

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# **Executive Summary**

- Summary of methodologies :
  - Data Collection
  - Data Wrangling
  - Data Exploration
  - Data Analysis
  - Data Prediction
- Model performances:
  - Logistic Regression: 0.8333
  - Support Vector Machine: 0.8333
  - Decision Tree: 0.7222
  - K-Nearest Neighbors: 0.8333
- Best performing model: Logistic Regression with an accuracy of 0.8333

#### Introduction

- 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.
- In this project, we will predict if the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully, as it is crucial for the future of American Space exploration



# Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

- Data collection methodology:
  - Data collected with the SpaceX API: spacex\_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
- Perform data wrangling
  - Missing values were taken care of to clean the data file
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - Using 4 methods: Log Regression, SVM, Decision Tree and K-Nearest

#### **Data Collection**

API Selection: Chose the SpaceX API as the primary data source for historical launch data.

Data Retrieval: Made GET requests to the SpaceX API endpoint for past launches: https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past.

Data Wrangling: Cleaned and formatted the retrieved data to ensure it was suitable for analysis.

Helper Functions: Defined auxiliary functions to extract specific information from the API response:

Booster Version: Extracted the name of the rocket booster.

Launch Site: Retrieved the name, longitude, and latitude of the launch site.

Payload Data: Collected payload mass and orbit information.

Core Data: Gathered details about the landing outcome, landing type, reuse count, and core serial number.

Data Storage: Appended the extracted data into lists for further analysis.

Data Validation: Ensured that the data collected was accurate and complete by checking for null values and handling exceptions.

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

- \*\*Steps in the previous page\*\*
- https://github.com/sampic78/coursera \_ibm/blob/main/1jupyter-labs-spacexdata-collection-api.ipynb

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[Start]
[Select SpaceX API]
[Make GET Request to API]
[Receive API Response]
[Define Helper Functions]
[Extract Data Using Functions]
[Append Data to Lists]
[Validate Data]
[Data Ready for Analysis]
[End]
```

# **Data Collection - Scraping**

- Identified the Wikipedia page containing the launch records: https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\_of\_Falcon\_9\_and\_Falcon\_Heavy\_launches.
- Imported necessary libraries: requests for making HTTP requests and BeautifulSoup for parsing HTML content.
- Made a GET request to the target URL to retrieve the HTML content of the page.
- Checked the response status code to ensure the request was successful (status code 200).
- Created a BeautifulSoup object to parse the HTML content.
- Used BeautifulSoup to find all HTML tables on the page and identified the specific table containing the launch records.
- Extracted column names from the table header ( elements) for later use in data structuring.
- Iterated through the rows of the target table to extract relevant data for each launch,
- Organized the extracted data into a dictionary for easy conversion into a Pandas DataFrame.
- Converted the structured data dictionary into a Pandas DataFrame for analysis.
- Exported the DataFrame to a CSV file for future use.
- https://github.com/sampic78/coursera\_ibm/blob/main/2jupyter-labs-webscraping.ipynb

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[Identify Target URL]
[Make HTTP GET Request]
[Check Response Status]
[Create BeautifulSoup Object and Find All HTML Tables]
[Identify Target Table]
[Identify Target Table and Extract Column Names]
[Iterate Through Table Rows]
[Extract Launch Data]]
[Organize Data into Dictionary and Convert Dictionary to Data Frame]
[Export Data to CSV]
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# **Data Wrangling**

- Loaded the SpaceX dataset from a CSV file using Pandas.
- Calculated the percentage of missing values in each attribute to assess data quality.
- Identified numerical and categorical columns in the dataset using the dtypes attribute.
- Analyzed the number of launches from each site using the value\_counts() method on the LaunchSite column.
- Determined the number and occurrence of each orbit type using the value\_counts() method on the Orbit column.
- Analyzed the mission outcomes by counting occurrences in the Outcome column and identifying successful and unsuccessful landings.
- Created a set of bad outcomes where the landing was unsuccessful (e.g., False ASDS, False Ocean, etc.).
- Generated a binary classification label (Class) based on the Outcome column, where 1 indicates a successful landing and 0 indicates an unsuccessful landing.
- Calculated the success rate of landings by taking the mean of the Class column.
- Exported the processed DataFrame to a new CSV file for future use.https://github.com/sampic78/coursera\_ibm/blob/main/3labs-jupyter-spacex-Data%20wrangling.ipynb

