact does each interaction between rocket variables have on the outcome?
- What operating conditions are favorable for SpaceX rocket launches?



Methodology

Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
 - SpaceX Rest API
 - Web Scraping from Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
 - One-Hot Encoding categorical data fields as binary vectors for machine learning algorithms and dropping null or irrelevant values
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
 - Generated scatter and bar plots to analyze patterns between variables
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
 - Folium & Plotly Dash Visualizations
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - Build, tune, evaluate classification models

Data Collection

- Data collection is the process of gathering and measuring information on variables of interest, in an established systematic fashion that enables one to answer stated research questions, test hypotheses, and evaluate outcomes.
- For this project, the data sets were collected through SpaceX's API & Web Scraped from the SpaceX Wikipedia Page.



The process starts with getting data from API or Web Page

Convert the data into a dataframe

Filter the dataframe for analysis

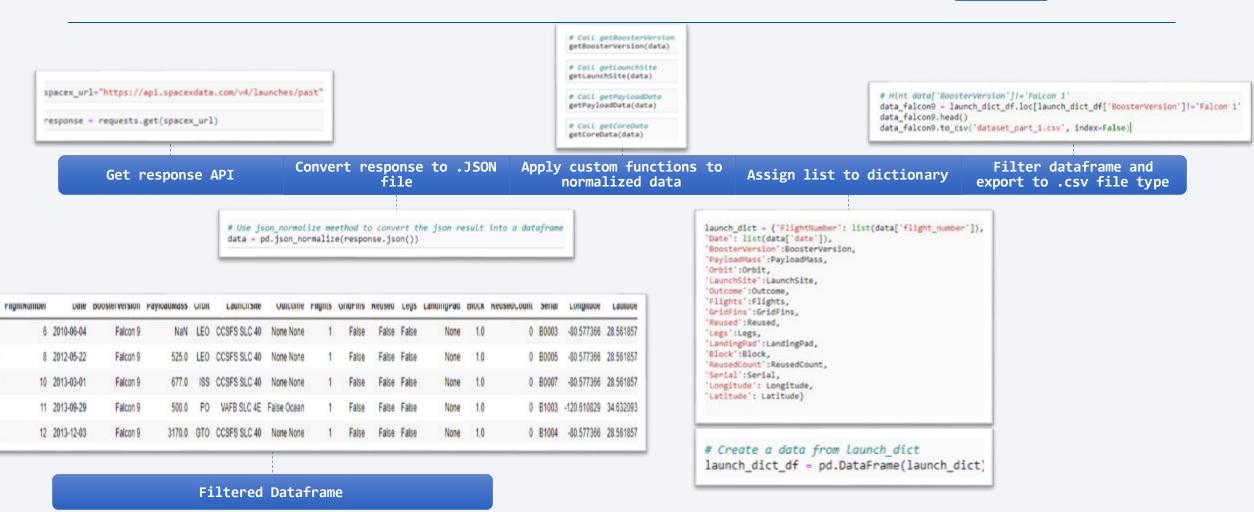
Export to flat file





Data Collection - SpaceX API

Data Collection API URL



Data Collection - Scraping

Data Collection with Web Scraping URL

Get response from URL

static_url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List_of_Falcon_9_and_Falcon_Heavy_launches&oldid=1027686922"
r = requests.get(static_url)
print(r.content)

Create BeautifulSoup object

soup = BeautifulSoup(r.content)

Find tables

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Get column names

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Create Dictionary and append data

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Convert Dictionary to Dataframe

Export to .CSV

```
html_tables = soup.find_all('table')
first_launch_table = html_tables[2]
print(first_launch_table)
```

launch_dict= dict.fromkeys(column_names)

