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Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

Based on the need to reduce costs and increase the performance of aerospace expeditions, this project aims to predict the successful landing of the first stage of a rocket.

Data from SpaceX Falcon 9 launches was analyzed. The data was collected through an API and web scraping, the steps of cleaning, transforming and then visualizing and manipulating the data through Exploratory Analysis (EDA) were performed, for the prediction of future launches, classification models were used and the proper evaluations of the models.

The developed models presented a good accuracy evaluation and returned satisfactory results, with good confidence.

Introduction

Space exploration is an important topic for the development of human knowledge and new technologies. Investment in rocket launches into space is a business that involves great cost and risk and needs constant improvement.

The aerospace manufacturer SpaceX, was able to reduce the cost of its missions by developing a technology capable of reusing the first stage of the rocket.

SpaceX announces that for its Falcon 9 rocket, it is possible to reduce the cost from \$165 million to \$62 million if the first stage lands safely.

- **Research Question:** Is it possible to predict a successful first stage rocket landing?
- **Goal:** To predict the successful first stage landing of a rocket such as the Falcon 9.

To find the answers and the best results for this project, data on the Falcon 9 launches from the manufacturer SpaceX was analyzed.

Section 1

Methodology

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Executive Summary

Methodological steps:

- Data collection:

Data was collected via the SpaceX API and scraping the Wikipedia page "Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launch list".

- Data Dispute:

The data was cleaned, transformed and observed in order to be able to create a new column that would serve as the target for the models.

- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL.
- Interactive visual analysis using Folium and Plotly Dash.
- Predictive analysis using classification models.
- After feature engineering, the data was standardized and partitioned. Classification models were built and evaluated.

Data Collection

To help in finding the answers to the problem of this project, it was necessary to collect data on SpaceX and Falcon 9 and observe which part could help in the prediction.

- The data was collected in two stages:
 - Through the SpaceX API
 - Scraping the Wikipedia page "Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launch list".

| Objectives: | |
|---------------------------|---|
| API | WEB SCRAPING |
| Request to the SpaceX API | Extract a Falcon 9 launch records HTML table from Wikipedia |
| Clean the requested data | Parse the table and convert it into a Pandas data frame |

Data Collection – SpaceX API

The SpaceX API was accessed using the request library, the rocket launch data was requested.

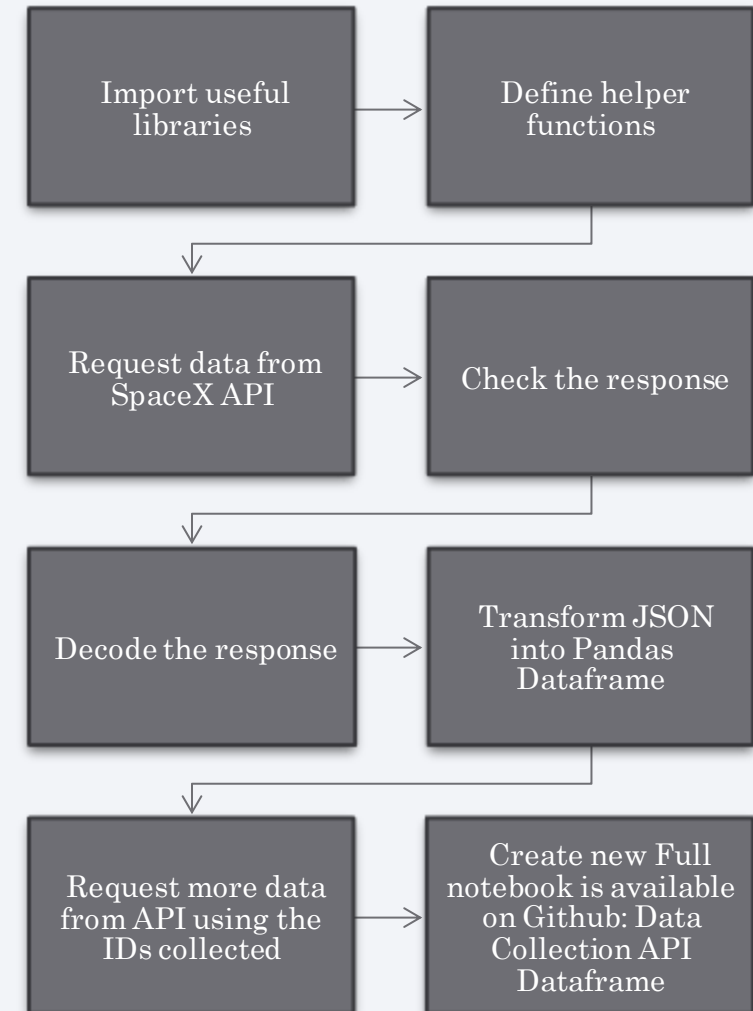
The response was through the JSON language, which was transformed into a Pandas Dataframe.

```
response = requests.get(static_json_url)
response.json()
data = pd.json_normalize(response.json())
```

Much of the data present in the Dataframe was ID numbers and contained no other information. A new access was required and will be detailed on the next slide.

The notebook is available on Github:

[Data Collection API](#)



Data Collection – SpaceX API

Using the IDs, the information considered most relevant was requested.

- The new data collected was first stored in lists and later in a dictionary, to be transformed into a new Pandas Dataframe.

```
launch_dict = {'FlightNumber': list(data['flight_number']),  
'Date': list(data['date']),  
'BoosterVersion':BoosterVersion,  
'PayloadMass':PayloadMass,  
'Orbit':Orbit,  
'LaunchSite':LaunchSite,  
'Outcome':Outcome,  
'Flights':Flights,  
'GridFins':GridFins,  
'Reused':Reused,  
'Legs':Legs,  
'LandingPad':LandingPad,  
'Block':Block,  
'ReusedCount':ReusedCount,  
'Serial':Serial,  
'Longitude': Longitude,  
'Latitude': Latitude}
```



| Used IDs | Information collected |
|-----------|--|
| Rocket | Booster version |
| Payload | Payload Mass, Orbit |
| Launchpad | Launch site's name, Latitude, Longitude |
| Cores | Outcome, landing type, number of flights, gridfins use, core reusability, legs use, landing pad, core block, number of time the core was used, serial of the core. |

Data Collection – SpaceX API – Data Wrangling

- After collecting the data from the SpaceX API, the Dataframe was filtered to include only the Falcon 9 launches and checked for missing values.
- Missing values were identified in two columns: PayloadMass and LandingPad.
- The null values in LandingPad represent when the landing pads were not used, so no action was performed.
- For the missing values in the PayloadMass column, the substitution function was used to replace the NAN Value with the average PayloadMass.

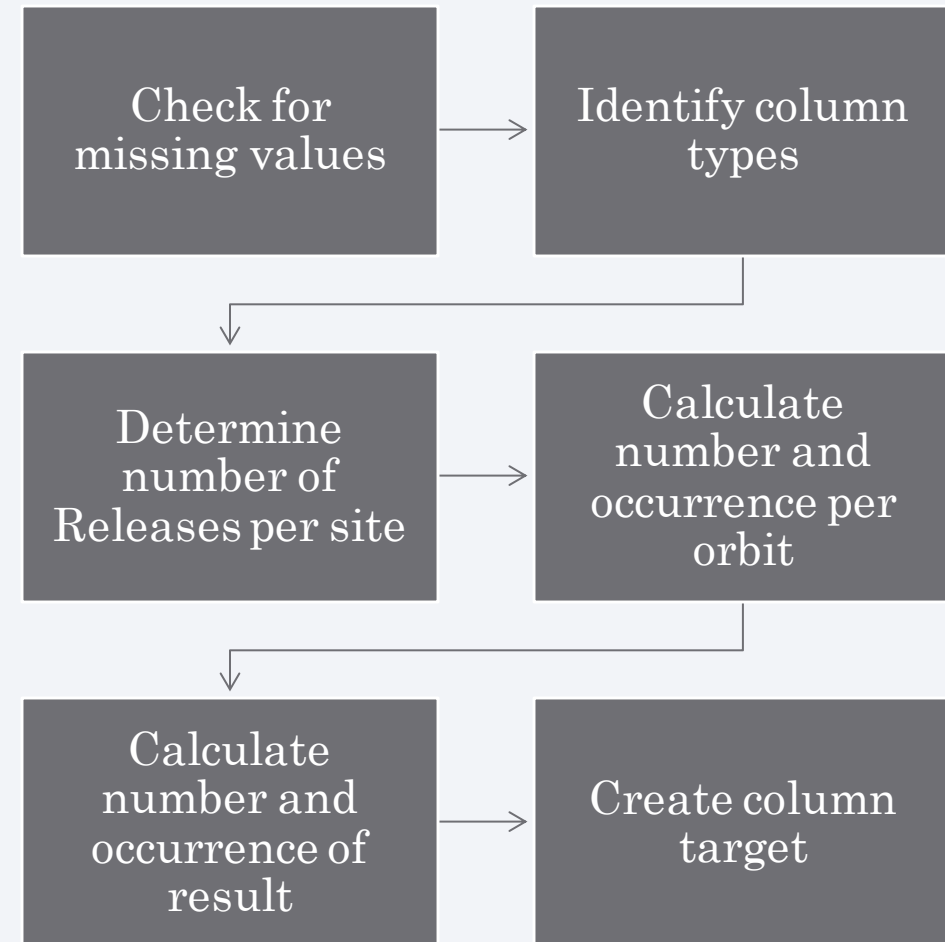
```
# Calculate the mean value of PayloadMass column
data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].mean()
# Replace the np.nan values with its mean value
data_falcon9.replace(np.nan, data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].mean(), inplace = True)
```



| data_falcon9.isnull().sum() | |
|-----------------------------|-------|
| FlightNumber | 0 |
| Date | 0 |
| BoosterVersion | 0 |
| PayloadMass | 5 |
| Orbit | 0 |
| LaunchSite | 0 |
| Outcome | 0 |
| Flights | 0 |
| GridFins | 0 |
| Reused | 0 |
| Legs | 0 |
| LandingPad | 26 |
| Block | 0 |
| ReusedCount | 0 |
| Serial | 0 |
| Longitude | 0 |
| Latitude | 0 |
| dtype: | int64 |

Data Wrangling

- Data wrangling consists of the processes of cleaning, transforming, and mapping data.
- An exploratory data analysis (EDA) was performed to find data patterns and define which label to use for supervised model training.
- The data discussion process was divided into:
 - Checking for missing values.
 - Identifying the type of columns, whether numeric or categorical.
 - Analyzing the posting data.
 - Looking at the result of the landing.
 - Defining a new column with the result that will serve as the target, consisting of 1 for successful landing and 0 for landing failure.