```
[Load Dataset from CSV]
[Identify Missing Values]
[Calculate Percentage of Missing Values]
[Identify Data Types (Numerical & Categorical)]
[Analyze Launch Sites]
[Analyze Orbit Types]
[Analyze Landing Outcomes]
[Create Set of Bad Outcomes]
[Generate Binary Classification Labels]
[Calculate Success Rate]
[Export Processed Data to CSV]
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### **EDA** with Data Visualization

- 1. Scatter Plot: Flight Number vs. Payload Mass. Purpose: To observe the relationship between the flight number (indicating the sequence of launches) and the payload mass. The hue was set to represent the landing outcome (success or failure). Insights: This chart helped identify trends indicating that as the flight number increases, the likelihood of successful landings also increases. It also showed that heavier payloads could still result in successful landings.
- 2. Scatter Plot: Flight Number vs. Launch Site. Purpose: To visualize the relationship between the flight number and the launch site, with the hue representing the landing outcome. Insights: This chart provided insights into how different launch sites performed over time, revealing patterns in successful and unsuccessful landings based on the site used.
- 3. Scatter Plot: Payload Mass vs. Launch Site. Purpose: To examine the relationship between payload mass and launch site, with the hue indicating the landing outcome. Insights: This chart illustrated that for the VAFB-SLC launch site, there were no launches with heavy payloads (greater than 10,000 kg), indicating a potential limitation of that site.
- 4. Bar Chart: Success Rate by Orbit Type. Purpose: To visualize the success rate of launches based on different orbit types. Insights: This chart allowed for a clear comparison of success rates across various orbit types, helping to identify which orbits had higher success rates and which were more challenging.
- 5. Scatter Plot: Flight Number vs. Orbit Type. Purpose: To explore the relationship between flight number and orbit type, with the hue representing the landing outcome. Insights: This chart helped to determine if there was any correlation between the number of flights and the success rate for different orbit types.
- 6. Scatter Plot: Payload Mass vs. Orbit Type. Purpose: To visualize the relationship between payload mass and orbit type, with the hue indicating the landing outcome. Insights: This chart revealed that heavier payloads had a higher success rate for certain orbits (like Polar, LEO, and ISS), while GTO showed mixed outcomes.
- 7. Line Chart: Success Rate Over the Years. Purpose: To visualize the trend of launch success rates over the years. Insights: This chart demonstrated that the success rate of launches has generally increased since 2013, indicating improvements in technology and processes over time.
- https://github.com/sampic78/coursera\_ibm/blob/main/edadataviz.ipynb

# **EDA** with SQL

- Task 1: Displayed unique launch sites in the SpaceX mission dataset.
- Task 2: Retrieved 5 records of launch sites that begin with 'CCA'.
- Task 3: Calculated the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS).
- Task 4: Computed the average payload mass for the booster version F9 v1.1.
- Task 5: Listed the date of the first successful landing outcome on a ground pad.
- Task 6: Identified booster versions that successfully landed on a drone ship with payload mass between 4000 and 6000 kg.
- Task 7: Counted the total number of successful and failed mission outcomes.
- Task 8: Retrieved booster versions that carried the maximum payload mass using a subquery.
- Task 9: Listed records showing month names, failure landing outcomes on a drone ship, booster versions, and launch sites for the year 2015.
- Task 10: Ranked the count of landing outcomes between specific dates in descending order.
- https://github.com/sampic78/coursera\_ibm/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera\_sqllite.ipynb

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- 1. Markers, Description: Markers were created for each launch site and for each launch record. Purpose: For launch sites, markers indicate the geographical locations of the launch facilities. For launch records, markers represent the outcomes of each launch (successful or failed) at their respective coordinates. The color of the markers (green for successful launches and red for failed ones) provides an immediate visual cue about the success rates of launches at each site.
- 2. Circles, Description: Circles were drawn around each launch site. Purpose: The circles visually highlight the area around each launch site, making it easier to see the proximity of each site to other geographical features or infrastructure.

They also serve as a visual representation of the launch site's influence area, which can be important for safety and operational considerations.