Empty Dictionary with Keys

```
# Remove an irrelvant column
del launch_dict['Date and time ( )']

# Let's initial the launch_dict with each value to be an empty list
launch_dict['Flight No.'] = []
launch_dict['Launch site'] = []
launch_dict['Payload'] = []
launch_dict['Payload mass'] = []
launch_dict['Orbit'] = []
launch_dict['Customer'] = []
launch_dict['Launch outcome'] = []
# Added some new columns
launch_dict['Version Booster'] = []
launch_dict['Booster landing'] = []
launch_dict['Date'] = []
launch_dict['Date'] = []
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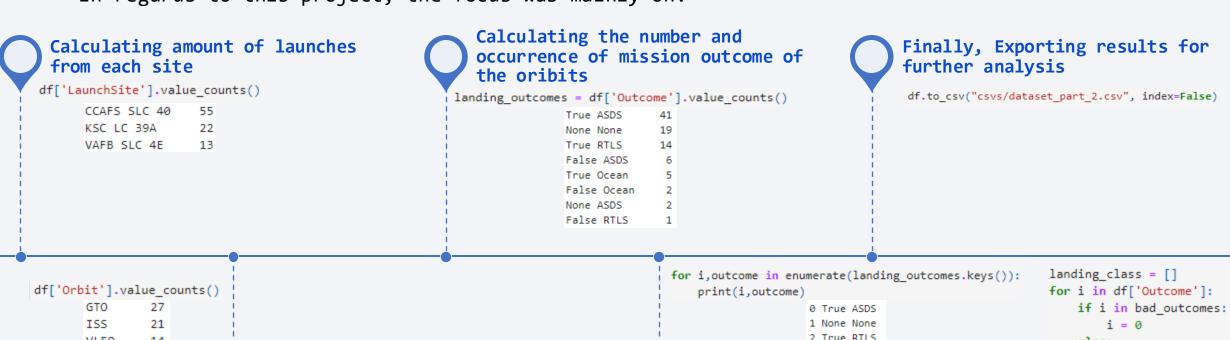
	Flight No.	Launch site	Payload	Payload mass	Orbit	Customer	Launch outcome	Version Booster	Booster landing	Date	Time
0	1	CCAFS	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success\n	F9 v1.0B0003.1	Failure	4 June 2010	18:45
1	2	CCAFS	Dragon	0	LEO	NASA (COTS)\nNRO	Success	F9 v1.0B0004.1	Failure	8 December 2010	15:43
2	3	CCAFS	Dragon	525 kg	LEO	NASA (COTS)	Success	F9 v1.0B0005.1	No attempt\n	22 May 2012	07:44
3	4	CCAFS	SpaceX CRS-1	4,700 kg	LEO	NASA (CRS)	Success\n	F9 v1.0B0006.1	No attempt	8 October 2012	00:35
4	5	CCAFS	SpaceX CRS-2	4,877 kg	LEO	NASA (CRS)	Success\n	F9 v1.0B0007.1	No attempt\n	1 March 2013	15:10

Data Wrangling

EDA Data Wrangling Lab URL

Data wrangling is the process of transforming messy or unorganized data for the purpose of analysis.

In regards to this project, the focus was mainly on:



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ISS 21
VLEO 14
PO 9
LEO 7
SSO 5
MEO 3
ES-L1 1
HEO 1
SO 1
GEO 1

Calculating occurrence for each type of orbit
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Creating training labels based on

mission outcome

EDA with Data Visualization

Exploratory Data Analaysis with Visualization URL

Scatter Plots Drawn:

Pay load Mass (kg) and Flight Number Launch Site and Flight Number Launch Site and Pay load Mass (kg) Orbit and Flight Number Orbit and Pay load Mass (kg)

A scatter plot (aka scatter chart, scatter graph) uses dots to represent values for two different numeric variables. The position of each dot on the horizontal and vertical axis indicates values for an individual data point. Scatter plots are used to observe relationships between variables.



Bar Plot Drawn:

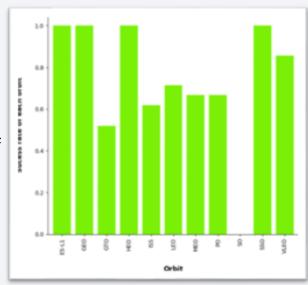
Orbit VS. Class (Success Rate)

A bar chart describes the comparisons between categories. One of the axis of the plot represents the specific categories being compared, while the other axis represents the measured values corresponding to those categories.

Line Plot Drawn:

Launch Success Yearly Trend

Line charts are a fundamental chart type generally used to show change in values across time.





EDA with SQL

Exploratory Data Analysis with SQL URL

Structured query language (SQL) is a programming language for storing and processing information in a relational database. A relational database stores information in tabular form, with rows and columns representing different data attributes and the various relationships between the data values. Here we use IBM's Db2 for Cloud, which is a fully managed SQL Database provided as a service.

Connecting to Database and Environment Setup:

```
!pip install --force-reinstall ibm_db==3.1.0 ibm_db_sa==0.3.3
!pip install sqlalchemy==1.3.24
!pip uninstall ipython-sql -y
!pip install ipython-sql==0.4.1
%load_ext sql
%sql ibm_db_sa://my-username:my-password@my-hostname:my-port/my-db-name?security=SSL
%sql <query>
```

SQL queries performed for this assignment:

- Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission.
- Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'.
- Display the 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 the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000.
- List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes.
- names of the booster versions which have carried the maximum payload mass using a subquery.
- List the failed landing_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015.
- 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.

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

Interactive
Visual
Analytics with
Folium Lab URL

Folium builds on the data wrangling strengths of the Python ecosystem and the mapping strengths of the leaflet.js library. For this assignment, we used the longitude and latitude coordinates for each launch site that labels each site accordingly. We also added circle markers to make each launch site easily identifiable on the map. The number of Successful/Failure launches is shown within the circle markers as well.

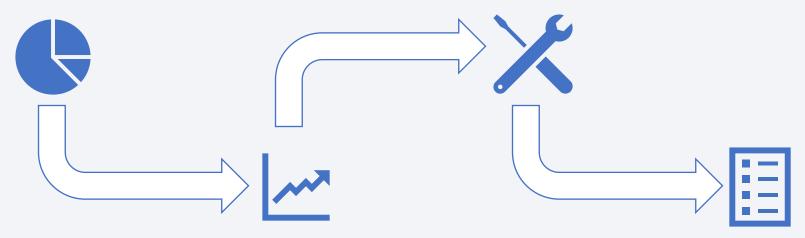
Map Objects	Code	Result
Map Marker	folium.Marker()	Map object to mark coordinates on a map.
Icon Marker	<pre>folium.Icon()</pre>	Create an icon on map.
Circle Marker	folium.Circle()	Create a circle where Marker is being placed.
PolyLine	Folium.PolyLine()	Create a line between points.
Marker Cluster Object	MarkerCluster()	Simplify a map containing many markers having the same coordinate.
Ant Path	<pre>foliums.plugins.AntPath()</pre>	Create an animated line between points.

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

During this lab, I built an interactive dashboard with graphs to help analyze the SpaceX data.

Plots/Graphs & Interactions:

- Plotted Pie Charts to show the total number of launches by each site.
- Plotted Scatter Graphs to show the correlation between Outcome and Payload Mass (kg) for the unique booster versions.
- Created a dropdown menu for launch sites
- Created a rangeslider for Payload Mass (kg) range selection

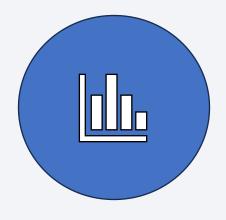


Predictive Analysis (Classification)

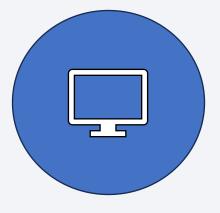
Machine Learning Prediction URL

- Developing Model
- Import Libraries & define auxillary functions
- Load the dataframes
- Define NumPy arrays using 'Class' Column
- Standardize & transform data
- Split data into training and test sets
- Select Machine Learning Algorithms
 - Logistic Regression
 - Support Vector Machine
 - Decision Tree Classifier
 - K-Nearest Neighbor
- Set parameters and algorithms to GridSearchCV
- Fit dataset into GridSearchCV objects for each algorithm