The notebook is available on Github:

[Data match - EDA](#)

Data Wrangling – Defining Target

- To define the target, the data about each launch were analyzed.
- As part of the analysis, it was calculated:
 - The number of launches for each site;
 - The number and occurrences for each orbit;
 - The number and occurrences of mission outcomes.
- It was observed:
 - The landing site with more launches was CCAFS SLC 40 with 55 launches;
 - More launches were made towards the orbit GTO, a geosynchronous orbit that is a high Earth orbit that allows satellites to match Earth's rotation;
 - More than 66% of the launches were able to successfully land the first stage.
- A column named “Class” was created with values that show if a launch had their first stage landed successfully or not:

| Class | Info |
|-------|---------------------------------------|
| 0 | First stage did not land successfully |
| 1 | First stage landed successfully |

| Outcome | Frequency | Meaning | Class |
|-------------|-----------|---|-------|
| True ASDS | 41 | successfully landed to a drone ship | 1 |
| None None | 19 | failure to land | 0 |
| True RTLS | 14 | successfully landed to a ground pad | 1 |
| False ASDS | 6 | unsuccessfully landed to a drone ship | 0 |
| True Ocean | 5 | successfully landed to a specific region of the ocean | 1 |
| False Ocean | 2 | unsuccessfully landed to a specific region of the ocean | 0 |
| None ASDS | 2 | failure to land | 0 |
| False RTLS | 1 | unsuccessfully landed to a ground pad | 0 |

EDA with Data Visualization

- To analyze possible relations between several variables in the data, a myriad of charts were plotted.
- Summary of charts:
 - Scatter plot between Flight Number and Launch Site
 - Scatter plot between Payload Mass and Launch Site
 - Bar chart observing the success rate for Orbit type
 - Scatter plot between Flight Number and Orbit type
 - Scatter plot between Payload Mass and Orbit type
 - Line chart showing the Launch success yearly trend

Full notebook is available on Github:
[Data Visualization - EDA](#)

EDA with SQL

SQL queries performed:

- Unique launch sites in the space mission
- First 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
- The total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- The average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- The date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved
- The names of the boosters which have success landing in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- The total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- The names of the booster versions which have carried the maximum payload mass
- The failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015
- The ranking of the count of landing outcomes between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20, in descending order

The notebook is available on Github:

[EDA with SQL](#)

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

Maps created with Folium:

- All Launch Sites map: it contains circles and markers to highlight the location of each launch site area.
- Success and failed outcomes per site: colored-marker were inserted for each launch to show which one had a successful or unsuccessful outcome.
- Proximities of launch site: With markers, a few sites like railways, highways, cities and coastline, that are in the proximities of a launch site, were highlighted in the map. The distance between them was calculated and displayed on the map. Finally, a line was plot to better show that distance.

The notebook is available on Github:
[Interactive Visualization with Folium](#)

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

A Dashboard was made with Plotly Dash, containing:

- Pie charts with information about the outcome by launch sites.
- A dropdown input was created for the dashboard to allow the selection of a specific launch site or all sites to analyze the data.
- Scatter plots with the relation between payload mass and outcome per booster version, for a selected launch site or for all sites.
- It also contains a slider that allows filtering the scatter plots between a range of payload mass.

The notebook is available on Github:

[Dashboard with Plotly Dash](#)

Predictive Analysis - Classification

- To be able to predict if a first stage rocket would successfully land, a machine learning pipeline was created, considering the data collected previously.
- Before building the classification models, a features engineering stage was necessary to select and prepare which data would be used to help the prediction.
- Classification models algorithms imported for this project:
 - Logistic Regression
 - Support Vector Machine
 - Decision Tree
 - K Nearest Neighbors

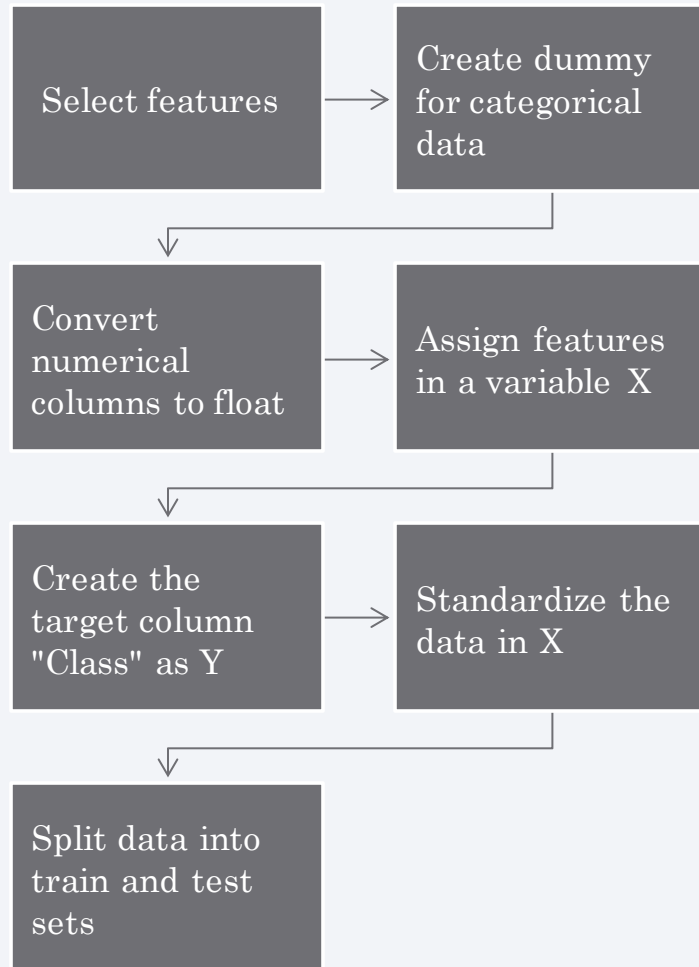
Objectives:

- ✓ Perform EDA and determine training labels.
- ✓ Create a column for the class
- ✓ Standardize the data
- ✓ Split into training data and test data
- ✓ Find best hyperparameter
- ✓ Find the best method using test data

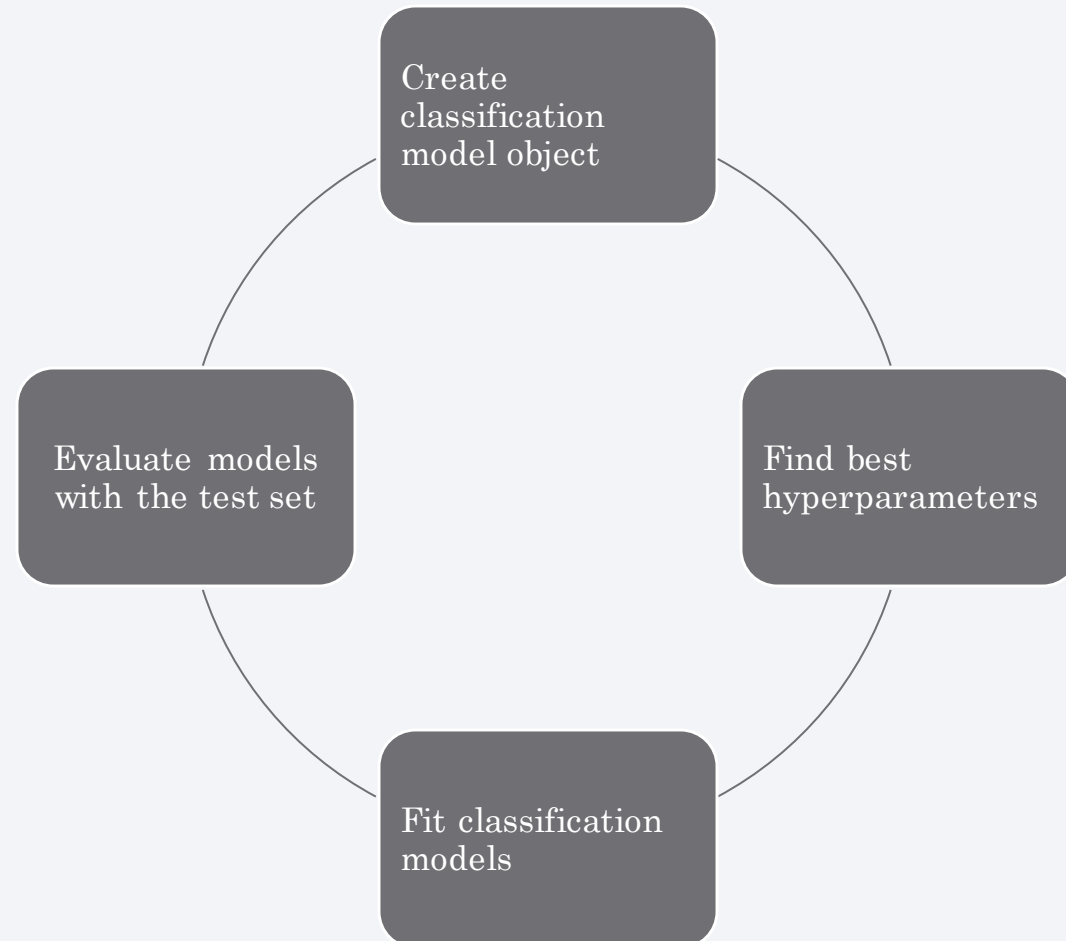
The notebook is available on Github:
[Machine Learning Prediction](#)

Predictive Analysis - Flowcharts

Data Preparation Process



Model Training and Evaluation Process



Predictive Analysis - Features engineering

- It was selected all features that would be used in the models to predict the success of landing the first stage rocket.
- Dummy variables were created for the categorical columns: Orbits, LaunchSite, LandingPad and Serial.
- All numeric columns were converted to float64.