3. Marker Clusters, Description: A MarkerCluster object was used to group markers that are close to each other. Purpose:

This helps to manage the display of multiple markers that may overlap or be very close together, making the map cleaner and easier to read. It allows users to zoom in and out without cluttering the map with too many individual markers.

4. Polylines, Description: Polylines were drawn to connect launch sites to points of interest, such as coastlines or cities. Purpose:

These lines visually represent the distance between the launch sites and nearby features, helping to analyze the proximity of launch sites to critical infrastructure like coastlines, railways, and highways.

They provide a clear visual indication of the relationships between launch sites and their surroundings.

5. Mouse Position, Description: A MousePosition object was added to the map. Purpose:

This feature allows users to see the latitude and longitude of their mouse cursor as they explore the map, which is useful for identifying specific points of interest and measuring distances to those points from the launch sites.

#### Summary of Purpose

The overall purpose of adding these objects to the Folium map is to create an interactive and informative visualization of SpaceX launch sites and their operational contexts. By using markers, circles, and lines, the map provides insights into the geographical distribution of launch sites, the success rates of launches, and the proximity of these sites to important geographical features. This visualization aids in understanding the operational landscape of space launches and can help in making data-driven decisions regarding future launch site locations and operations.

https://github.com/sampic78/coursera\_ibm/blob/main/lab\_jupyter\_launch\_site\_location.ipynb

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

1. Interactive Map, Description: A central feature of the dashboard would be the interactive map created using Folium, displaying launch sites, launch outcomes, and proximity to geographical features.

Purpose:

To provide a visual representation of the geographical distribution of launch sites and their success rates.

Users can interact with the map to explore different launch sites, view details about each launch, and analyze spatial relationships with nearby features.

2. Bar Charts for Success Rates, Description: Bar charts could be used to display the success rates of launches for each site.

To provide a quick visual comparison of the performance of different launch sites.

This helps stakeholders identify which sites have higher success rates and may warrant further investment or focus.

3. Pie Charts for Launch Outcomes, Description: Pie charts could illustrate the proportion of successful versus failed launches across all sites. Purpose:

To give a clear visual representation of overall launch performance.

This can help in understanding the general trends in launch success and failure.

4. Line Graphs for Launch Trends Over Time, Description: Line graphs could show the number of launches over time, categorized by success and failure.

To analyze trends in launch activity and success rates over time.

This can help identify patterns, such as improvements in technology or operational practices leading to higher success rates.

5. Dropdowns or Filters, Description: Interactive dropdown menus or filters could allow users to select specific launch sites or time periods.

To enable users to customize their view of the data, focusing on specific areas of interest.

This enhances user engagement and allows for more tailored analysis.

6. Hover Tooltips, Description: Tooltips that appear when hovering over markers or data points on the map or graphs. Purpose:

To provide additional information about specific launches or sites without cluttering the visual space.

This interaction enhances the user experience by making the data more accessible and informative.

Summary of Purpose

The inclusion of these plots, graphs, and interactions in a dashboard serves to create a comprehensive and user-friendly interface for analyzing SpaceX launch data. By combining visualizations with interactive elements, users can gain insights into launch performance, geographical relationships, and trends over time. This approach not only facilitates data exploration but also supports informed decision-making for stakeholders involved in space exploration and launch operations.

 $https://github.com/sampic 78/coursera\_ibm/blob/main/lab\_jupyter\_launch\_site\_location.ipynb$ 

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

#### Model Development Process:

#### 1. Building the Model

Data Collection: Loaded datasets containing features related to Falcon 9 launches.

Data Preprocessing:

Created a target variable Y from the Class column.

Standardized the feature set X using StandardScaler.

Split the data into training and testing sets using train\_test\_split.

#### 2. Evaluating the Model

Model Selection: Implemented multiple classification algorithms:

Logistic Regression

Support Vector Machine (SVM)

**Decision Tree** 

K-Nearest Neighbors (KNN)

Hyperparameter Tuning: Used GridSearchCV for each model to find the best hyperparameters through cross-validation.

Performance Metrics: Evaluated models based on accuracy and confusion matrix.

#### 3. Improving the Model

Hyperparameter Optimization: Adjusted parameters for each model to enhance performance.

Model Comparison: Compared the accuracy of all models to identify strengths and weaknesses.