- Train the models
- Check accuracy for each model
- Gather most optimal hyper parameters for each type of algorithm
- Identify most accurate models

Results



Exploratory Data Analysis Results



Interactive analytics demo in screenshots

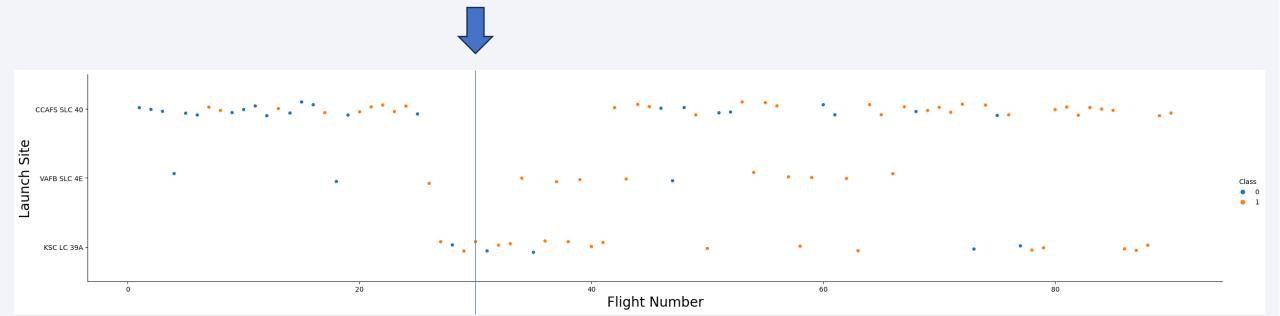


Predictive analysis results



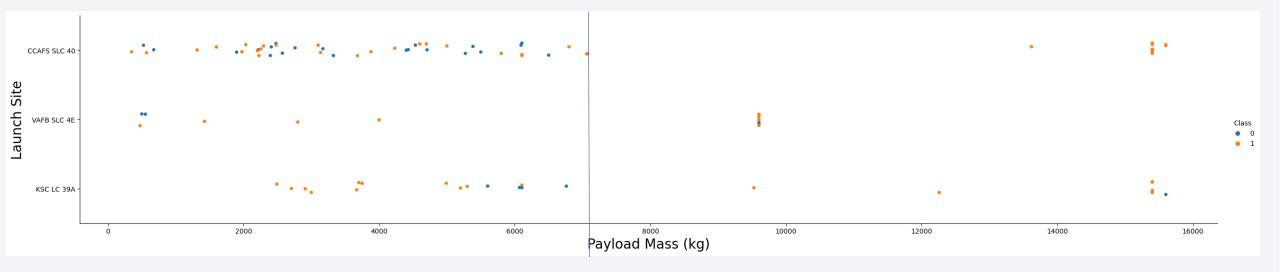
Flight Number vs. Launch Site

With higher flight numbers (greater than 30) the success rate for Falcon 9 rocket is increasing.



Payload vs. Launch Site

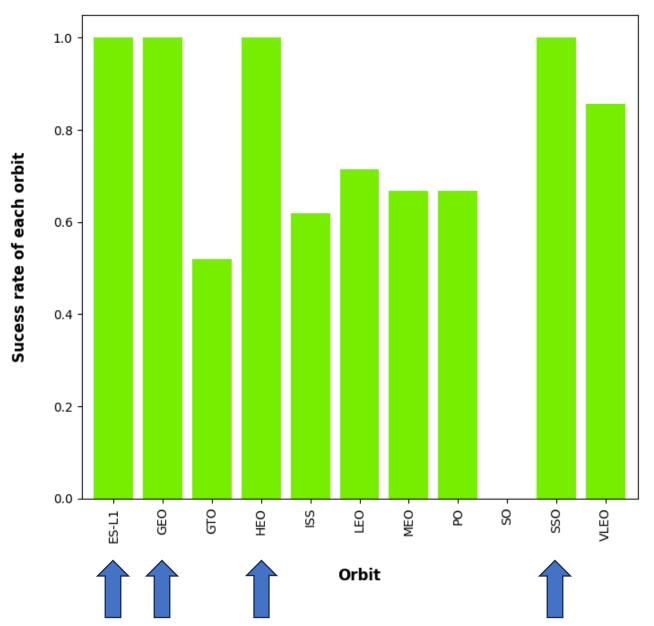
The greater the payload mass (greater than 7000 kg) the higher the success rate for the Falcon 9 rocket. Could likely use more data points to determine whether or not this insight is correct.



Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

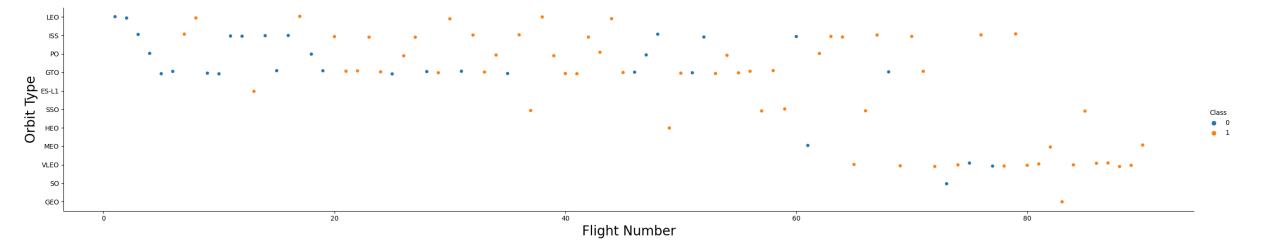
Highest Success rate per orbit type:

- ES-L1
- GEO
- HEO
- SS0



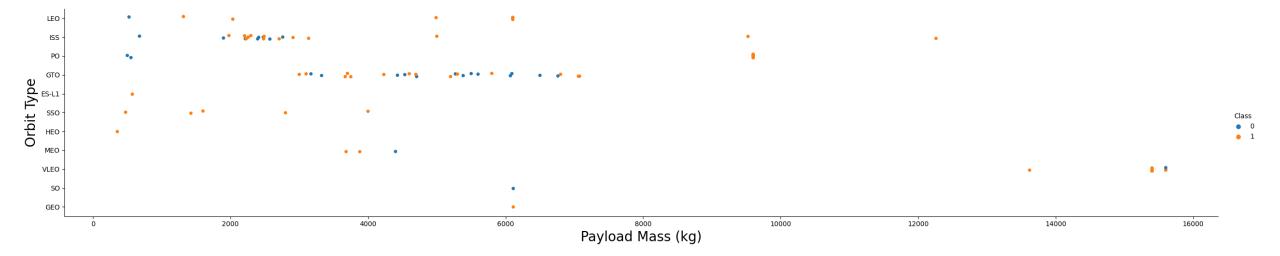
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

We can identify that the LEO type increases with number of flights, whereas, in regards to GTO type, there is no relationship between number of flights and type of orbit.



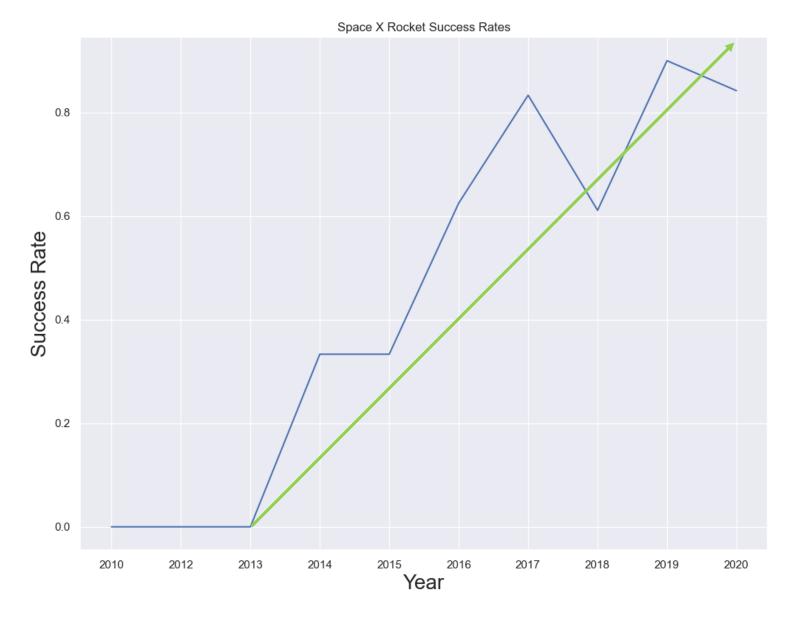
Payload vs. Orbit Type

We can identify that heavier payloads have a positive influence on LEO & ISS types. While heavier payloads, have a negative influence on MEO, GTO, & VLEO types.



Launch Success Yearly Trend

We can identify that success rate since 2013 has constantly increased.



All Launch Site Names

Using UNIQUE() in this query will only return each distinct launch site from the SpaceX table. As shown in the figures below.

%sql select Unique(LAUNCH_SITE) from SPACEX;

	launchsite
0	KSC LC-39A
1	CCAFS LC-40
2	CCAFS SLC-40
3	VAFB SLC-4E

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

Using keyword LIMIT 5 we return the first 5 records from the SpaceX table. With keyword LIKE specifying 'CCA%', we return any launch site that begins with 'CCA.'

%sql select LAUNCH_SITE from SPACEX where (LAUNCH_SITE) LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5;

	date	time	boosterversion	launchsite	payload	payloadmasskg	orbit	customer	missionoutcome	landingoutcome
0	2010-04- 06	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
1	2010-08- 12	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of	0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	Failure (parachute)
2	2012-05-	07:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
3	2012-08- 10	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
4	2013-01-	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 80007	CCAFS LC-	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

Total Payload Mass

Using SUM() in the select statement we can find the total of the payload_mass_kg_column. Specifying with CUSTOMER = 'NASA (CRS)' in the where statement will only return the total payload mass where the customer is 'NASA (CRS).'