Selected features

| | FlightNumber | PayloadMass | Orbit | LaunchSite | Flights | GridFins | Reused | Legs | LandingPad | Block | ReusedCount | Serial |
|---|--------------|-------------|-------|--------------|---------|----------|--------|-------|------------|-------|-------------|--------|
| 0 | 1 | 6104.959412 | LEO | CCAFS SLC 40 | 1 | False | False | False | NaN | 1.0 | 0 | B0003 |
| 1 | 2 | 525.000000 | LEO | CCAFS SLC 40 | 1 | False | False | False | NaN | 1.0 | 0 | B0005 |
| 2 | 3 | 677.000000 | ISS | CCAFS SLC 40 | 1 | False | False | False | NaN | 1.0 | 0 | B0007 |
| 3 | 4 | 500.000000 | PO | VAFB SLC 4E | 1 | False | False | False | NaN | 1.0 | 0 | B1003 |
| 4 | 5 | 3170.000000 | GTO | CCAFS SLC 40 | 1 | False | False | False | NaN | 1.0 | 0 | B1004 |

Predictive Analysis – Classification Models

- After features engineering, the data selected were assigned to a variable called X. The data in this variable were standardized with the `StandardScaler()` method.
- A target variable (Y) was assigned with data from the “Class” column and transformed into a Numpy array.
- The variables X and Y were split into two sets: training and test data.
- Using `GridSearchCV()`, the best parameters were found. The best parameters for each model can be seen in the table.
- To evaluate the model, the accuracy for each model was calculated using the score method and a confusion matrix was also plotted.

| Model | Best Parameters |
|---------------------|---|
| Logistic Regression | {'C': 0.01, 'penalty': 'l2', 'solver': 'lbfgs'} |
| SVM | {'C': 1.0, 'gamma': 0.03162277660168379, 'kernel': 'sigmoid'} |
| Decision Tree | {'criterion': 'gini', 'max_depth': 8, 'max_features': 'sqrt', 'min_samples_leaf': 2, 'min_samples_split': 10, 'splitter': 'random'} |
| KNN | {'algorithm': 'auto', 'n_neighbors': 10, 'p': 1} |

Results

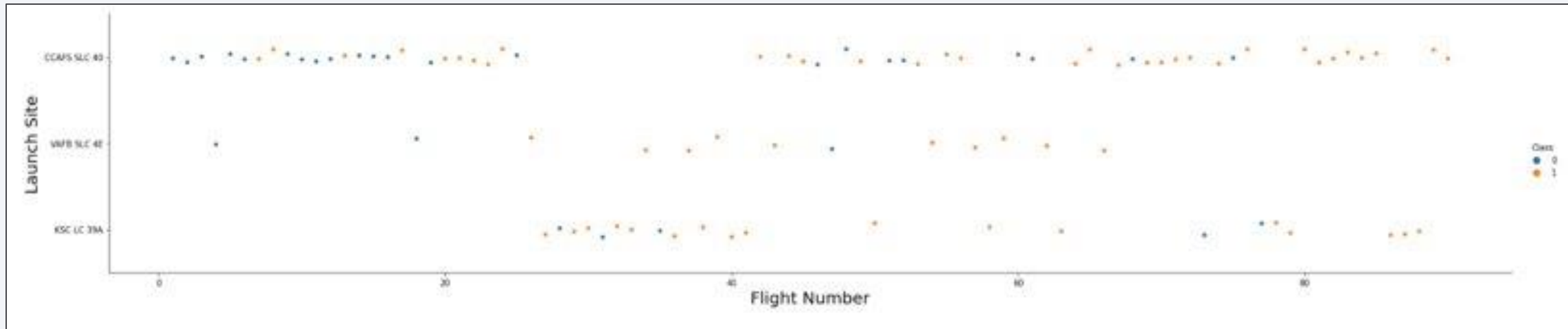
- The exploratory data analysis (EDA) allowed us to analyze the relation between variables and to discover the proper ones to use for predicting if a first stage would land successfully.
- The selected columns that were used as features for the models, after EDA stage, were: FlightNumber, PayloadMass, Orbit, LaunchSite, Flights, GridFins, Reused, Legs, LandingPad, Block, ReusedCount, Serial.
- The “Class” column was the target for the prediction, that indicates the outcome of the first stage landing.
- Of the four classification models, the Decision Tree model had a better result with the train set, obtaining an accuracy of 0.87.
- With the test set, all models had the same accuracy of 0.83 and the same confusion matrix

The background of the slide is an abstract composition. It features a solid blue area on the left side, which transitions into a complex pattern of diagonal streaks in shades of blue, red, and teal on the right. These streaks are layered and have a textured, almost woven appearance. A faint, light blue grid pattern is visible across the entire background, particularly in the blue and teal areas.

Section 2

Insights drawn from EDA

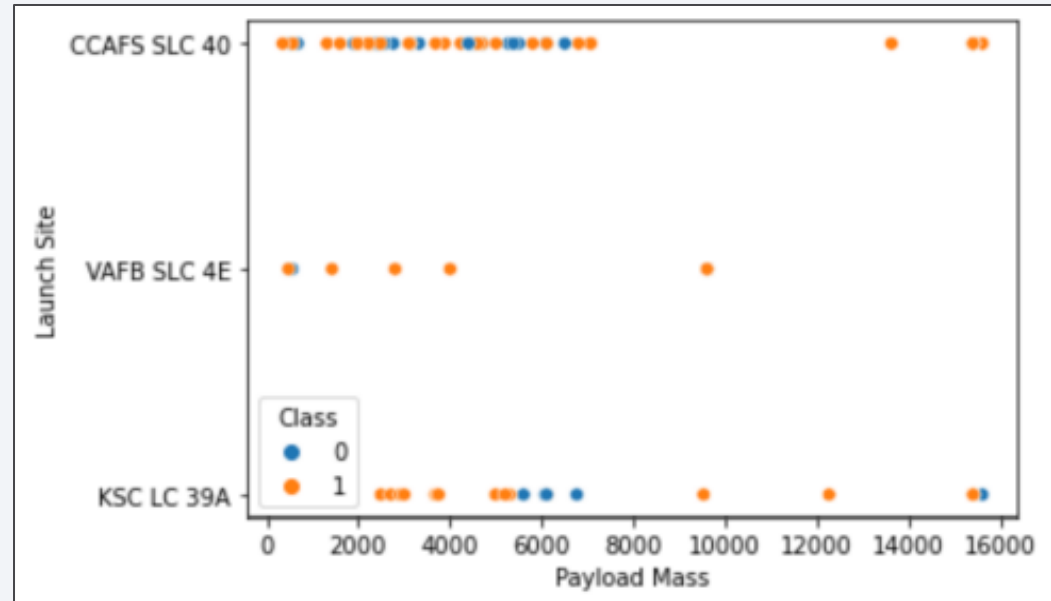
Flight Number vs. Launch Site



The chart shows where each flight was launched and their outcome.

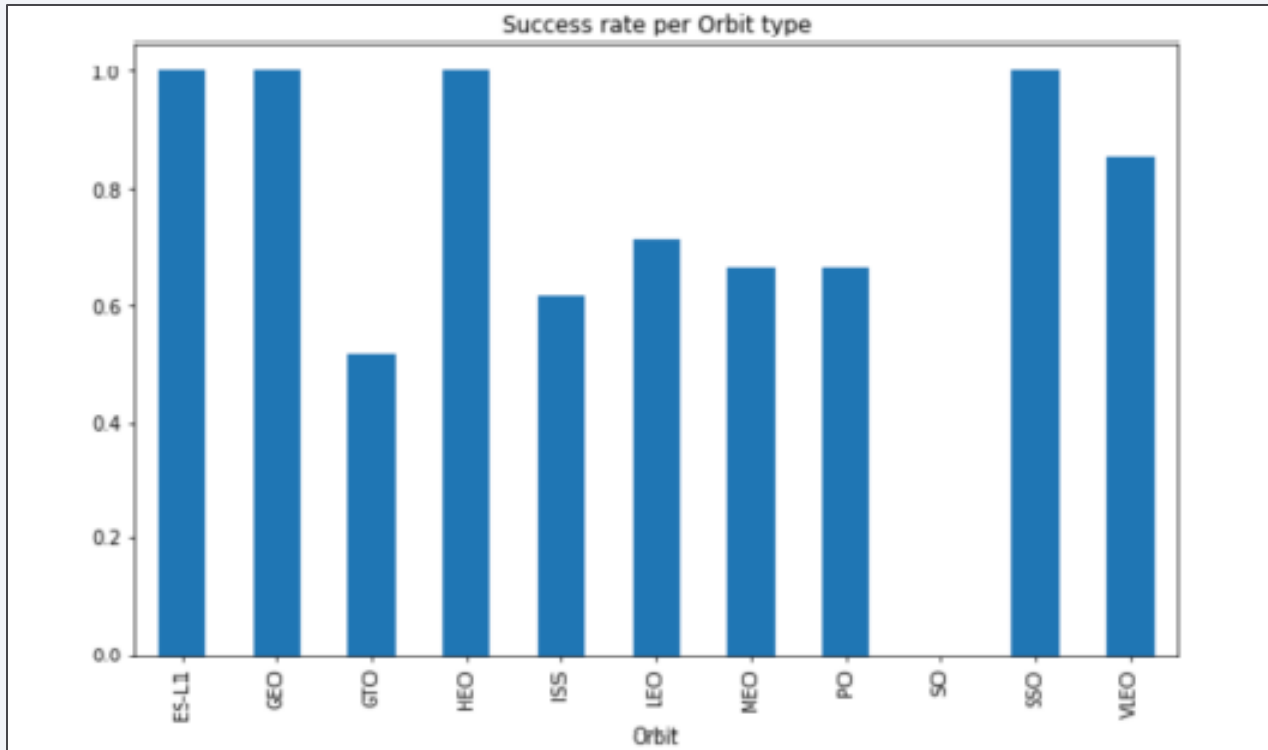
- It is possible to observe that most launches occurred at CCAFS SLC 40.
- It is possible to observe a gap with no flights in CCAFS SLC 40 between flights 25 and 40 and almost all flights in this gap were launched at KSC LC 39A.
- With Flight Numbers more than 30, the success rate for the Rocket is increasing

Payload vs. Launch Site



- Now if you observe Payload Vs. Launch Site scatter point chart you will find for the VAFB-SLC launchside there are no rockets launched for heavypayload mass (greater than 10000). And payload mass greater than 7000Kg have the higher success rate for the rocket.
- The chart show the payload mass of each flight per launch site.
- Almost all payload mass are under 10000 kg.
- No heavy payload was launched at VAFB SLC.

Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

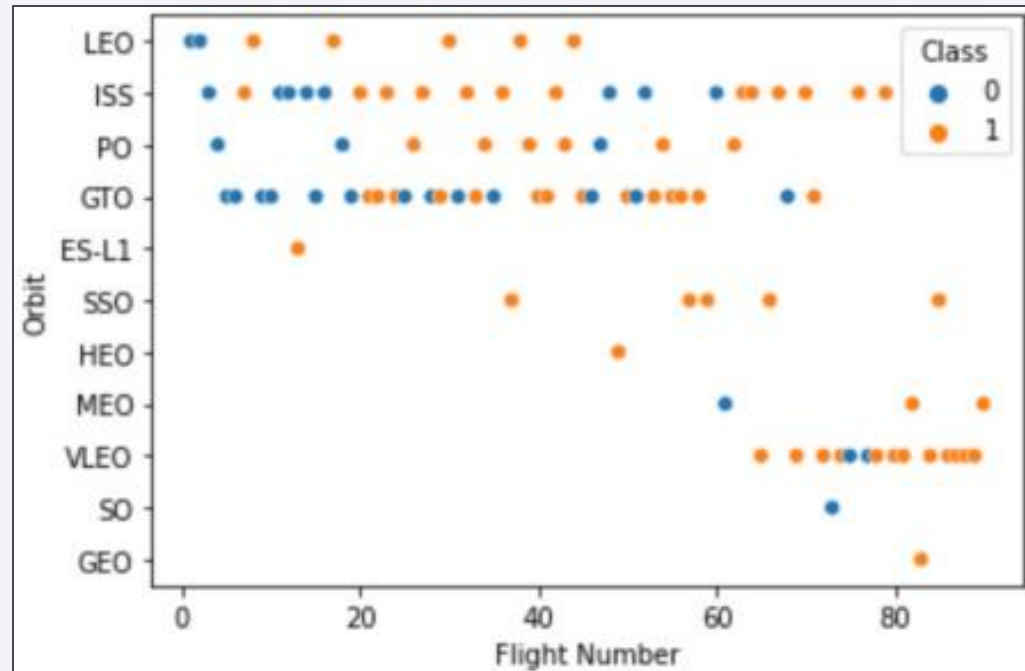


All missions were successful in four orbits:

- ES-L1
- GEO
- HEO
- SSO

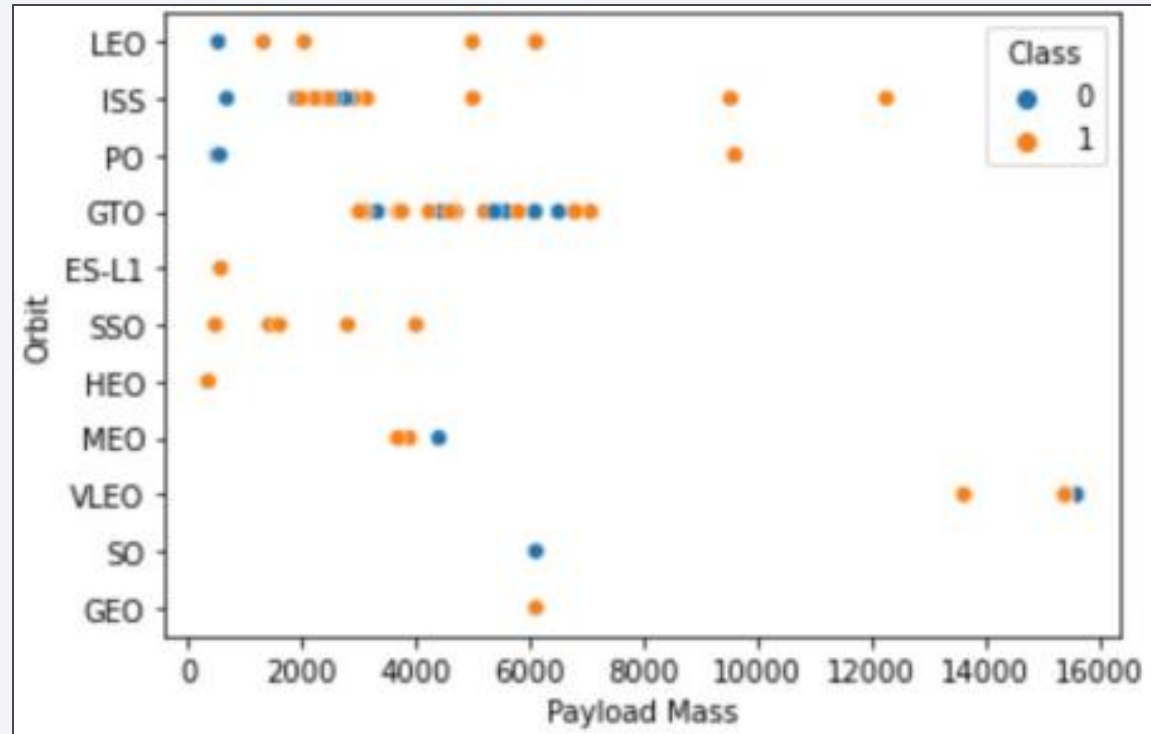
- The GTO orbit has the least success rate. Half of the missions to GTO were successful in landing the first stage.

Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



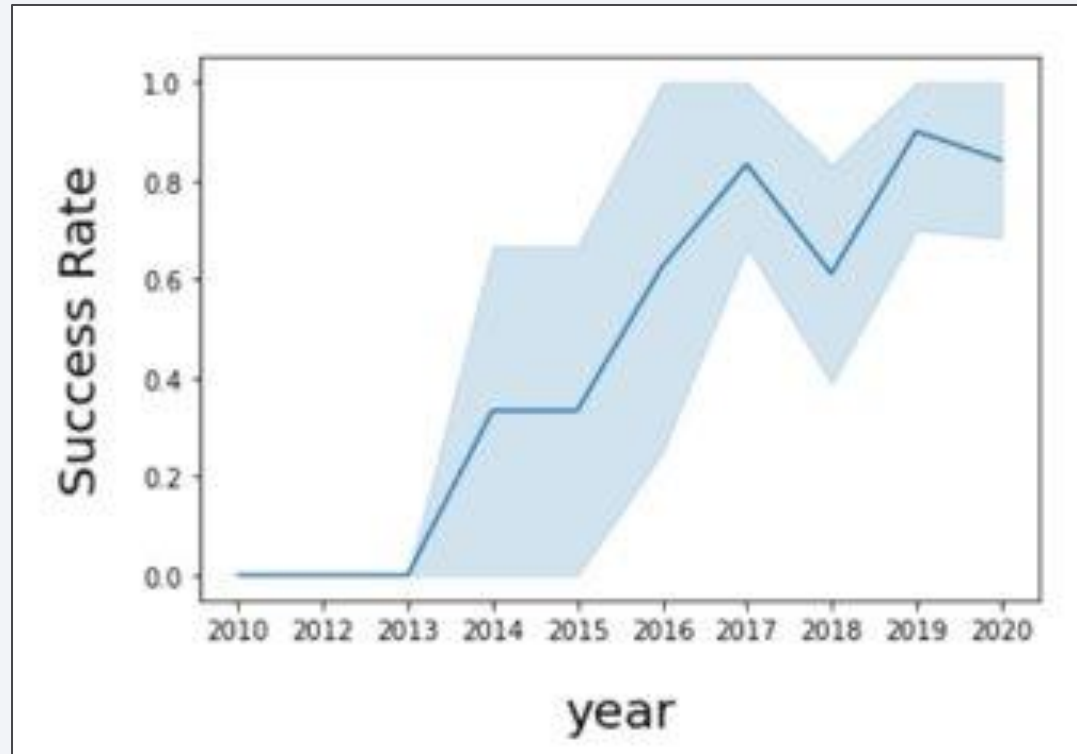
- It is possible to observe that the number of flights to LEO orbit seems to be related with the mission success. After the initial failures, all flights were successful in landing the first stage.
- The same does not apply to GTO orbit, which concentrates the higher number of missions that failed in landing the first stage, but regardless of number of flights.

Payload vs. Orbit Type



- It seems that with payload mass greater than 5000 kg, the rate of successful landings are higher for Polar, Leo and ISS orbits.
- For GTO the same could not be observed, since both landing results (successful and failure) are present, through all payload mass range.


Launch Success Yearly Trend



- With this line chart, it is possible to notice an increase of successful rate from 2013.
- Although there was no year that did not have at least one unsuccessful first stage landing

All Launch Site Names

```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT LAUNCH_SITE as "Launch_Sites" FROM SPACEX;
```



| Launch_Sites |
|--------------|
| CCAFS LC-40 |
| CCAFS SLC-40 |
| KSC LC-39A |
| VAFB SLC-4E |

The **DISTINCT** statement is used to return only distinct (different) values. Inside the SpaceX table, the column Launch_Sites contained many duplicate values; and in our case we just want to list the different (distinct) values.

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

```
%sql SELECT LAUNCH_SITE from SPACEXTBL where (LAUNCH_SITE) LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5;
```



| DATE | time_utc | booster_version | launch_site | payload | payload_mass_kg | orbit | customer | mission_outcome | landing_outcome |
|------------|----------|-----------------|-------------|---|-----------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 2010-06-04 | 18:45:00 | F9 v1.0 B0003 | CCAFS LC-40 | Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit | 0 | LEO | SpaceX | Success | Failure (parachute) |
| 2010-12-08 | 15:43:00 | F9 v1.0 B0004 | CCAFS LC-40 | Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of Brouere cheese | 0 | LEO (ISS) | NASA (COTS) NRO | Success | Failure (parachute) |
| 2012-05-22 | 07:44:00 | F9 v1.0 B0005 | CCAFS LC-40 | Dragon demo flight C2 | 525 | LEO (ISS) | NASA (COTS) | Success | No attempt |
| 2012-10-08 | 00:35:00 | F9 v1.0 B0006 | CCAFS LC-40 | SpaceX CRS-1 | 500 | LEO (ISS) | NASA (CRS) | Success | No attempt |
| 2013-03-01 | 15:10:00 | F9 v1.0 B0007 | CCAFS LC-40 | SpaceX CRS-2 | 677 | LEO (ISS) | NASA (CRS) | Success | No attempt |

The SQL **SELECT LIMIT** statement is used to retrieve records from one or more tables in a database and limit the number of records returned based on a limit value.