#### 4. Finding the Best Performing Model

Final Evaluation: Calculated accuracy on the test set for each model.

Best Model Identification: Selected the model with the highest accuracy as the best performing model.

https://github.com/sampic78/coursera\_ibm/blob/main/SpaceX\_Machine%20Learning%20Prediction\_Part\_5.ipynb

#### Results

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

Model performances:

Logistic Regression: 0.8333

Support Vector Machine: 0.8333

Decision Tree: 0.7222

K-Nearest Neighbors: 0.8333

Best performing model: Logistic Regression with an accuracy of

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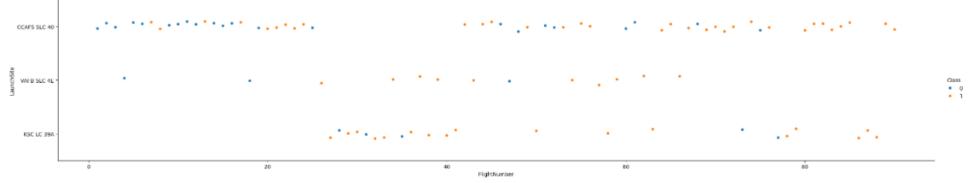
# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

#### TASK 1: Visualize the relationship between Flight Number and Launch Site

Use the function catplot to plot FlightNumber vs LaunchSite, set the parameter x parameter to FlightNumber, set the y to Launch Site and set the parameter hue to 'class'

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In [5]: # Plot a scatter point chart with x axis to be Flight Number and y axis to be the launch site, and hue to be the class va sns.catplot(y="LaunchSite", x="FlightNumber", hue="Class", data=df, aspect=5)

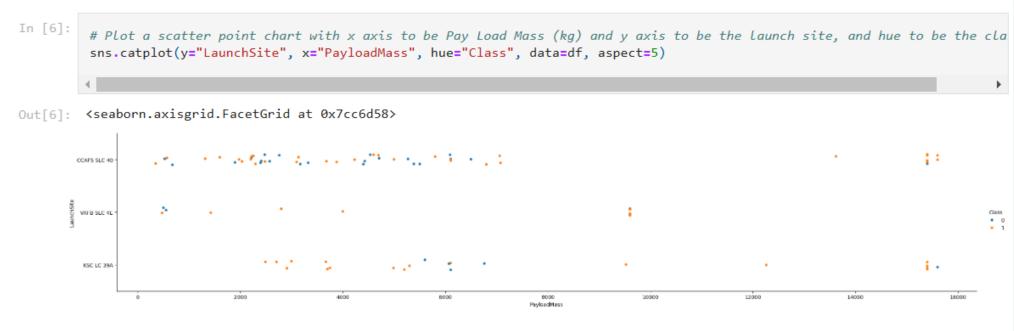
Out[5]: <seaborn.axisgrid.FacetGrid at 0x6790370>
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# Payload vs. Launch Site

#### TASK 2: Visualize the relationship between Payload Mass and Launch Site

We also want to observe if there is any relationship between launch sites and their payload mass.