```
%sql select SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) from SPACEX where CUSTOMER = 'NASA (CRS)';

total_payloadmass
0 45596
```

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

Using AVG() in the select statement we can find the average of the payload_mass_kg_ column. Specifying with BOOSTER_VERSION = 'F9 v1.1' in the where statement will only return the total payload mass where the booster version is 'F9 v1.1.'

```
%sql select AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) from SPACEX where BOOSTER_VERSION = 'F9 v1.1';
```

```
avg_payloadmass

0 2928.4
```

First Successful Ground Landing Date

Using MIN() in the select statement we can find the lowest or earliest date in the DATE column. Specifying with LANDING_OUTCOME = 'Success (ground pad)' in the where statement will only return the landing outcome where LANDING_OUTCOME is equal to 'Success (ground pad).'

```
%sql·select·MIN(DATE) from SPACEX where LANDING_OUTCOME = 'Success (ground pad)';
```

```
firstsuccessfull_landing_date

0 2015-12-22
```

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

Selecting only BOOSTER_VERSION, the WHERE clause filters the dataset to LANDING_OUTCOME = Success (drone ship). The AND clause specifies additional filter conditions. In this case, the payload mass being greater than 4000 kg and less than 6000 kg.

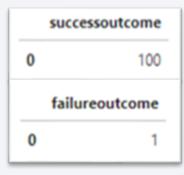
%sql select BOOSTER_VERSION from SPACEX where LANDING_OUTCOME = 'Success (drone ship)' and PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ > 4000 and < 6000

	poosterversion
0	F9 FT B1022
1	F9 FT B1026
2	F9 FT B1021.2
3	F9 FT B1031.2

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

Using COUNT() in the select statement and LIKE in the WHERE clause while specifying 'Success%' or 'Failure%' for each query will return the total number of rows that match that criteria.