The LIKE command is used in a WHERE clause to search for a specified pattern in a column.

Total Payload Mass

```
%sql SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) AS "Total Payload Mass by NASA (CRS)"  
FROM SPACEX WHERE CUSTOMER = 'NASA (CRS)';
```



| Total Payload Mass by NASA (CRS) |
|----------------------------------|
|----------------------------------|

| |
|-------|
| 45596 |
|-------|

The **SUM()** function returns the total sum of a numeric column.

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

```
%sql select avg(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) as payloadmass from SPACEXTBL;
```




| payloadmass |
|-------------|
| 2928 |

The **AVG** statement calculates Average in the PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ column.

First Successful Ground Landing Date

```
%sql select min(DATE) from SPACEXTBL;
```



2015-12-22

The **MIN()** function returns the smallest value of the selected column. In our case, the **DATE** column.

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

```
%sql select BOOSTER_VERSION from SPACEXTBL where  
LANDING__OUTCOME='Success (drone ship)'  
and PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ BETWEEN 4000 and 6000;
```



| booster_version |
|-----------------|
| F9 FT B1022 |
| F9 FT B1026 |
| F9 FT B1021.2 |
| F9 FT B1031.2 |

Using **WHERE** with **AND** statement we can expand the power of the filter associating with a condition. Using the **BETWEEN** statement we can indicate a specific range to the filter.

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

```
%sql SELECT COUNT(MISSION_OUTCOME) AS "Successful Mission" FROM SPACEX WHERE MISSION_OUTCOME LIKE 'Success%';
```

```
%sql SELECT COUNT(MISSION_OUTCOME) AS "Failure Mission" FROM SPACEX WHERE MISSION_OUTCOME LIKE 'Failure%';
```



| Successful Mission |
|--------------------|
| 100 |

| Failure Mission |
|-----------------|
| 1 |

- To find the booster that carried the maximum payload mass, the use of a subquery was required. The query returned booster versions where payload mass was equal to the maximum value for payload mass. To be able to use the **MAX** aggregator function in the **WHERE** clause, a subquery was made
- The **COUNT()** function returns the number of rows that matches a specified criterion. Using the **LIKE** statement, we can filter every letters in quotes “ ”.

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT BOOSTER_VERSION AS  
"Booster Versions which carried the Maximum Payload Mass" FROM SPACEX \  
WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ =(SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) FROM SPACEX);
```



| Booster Versions which carried the Maximum Payload Mass | | |
|---|---------------|---------------|
| F9 B5 B1048.4 | F9 B5 B1049.7 | F9 B5 B1056.4 |
| F9 B5 B1048.5 | F9 B5 B1051.3 | F9 B5 B1058.3 |
| F9 B5 B1049.4 | F9 B5 B1051.4 | F9 B5 B1060.2 |
| F9 B5 B1049.5 | F9 B5 B1051.6 | F9 B5 B1060.3 |

- The columns with the booster version, landing outcome and the launch site values were selected according to their landing outcome and date, through a **WHERE** clause and the **LIKE** operator for finding all 2015 records.
- The **DISTINCT** statement is used to return only distinct (different) values (BOOSTER VERSION column).
- We use the **WHERE** statement associating with **MAX** statement to figure out the maximum payload value in the PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ column. In this case we had used a subquery to improve the filter.

2015 Launch Records

```
%sql SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION, LAUNCH_SITE FROM SPACEX WHERE DATE LIKE '2015-%' AND \
LANDING__OUTCOME = 'Failure (drone ship)';
```




| booster_version | launch_site |
|-----------------|-------------|
| F9 v1.1 B1012 | CCAFS LC-40 |
| F9 v1.1 B1015 | CCAFS LC-40 |

We used a combinations of the **WHERE** clause, **LIKE** + **AND** conditions to filter for failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for year 2015.

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