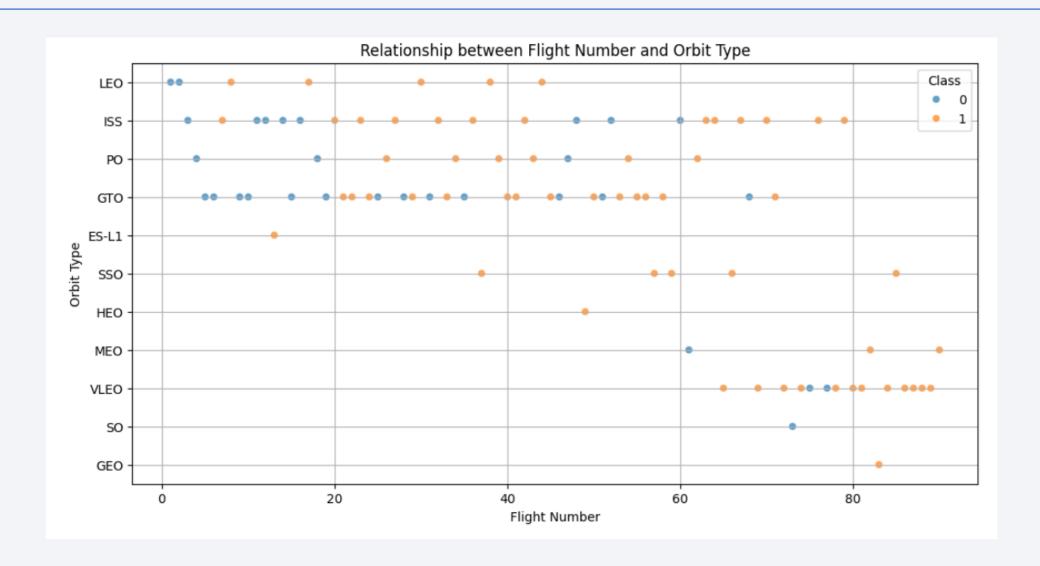


Now if you observe Payload Mass Vs. Launch Site scatter point chart you will find for the VAFB-SLC launchsite there are no rockets launched for heavypayload mass(greater than 10000).

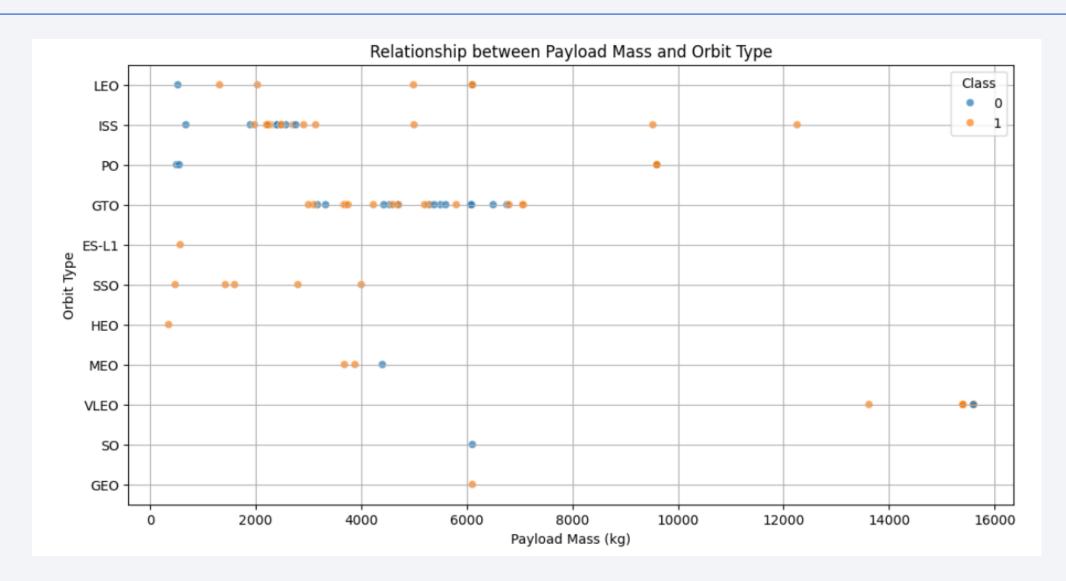
# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



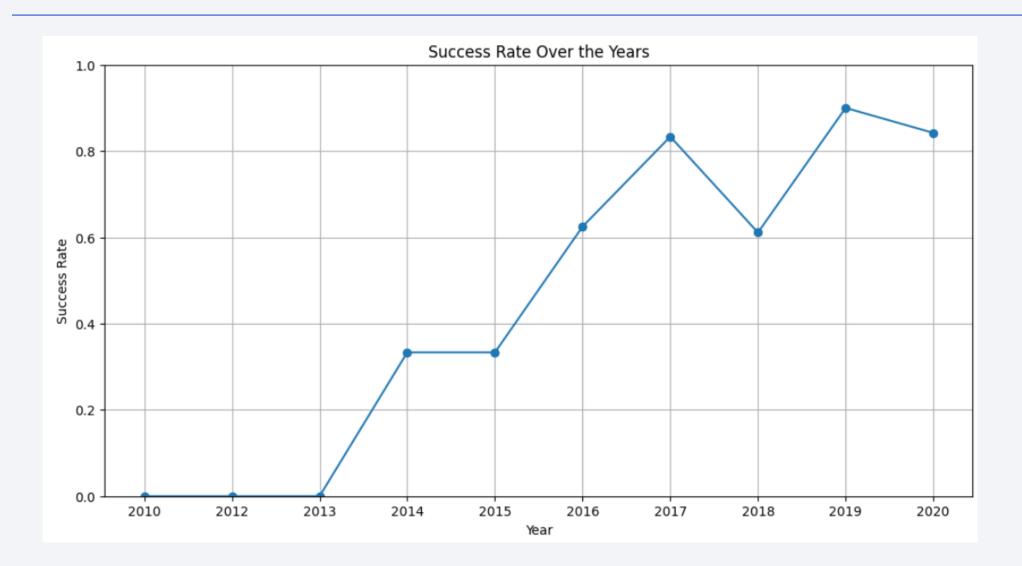
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