```
%%sql*
select*COUNT(MissionOutcome)*AS*SuccessOutcome*from*SPACEX*where*MissionOutcome*LIKE*'Success%';
select*COUNT(MissionOutcome)*AS*FailureOutcome*from*SPACEX*where*MissionOutcome*LIKE*'Failure%';
```



Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

Using a subquery in the WHERE clause can help to identify which booster versions have carried the MAX() of the PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ column.

%sql select BOOSTER_VERSION as boosterversion from SPACEX where PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_=(select max(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) from SPACEX);

	boosterversion	payloadmasskg
0	F9 B5 B1048.4	15600
1	F9 B5 B1048.5	15600
2	F9 B5 B1049.4	15600
3	F9 B5 B1049.5	15600
4	F9 B5 B1049.7	15600
5	F9 B5 B1051.3	15600
6	F9 B5 B1051.4	15600
7	F9 B5 B1051.6	15600
8	F9 B5 B1056.4	15600
9	F9 B5 B1058.3	15600
10	F9 85 B1060.2	15600
11	F9 85 B1060.3	15600

2015 Launch Records

Using EXTRACT() in the where clause of the query to select only the year 2015 from the DATE column, we can show the LANDING_OUTCOMES = 'Failure (drone ship)' that happened that year.

%sql select LANDING_OUTCOMES, BOOSTER_VERSION, LAUNCH_SITE from SPACEX where LANDING_OUTCOMES = 'Failure (drone ship)' and extract(YEAR from DATE) = 2015;

	boosterversion	launchsite	landingoutcome
0	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)
1	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)

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

Selected Landing Outcomes and the COUNT of landing outcomes from the data and used the WHERE clause to filter for landing outcomes BETWEEN 2010-06-04 to 2010-03-20.

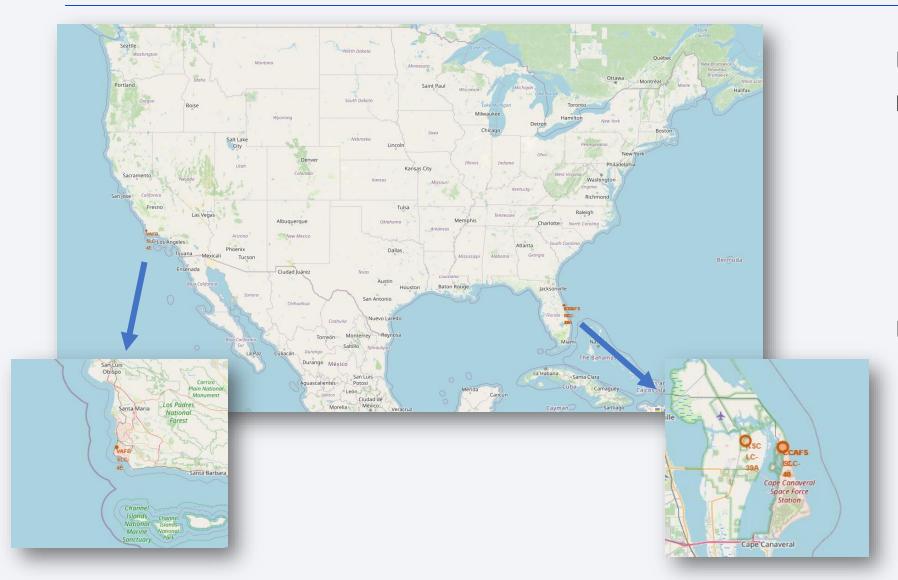
Applied the GROUP BY clause to group the landing outcomes and the order by clause to order the grouped landing outcome in descending order.

%sql SELECT LANDING_OUTCOME, COUNT(LandingOutcome) FROM SPACEX WHERE DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20'GROUP BY LandingOutcome ORDER BY COUNT(LandingOutcome) DESC

count	landingoutcome	
10	No attempt	0
6	Success (drone ship)	1
5	Failure (drone ship)	2
5	Success (ground pad)	3
3	Controlled (ocean)	4
2	Uncontrolled (ocean)	5
1	Precluded (drone ship)	6
1	Failure (parachute)	7



All Launch Sites Using Folium