```
%sql SELECT LANDING__OUTCOME as "Landing Outcome",  
COUNT(LANDING__OUTCOME) AS "Total Count" FROM SPACEX \  
WHERE DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20' \  
GROUP BY LANDING__OUTCOME \  
ORDER BY COUNT(LANDING__OUTCOME) DESC ;
```



| Landing Outcome | Total Count |
|------------------------|-------------|
| No attempt | 10 |
| Failure (drone ship) | 5 |
| Success (drone ship) | 5 |
| Controlled (ocean) | 3 |
| Success (ground pad) | 3 |
| Failure (parachute) | 2 |
| Uncontrolled (ocean) | 2 |
| Precluded (drone ship) | 1 |

- We 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 2017-03-20.
- We applied the **GROUP BY** clause to group the landing outcomes and the **ORDER BY** clause to order the grouped landing outcome in descending order.

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and city lights at night. The image is a composite of a solid blue background on the left and a satellite photograph of Earth on the right. The Earth's surface is dark blue, with numerous bright yellow and orange lights representing cities and urban areas. The horizon line of the Earth is visible, separating the dark surface from the blackness of space.

Section 3

Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

All Launch Sites on Folium Map





We can see that the SpaceX launch sites are near to the United States of America coasts i.e., Florida and California Regions.

- All launch sites were inserted in an interactive world map (a folium Map Object), that allows zooming into each launch location. The latitude and longitude were used for this purpose.
- A circle and a marker was also inserted on the map, to highlight each launch area.
- Most launch sites are in the east coast of the United States.
- All lunch sites are in the south part of the US and very near the ocean.

Color Labeled Launch Records



Green Marker  shows successful launches and Red Marker  shows failures.

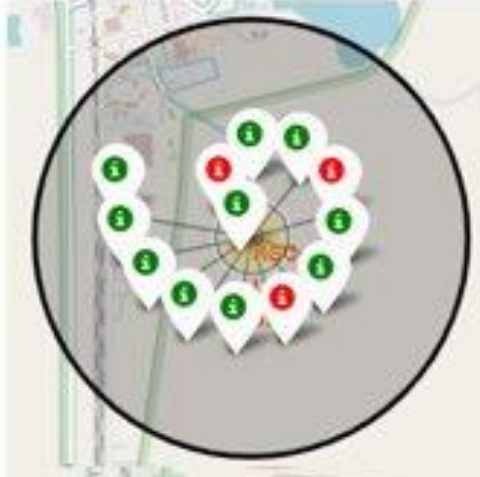
From these screenshots its easily understandable that KSC LC-39A has the maximum probability of success.



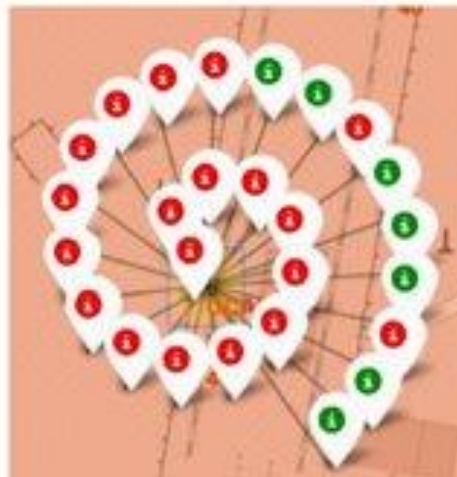
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CAAFS LC-40



CAAFS SLC-40



Launch Site Distances from Equator & Railways

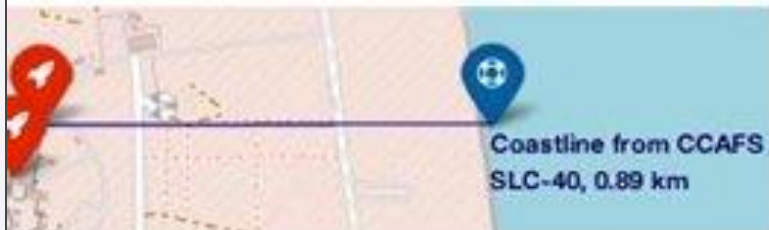
Distance from Equator is greater than 3000 Km for all sites.



Distance for all launch sites from railway tracks are greater than .7 Km for all sites. So, launch sites are not so far away from railway tracks.



Launch Site Distances from Coastlines & Cities

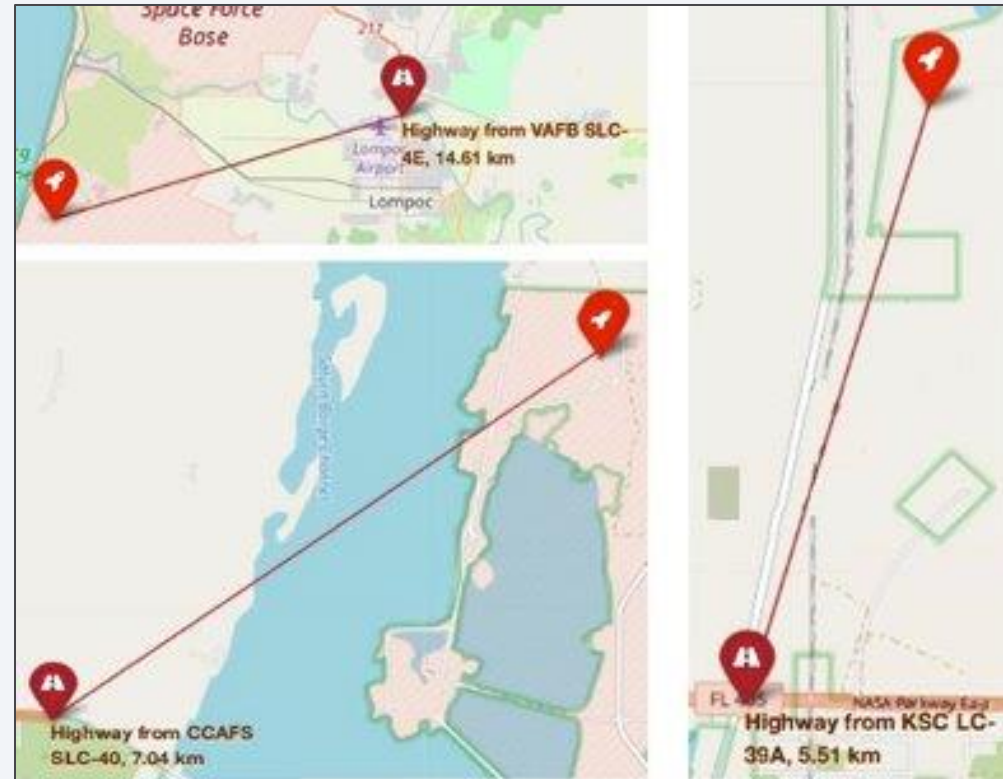


Distance for all launch sites from coastline is less than 4 Km.

Distance for all launch sites from cities is greater than 14 Km for all sites. So, launch sites are far away from cities.

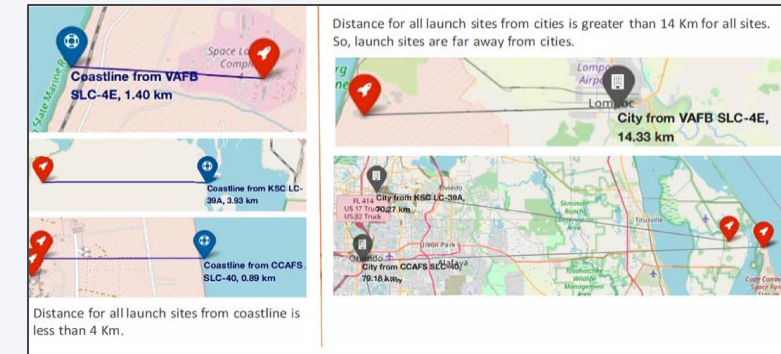
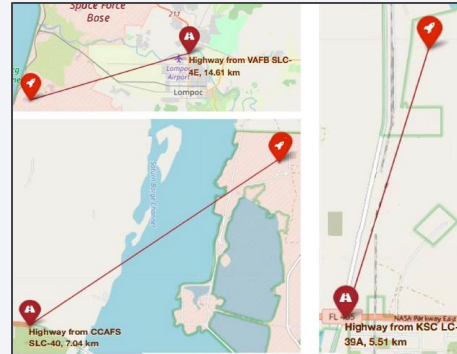
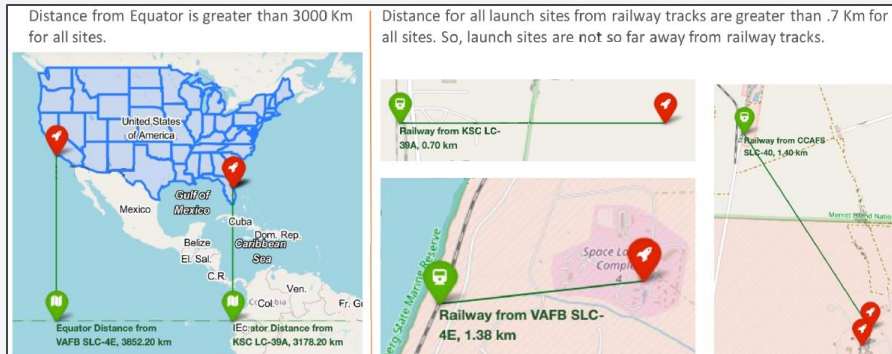


Launch Site Distances from Highways



Distance for all launch sites from highways is **greater than 5 Km for all sites**. So, launch sites are relatively far away from highways.

Launch Site Distances Resume



Distance for all launch sites from highways is greater than 5 Km for all sites. So, launch sites are relatively far away from highways.

The launch sites keep certain distance away from Cities

There is no launch sites in proximity to the Equator Line.

There is no launch sites in close proximity to Highways

There is launch sites in close proximity to Coastline

There is launch sites in close proximity to Railways.

(15 Km> distance > 80 Km).

(4000 Km> distance > 3000 Km).

(15 Km> distance > 5 Km).

(5 Km> distance > 5 Km).

(2 Km> distance > 5 Km).



Section 4

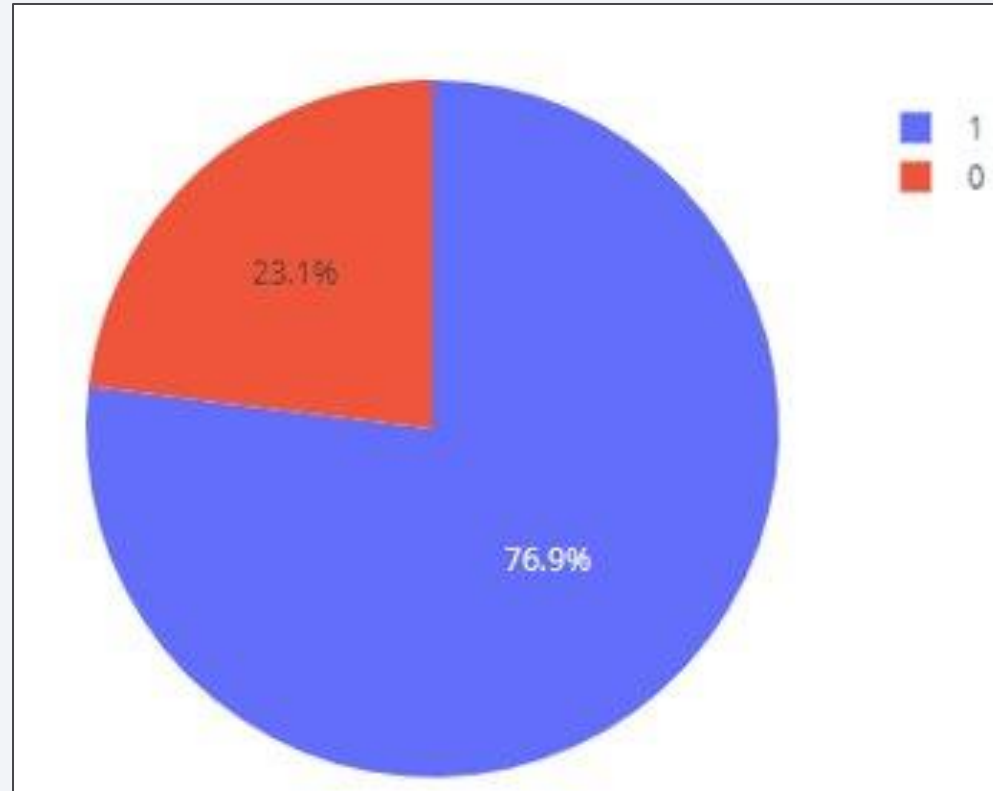
Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Launch Success for All Sites



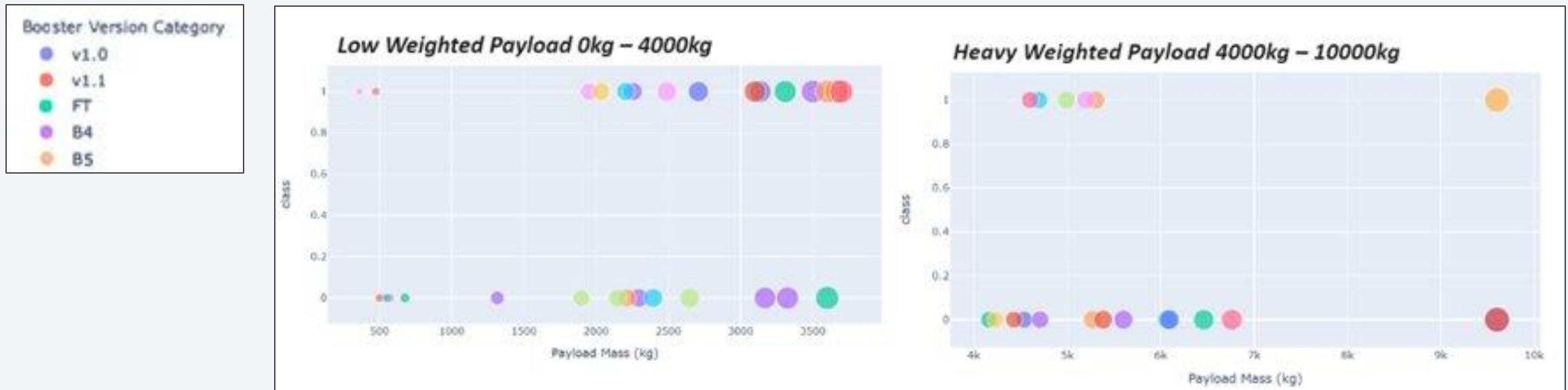
We can see that **KSC LC-39A** had the **most** successful launches from all the sites.

Launch Site with Highest Launch Success Ratio



KSC LC-39A achieved a **76.9% success rate** (1) while getting a 23.1% failure rate (0).

Payload vs. Launch Outcome Scatter Plot for All Sites



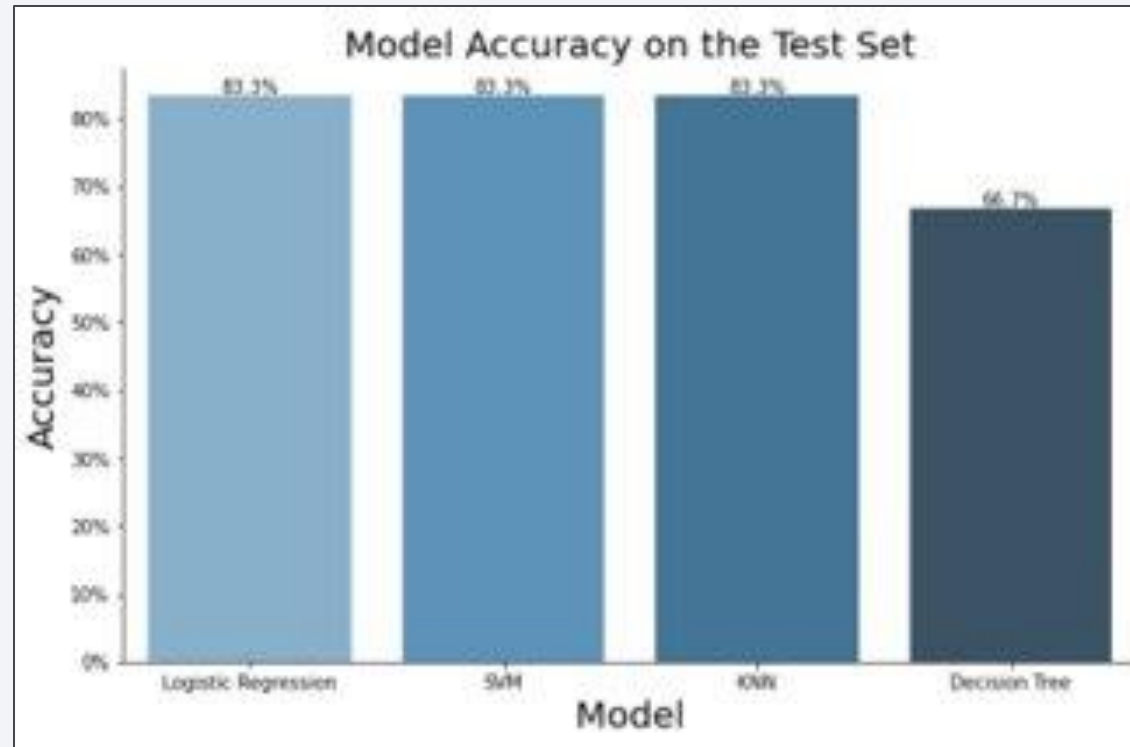
The **success rates** for **low weighted payloads** is higher than the heavy weighted payloads.



Section 5

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

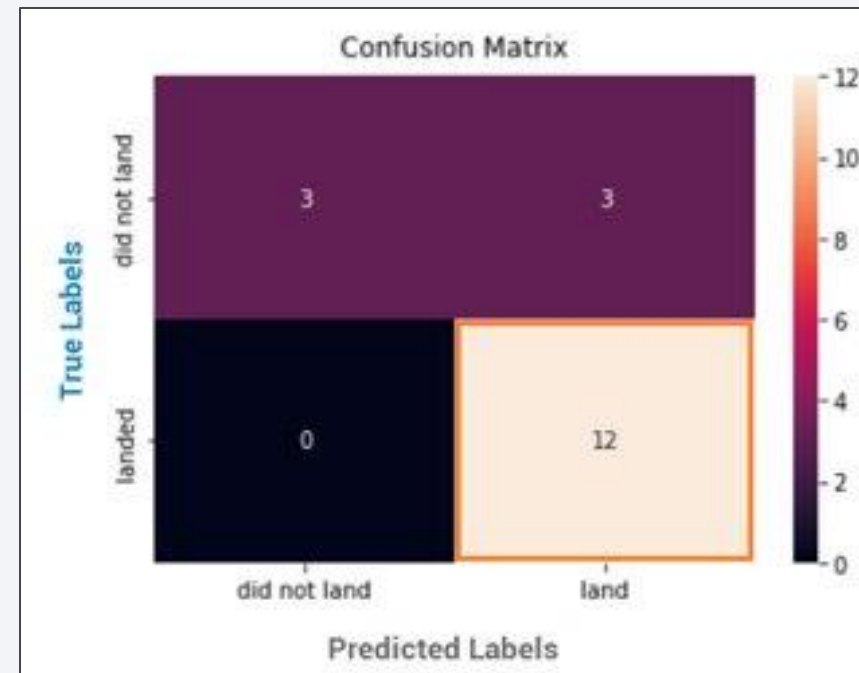
Classification Accuracy



Four machine learning models were used. The Logistic Regression, SVM and KNN models have the highest classification accuracy, 83.3%. The Decision Tree model has the lower, 66.7%.

Confusion Matrix

| | | Predicted Values | | |
|---------------|------------|--------------------------|--------------------------|------------------|