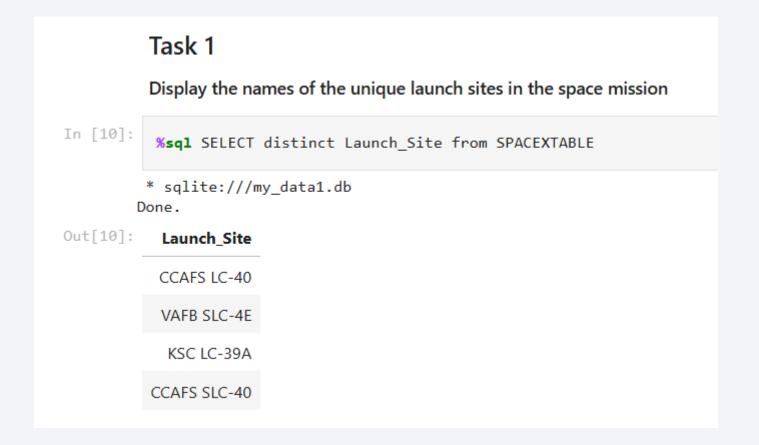
# Payload vs. Orbit Type



# Launch Success Yearly Trend



### All Launch Site Names



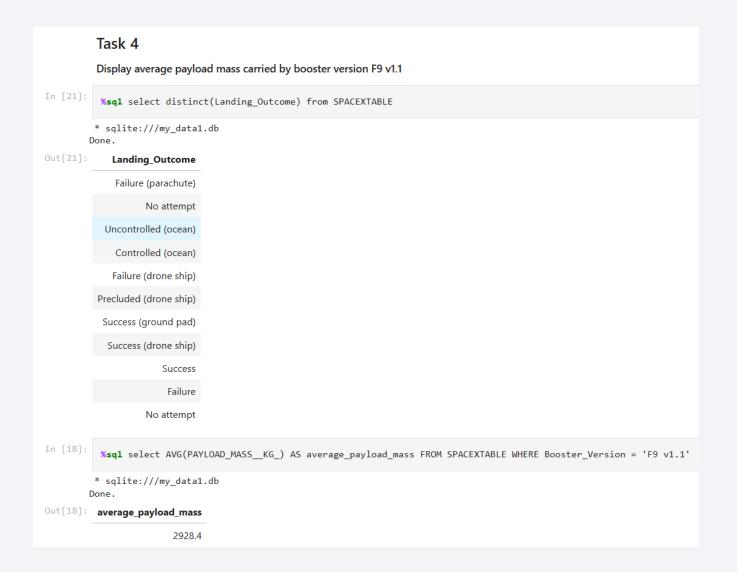
# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

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Task 2
          Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
In [11]:
          %sql select launch_site from SPACEXTABLE where substr(launch_site,1,3)='CCA' limit 5
         * sqlite:///my_data1.db
        Done.
Out[11]: Launch_Site
          CCAFS LC-40
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# **Total Payload Mass**

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# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1