Using the Folium map, we can identify that all of the launch sites are located near a coast in the United States.

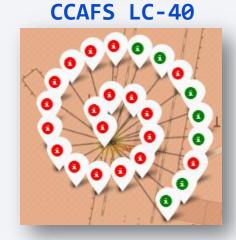
Color-labeled Launch Outcomes

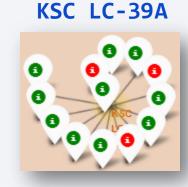


- indicate successful launches
- Red Markers
 indicate failed
 launches

From the use of the color-labeled Folium map, we can identify that launch site KSC LC-39A has the highest percentage of successful launches.





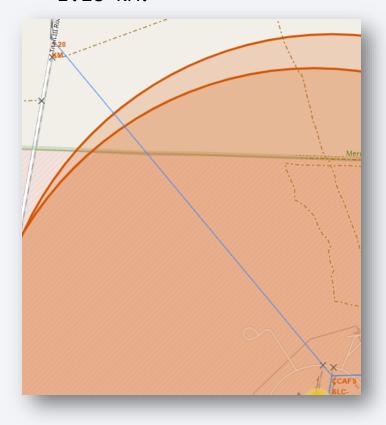






Distance from Important Launch Site Factors

CCAFS SLC-40 distance
from nearest railway is
1.28 KM.



CCAFS SLC-40 distance from nearest highway is 0.58 KM.

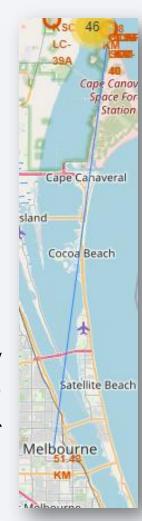


CCAFS SLC-40 distance from nearest coastline is 0.86 KM.



My Findings

- Launch sites are in close proximity to the equator to minimize fuel consumption by using Earth's ~ 30km/sec eastward spin to help spaceships get into orbit.
- Launch sites are in close proximity to coastlines so they can fly over the ocean during launch, for at least two safety reasons-(1) crew has option to abort launch and attempt water landing (2) minimize risk to people and property from falling debris.
- Launch sites are in close proximity to highways, which allows for ease of access for required personnel.
- Launch sites are in close proximity to railways, which allows transport for heavy materials or cargo.
- Launch sites are not in close proximity to cities, which minimizes danger to densely populated areas.

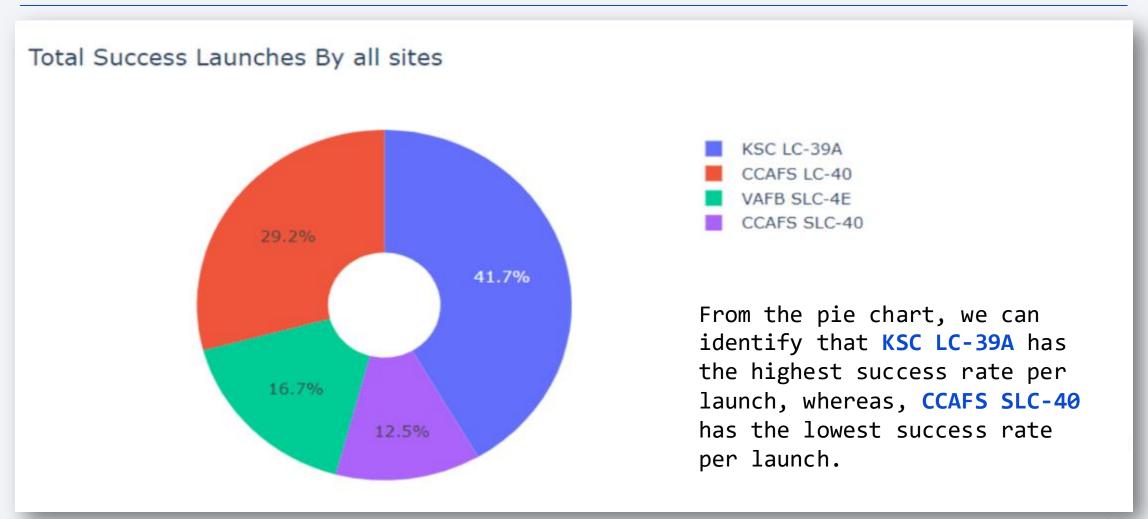


ccafs SLC-40 distance from

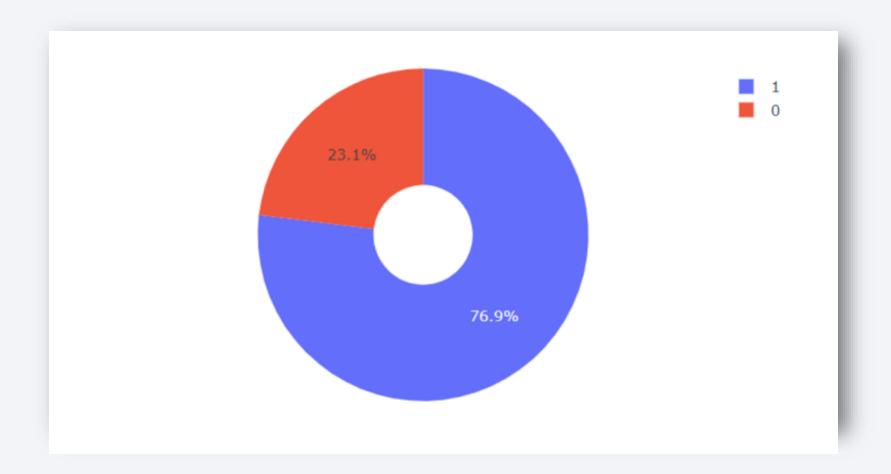
distance from the nearest densely populated city is 51.42 KM.



Launch Success for All Sites



Highest Success Launch Site

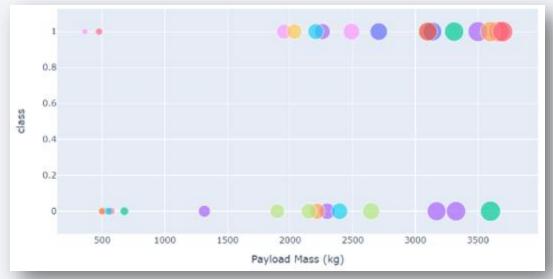


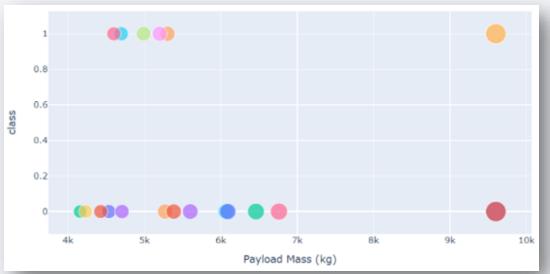
1 = Successful Launch
0 = Failed Launch

According to the data, KSC LC-39A has a 76.9% success rate and a 23.1% failure rate.

Payload Mass vs. Launch Outcome







According to our graphs, the success rates for low-weighted payloads is higher than that of the heavy-weighted payloads.



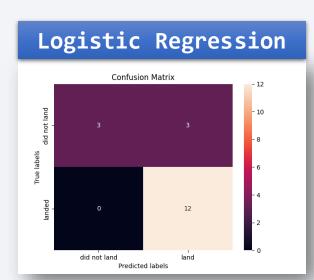
Classification Accuracy

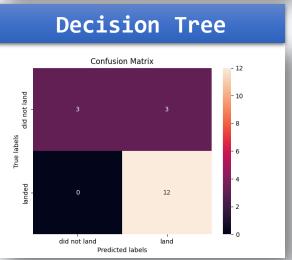