| | | Predicted No | Predicted Yes | |
| Actual Values | Actual No | True Negative TN = 3 | False Positive FP = 3 | 6 |
| | Actual Yes | False Negative FN = 0 | True Positive TP = 12 | 12 |
| | | 3 | 15 | Total Cases = 18 |



The **Logistic Regression**, **SVM** and **KNN** models has the same **Confusion Matrix**. The “landed” x “land” block (True Positive =12) shows the landings success.

Conclusions

We had pursuit what factors determine if the rocket will land successfully, what features impact the rate of successful landing and the conditions which will aid SpaceX have to achieve the best results. So, the data show us that:

- The best Orbits are: ES-LI, GEO, HEO, SSO.
- KSC LC-39A is best place to make launches, with 76.9% success rate.
- Low weighted payloads perform better than the heavier payloads. However, in the CCAFS SLC 40 Launch Site the payload mass greater than 7000Kg have the higher success rate for the Rocket.
- LR, SVM and KNN Algorithms are the best Machine Learning Models for provided Dataset.

Success rates for SpaceX launches has been increasing with Time. Considering that there are variables that significantly alter the landing success rate, it is possible to say that it is a matter of time for Space X to reach an incredible level of performance and precision.

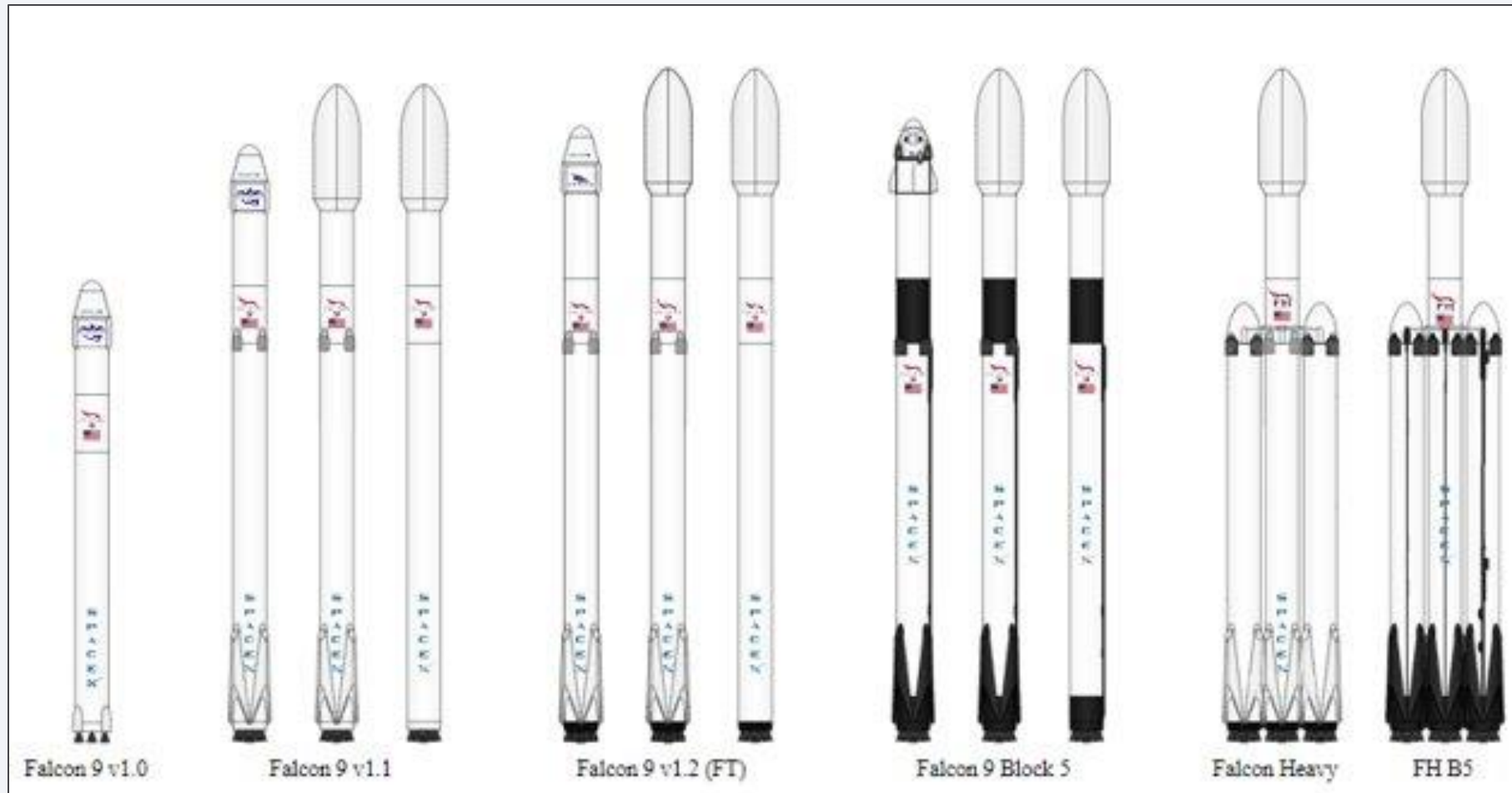


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Falcon Models



Appendix

| [hide] Flight No. | Date and time (UTC) | Version, Booster ^[2] | Launch site | Payload ^[2] | Payload mass | Orbit | Customer | Launch outcome | Booster landing |
|----------------------|--|--|---------------|---|---|-----------|--------------------|---------------------------------|--|
| 1 | 4 June 2010, 18:45 | F9 v1.0 ^[7] B0003 ^[2] | CCAFS, SLC-40 | Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit | No payload (excl. Dragon Mass) | LEO | SpaceX | Success | Failure ^{[26][12]} (parachute) |
| | First flight of Falcon 9 v1.0. ^[7] Used a boilerplate version of Dragon capsule which was not designed to separate from the second stage (<i>more details below</i>). Attempted to recover the first stage by parachuting it into the ocean, but it burned up on reentry, before the parachutes even got to deploy. ^[12] | | | | | | | | |
| 2 | 8 December 2010, 15:43 ^[13] | F9 v1.0 ^[7] B0004 ^[2] | CCAFS, SLC-40 | Dragon demo flight C1 (Dragon C101) | Classified (excl. Dragon Mass) | LEO (ISS) | NASA (COTS) NRO | Success ^[20] | Failure ^{[26][14]} (parachute) |
| | Maiden flight of SpaceX's Dragon capsule, consisting of over 3 hours of testing thruster maneuvering and then reentry. ^[13] Attempted to recover the first stage by parachuting it into the ocean, but it disintegrated upon reentry, again before the parachutes were deployed. ^[12] (<i>more details below</i>). It also included two CubeSats, ^[16] and a wheel of Brie cheese. Before the launch, SpaceX discovered that there was a crack in the nozzle of the 2nd stage's Merlin vacuum engine. So Elon just had them cut off the end of the nozzle with a pair of shears and launched the rocket a few days later. After SpaceX had trimmed the nozzle, NASA was notified of the change and they agreed to it. ^[17] | | | | | | | | |
| 3 | 22 May 2012, 07:44 ^[15] | F9 v1.0 ^[7] B0005 ^[2] | CCAFS, SLC-40 | Dragon demo flight C2+ ^[18] (Dragon C102) | 525 kg (1,157 lb) ^[20] (excl. Dragon mass) | LEO (ISS) | NASA (COTS) | Success ^[21] | No attempt |
| | The Dragon spacecraft demonstrated a series of tests before it was allowed to approach the International Space Station. Two days later, it became the first commercial spacecraft to board the ISS. ^[18] (<i>more details below</i>) | | | | | | | | |
| 4 | 8 October 2012, 00:35 ^[22] | F9 v1.0 ^[7] B0006 ^[2] | CCAFS, SLC-40 | SpaceX CRS-1 ^[23] (Dragon C103) | 4,700 kg (10,400 lb) (excl. Dragon mass) | LEO (ISS) | NASA (CRS) | Success | No attempt |
| | | | | Orbcomm-OG2 ^[24] | 172 kg (379 lb) ^[25] | LEO | Orbcomm | Partial failure ^[26] | |
| | | | | CRS-1 was successful, but the secondary payload was inserted into an abnormally low orbit and subsequently lost. This was due to one of the nine Merlin engines shutting down during the launch, and NASA declining a second reignition, as per ISS visiting vehicle safety rules, the primary payload owner is contractually allowed to decline a second reignition. NASA stated that this was because SpaceX could not guarantee a high enough likelihood of the second stage completing the second burn successfully which was required to avoid any risk of secondary payload's collision with the ISS. ^{[27][28][29]} | | | | | |

Wikipedia Web Scrapping

Appendix

Data Wrangling Session