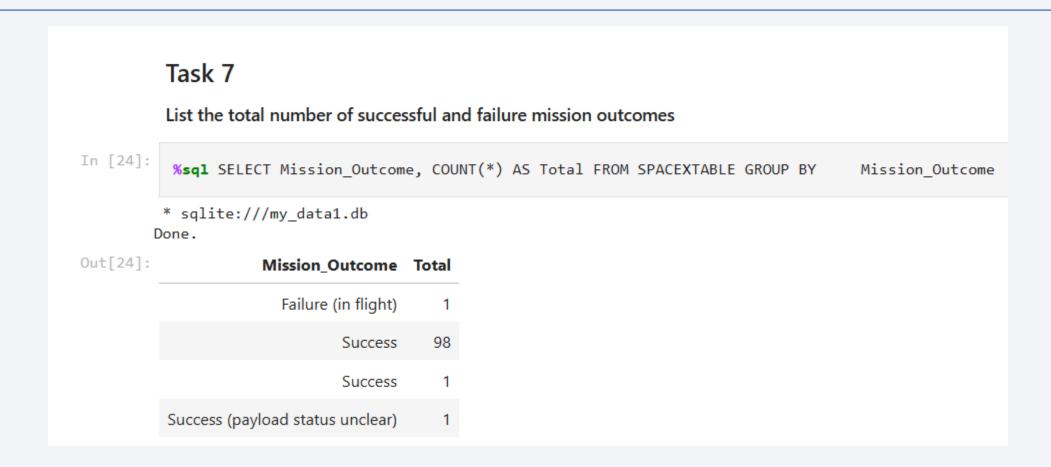
# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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

#### Task 6 List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000 In [23]: %sql SELECT Booster\_Version FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE Landing\_Outcome LIKE 'Success (drone ship)' AND PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_ > 4000 \* sqlite:///my\_data1.db Done. Out[23]: **Booster Version** F9 FT B1022 F9 FT B1026 F9 FT B1021.2 F9 FT B1031.2

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



# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

#### Task 8 List the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery In [25]: %sql SELECT Booster\_Version FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_\_KG\_) FROM SPACEXTABLE) \* sqlite:///my\_data1.db Done. Out[25]: Booster\_Version F9 B5 B1048.4 F9 B5 B1049.4 F9 B5 B1051.3 F9 B5 B1056.4 F9 B5 B1048.5 F9 B5 B1051.4 F9 B5 B1049.5 F9 B5 B1060.2 F9 B5 B1058.3 F9 B5 B1051.6 F9 B5 B1060.3 F9 B5 B1049.7

#### 2015 Launch Records

#### Task 9

[30]: Month\_Name Booster\_Version Launch\_Site

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, 6,2) as month to get the months and substr(Date, 0,5)='2015' for year.