Through the use of the machine learning models, we have found that the Decision Tree Classifier is the model with the highest classification accuracy.

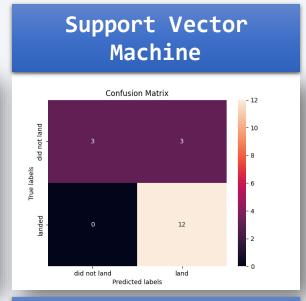
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models = { 'KNeighbors':knn cv.best score ,
               'DecisionTree': tree cv.best score ,
               'LogisticRegression':logreg cv.best score ,
               'SupportVector': svm cv.best score }
 bestalgorithm = max(models, key=models.get)
 print('Best model is', bestalgorithm,'with a score of', models[bestalgorithm])
 if bestalgorithm == 'DecisionTree':
     print('Best params is :', tree_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'KNeighbors':
     print('Best params is :', knn_cv.best_params_)
 if bestalgorithm == 'LogisticRegression':
     print('Best params is :', logreg cv.best params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'SupportVector':
     print('Best params is :', svm_cv.best_params_)
Best model is DecisionTree with a score of 0.8732142857142856
Best params is : {'criterion': 'gini', 'max depth': 6, 'max features': 'auto', 'min samples leaf': 2, 'min samples split': 5, 'splitter': 'random'}
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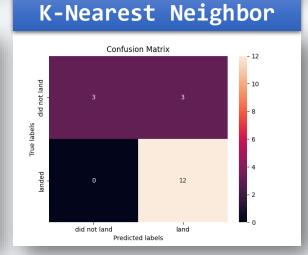
Confusion Matrix

For all of the models, we have the same Confusion
Matrix. This could be from using the same limited data for each or all of them having similar parameters during the modeling process so they all produced the same result.



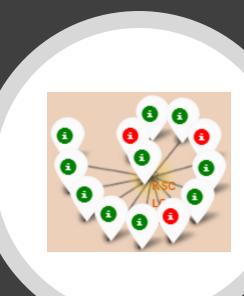


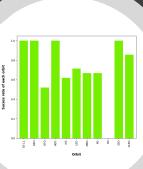


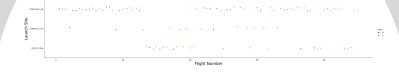


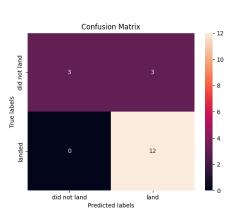
Conclusions

- With higher flight numbers (greater than 30) the success rate for Falcon 9 rocket is increasing.
- ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO orbit types have the highest success rates.
- Falcon 9 rocket launches have steadily increased in success rate over time.
- Launch site KSC LC-39A has the most successful launches, but increasing payload mass seems to negatively impact success.
- The Decision Tree Classifier Algorithm provided the highest amount of accuracy.









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Appendix

Github SpaceX Project Repository

SpaceX API

SpaceX Wiki Page