```
import pandas as pd
import numpy as np

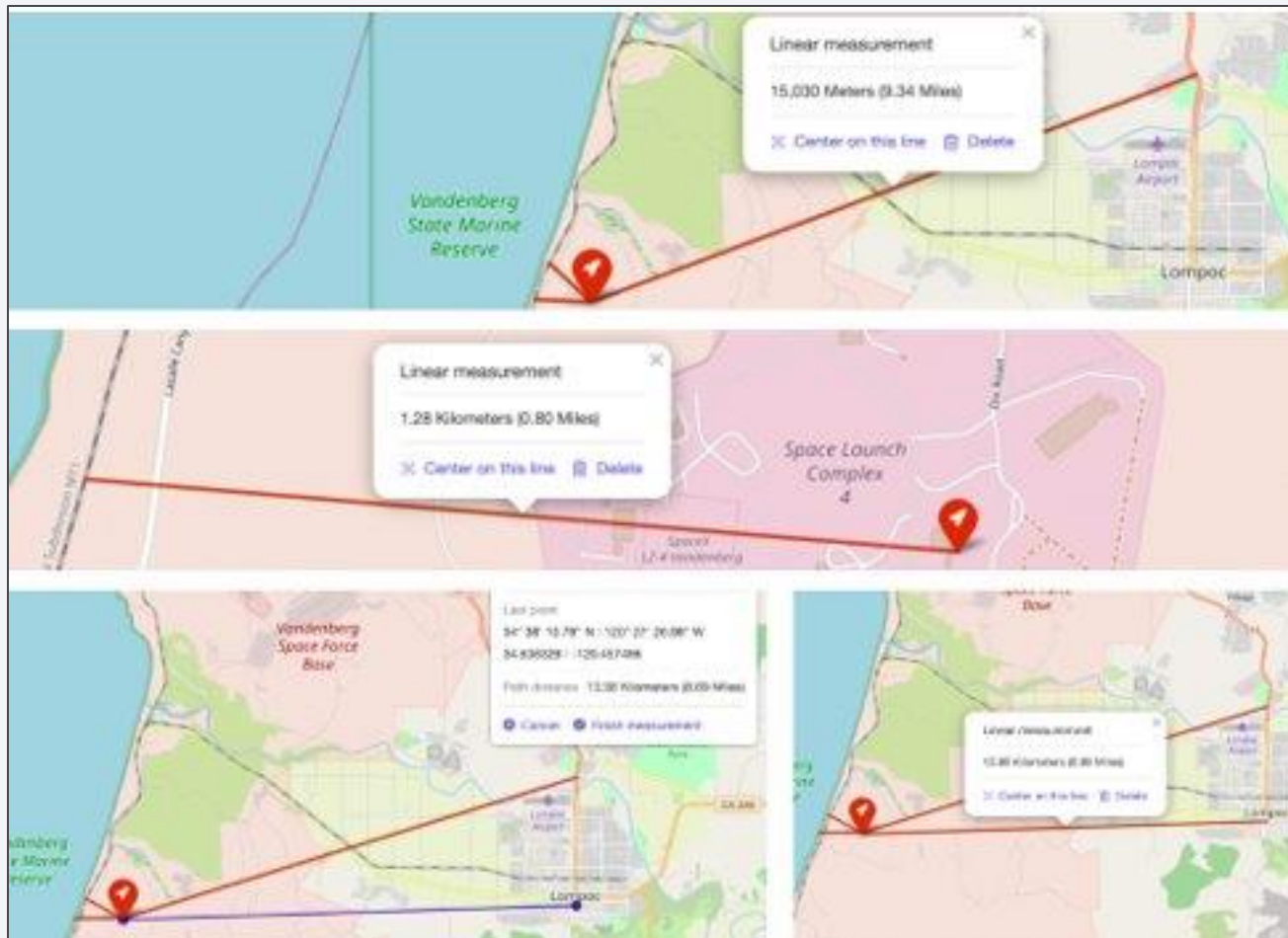
df.isnull().sum()/df.count()*100      df.dtypes
FlightNumber      0.000                FlightNumber      int64
Date              0.000                Date              object
BoosterVersion    0.000                BoosterVersion    object
PayloadMass       0.000                PayloadMass       float64
Orbit             0.000
LaunchSite        0.000
Outcome           0.000

# Apply value_counts() on column LaunchSite
df["LaunchSite"].value_counts()        landing_outcomes = df["Outcome"].value_counts()
                                         landing_outcomes
CCAFS SLC 40      55                    True ASDS      41
KSC LC 39A        22                    None None      19
VAFB SLC 4E       13                    True RTLS      14
Name: LaunchSite, dtype: int64

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66.66666666666666
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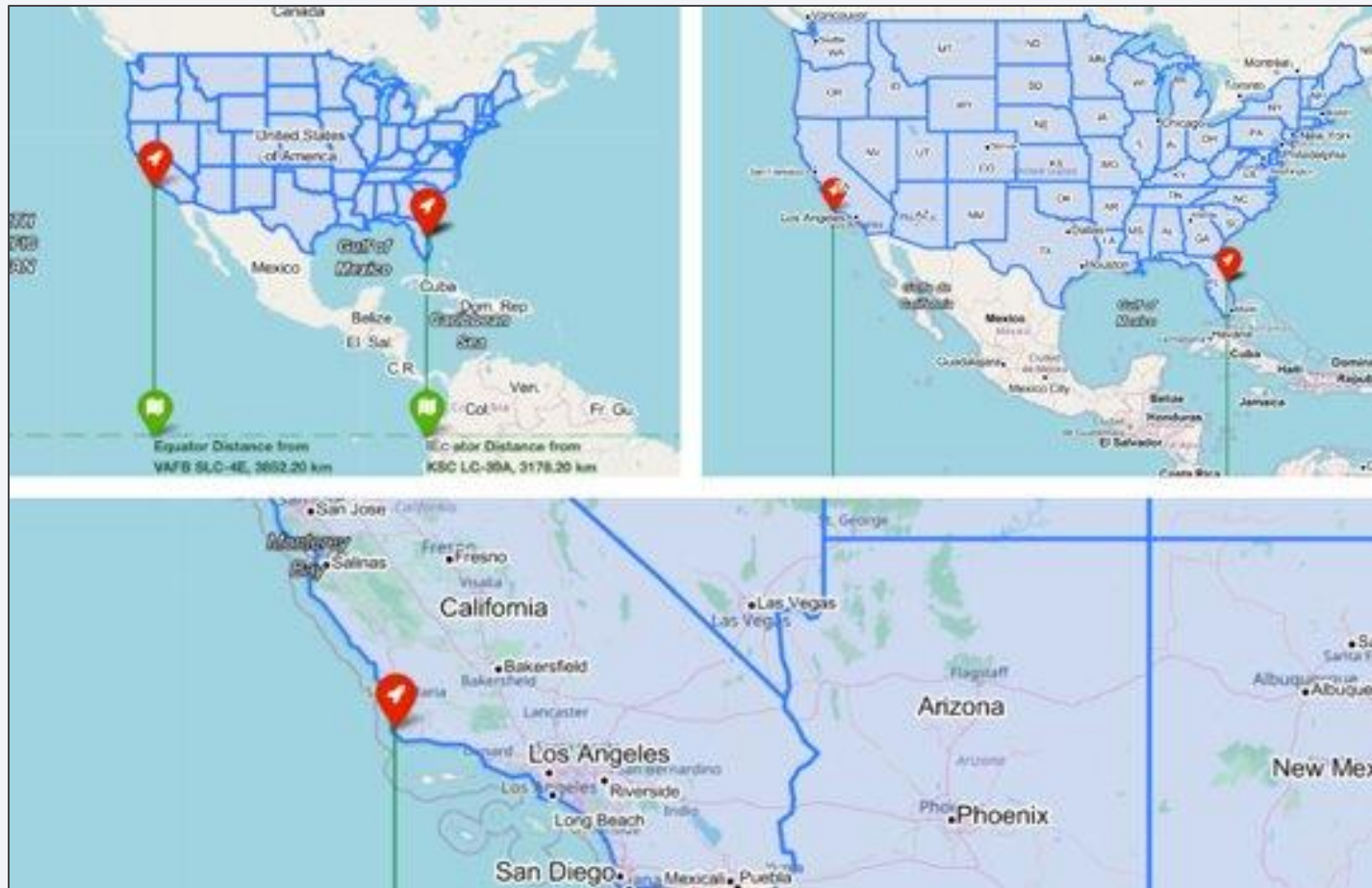
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Proximities



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SQL query successful and failure mission outcomes.

```
%sql SELECT COUNT(MISSION_OUTCOME) AS "Successful Mission" FROM SPACEX WHERE MISSION_OUTCOME LIKE 'Success%';
```

| Successful Mission |
|--------------------|
| 100 |

```
%sql SELECT COUNT(MISSION_OUTCOME) AS "Failure Mission" FROM SPACEX WHERE MISSION_OUTCOME LIKE 'Failure%';
```

| Failure Mission |
|-----------------|
| 1 |

Thank you!