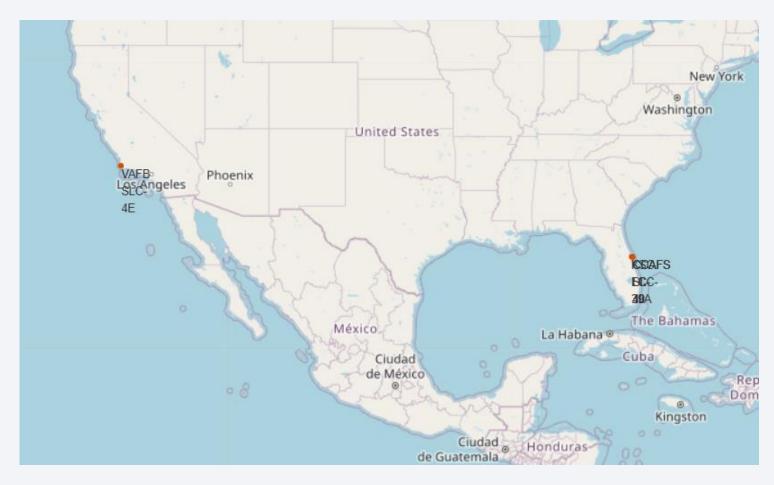
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%%sql SELECT
      CASE
          WHEN substr(Date, 6, 2) = '01' THEN 'January'
          WHEN substr(Date, 6, 2) = '02' THEN 'February'
          WHEN substr(Date, 6, 2) = '03' THEN 'March'
         WHEN substr(Date, 6, 2) = '04' THEN 'April'
         WHEN substr(Date, 6, 2) = '05' THEN 'May'
         WHEN substr(Date, 6, 2) = '06' THEN 'June'
         WHEN substr(Date, 6, 2) = '07' THEN 'July'
          WHEN substr(Date, 6, 2) = '08' THEN 'August'
          WHEN substr(Date, 6, 2) = '09' THEN 'September'
          WHEN substr(Date, 6, 2) = '10' THEN 'October'
         WHEN substr(Date, 6, 2) = '11' THEN 'November'
          WHEN substr(Date, 6, 2) = '12' THEN 'December'
      END AS Month_Name,
     Booster_Version,
     Launch Site
  FROM
      SPACEXTABLE
  WHERE
      Landing Outcome LIKE 'False ASDS'
      AND substr(Date, 0, 5) = '2015';
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
```

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

#### Task 10 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. In [31]: %%sql SELECT Landing\_Outcome, COUNT(\*) AS Outcome\_Count SPACEXTABLE WHERE Date BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20' GROUP BY Landing Outcome ORDER BY Outcome\_Count DESC; \* sqlite:///my data1.db Done. Out[31]: Landing\_Outcome Outcome\_Count No attempt 10 Success (drone ship) 5 Failure (drone ship) 5 Success (ground pad) Controlled (ocean) 3 Uncontrolled (ocean) 2 Failure (parachute) 2 Precluded (drone ship)



### All Launch Sites

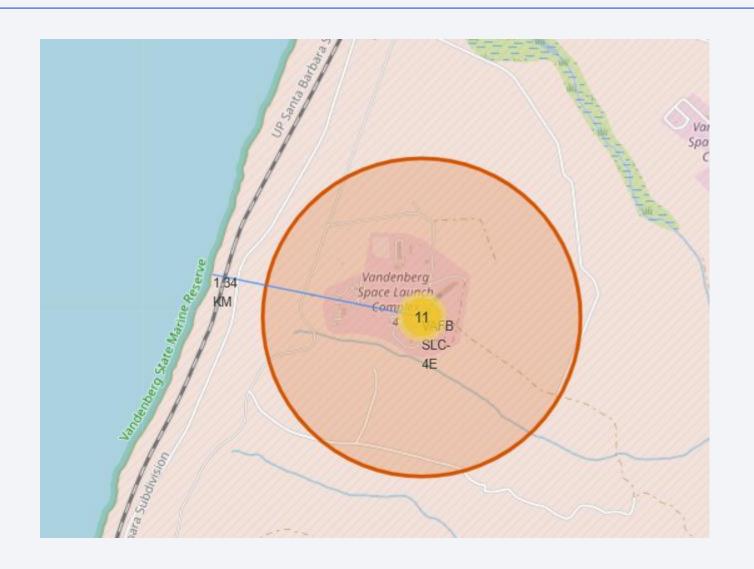


# Launch outcomes



• Color-labeled launch outcomes on the map

# Calculation of distance





### Piechart success

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KSL was the most successful site

### < Dashboard Screenshot 2>

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• Show the screen ratio

Explain the imp



launch success

### < Dashboard Screenshot 3>

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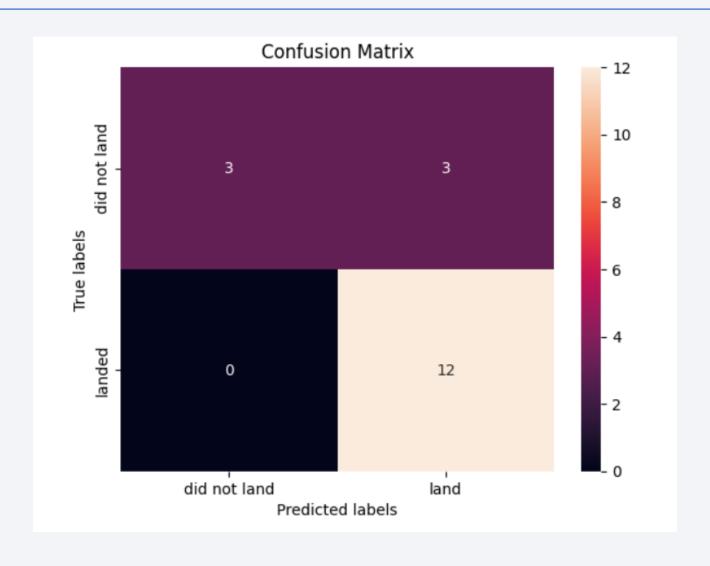
• Explain the important elements and findings on the screenshot, such as which payload range or booster version have the largest success rate, etc.



# Classification Accuracy

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# **Confusion Matrix**



### **Conclusions**

• Best performing model: Logistic Regression with an accuracy of 0.8333

# **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

