

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

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- Exploratory data analysis:
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 - Different visualizations performed (scatter, bar, line plots, interactive dashboards, geolocation maps)
- Predictive analysis:
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- Conclusion
 - Decision Tree Model is the most accurate model to predict landing outcome ('Class' Feature)

Introduction

- SpaceX is one of the first rocket launch projects that has commercial success
- Important factors to be able to outcompete other programs in the future:
 - Know which factors (location, weather, rocket type, ...) contribute to highest launch/landing rate
 - Predict future landing success rate rockets to maximize reuse for multiple launches



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 - Consuming SpaceX public REST APIs

Data Collection – SpaceX API

API calls performed:

Get historic general data of launches (GET https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past)

For each general data record, get details of :

Used Rocket Booster Version (GET https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/rockets)

Used Launch pad (GET https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launchpads)

Payload details (GET https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/payloads)

Rocket core details (GET https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/cores)

Extracted information:

Flight Number Flight Date Rocket Booster Version Payload Mass Orbit Launch Site

Outcome Flights Grid Fins Reused Legs Landing Pad

Block Reused Count Serial Longitude Latitude

• GitHub URL: https://github.com/sirasen/sandbox/blob/main/data_science_lab/Capstone_01_Data_Collection.ipynb

Data Collection - Scraping

• Used BeautifulSoup library to web scrape tables with launch history from https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches&oldid=1027686922

Extracted information:

Flight Number Flight Date Flight Time Rocket Booster Version

Launch Site Payload Type Payload Mass Orbit

Customer Launch outcome Booster landing

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Data Wrangling

- Data wrangling steps:
 - Only one additional Feature 'Class' was added based on Feature 'Outcome'
 - 0 : unsuccessful landing outcome
 - 1 : successful landing outcome
- GitHub URL:

https://github.com/sirasen/sandbox/blob/main/data_science_lab/Capstone_02_Data_Wrangling.ipynb

EDA with Data Visualization

- Charts that were plotted:
 - Flight Number vs Launch Site (scatter plot)
 - Payload mass vs Launch Site (scatter plot)
 - Orbit Type vs Success Rate (bar plot)
 - Flight number vs Orbit Type (scatter plot)
 - Payload mass vs Orbit Type (scatter plot)
 - Launch success yearly trend (line plot)
- GitHub URL :

https://github.com/sirasen/sandbox/blob/main/data_science_lab/ Capstone_O3_Exploratory_Analysis.ipynb

EDA with SQL

- Performed SQL queries:
 - List of all launch sites
 - List of 5 launch sites whose name starts with 'CCA'
 - Total payload of rockets for NASA (CRS) as customer
 - Average payload of F9 v1.1 rockets
 - Date when the first rocket successfully landed on a ground pad
 - Rocket booster versions that landed on a drone ship with payload of 4 to 6 metric tons
 - Total number of successful and failed landings
 - Rocket booster versions that carried the maximum payload
 - For 2015, month, booster version and launch site of the failed landings on a drone ship
 - Ranking of landing outcomes in period 04/06/2010 20/03/2017
- GitHub URL: https://github.com/sirasen/sandbox/blob/main/data-science-lab/Capstone-03-Exploratory Analysis.ipynb

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Created Folium map of North America with:
 - Markers indicating locations of the launch sites
 - Circles indicating the launch success count for each launch site
- GitHub URL:

https://github.com/sirasen/sandbox/blob/main/data science lab/Capstone 04 Interactive Map.ipynb

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Created a Dashboard with:

- For all launch sites:
 - A pie chart showing the ratio of launches for each launch site
 - A scatter plot showing the correlation between payload mass and launch success rate
- For each launch site:
 - A pie chart showing the ratio between successful and failed launches
 - A scatter plot showing the correlation between payload mass and launch success rate

• GitHub URL:

https://github.com/sirasen/sandbox/blob/main/data_science_lab/Capstone_04_Interactive_Dashboard.py

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

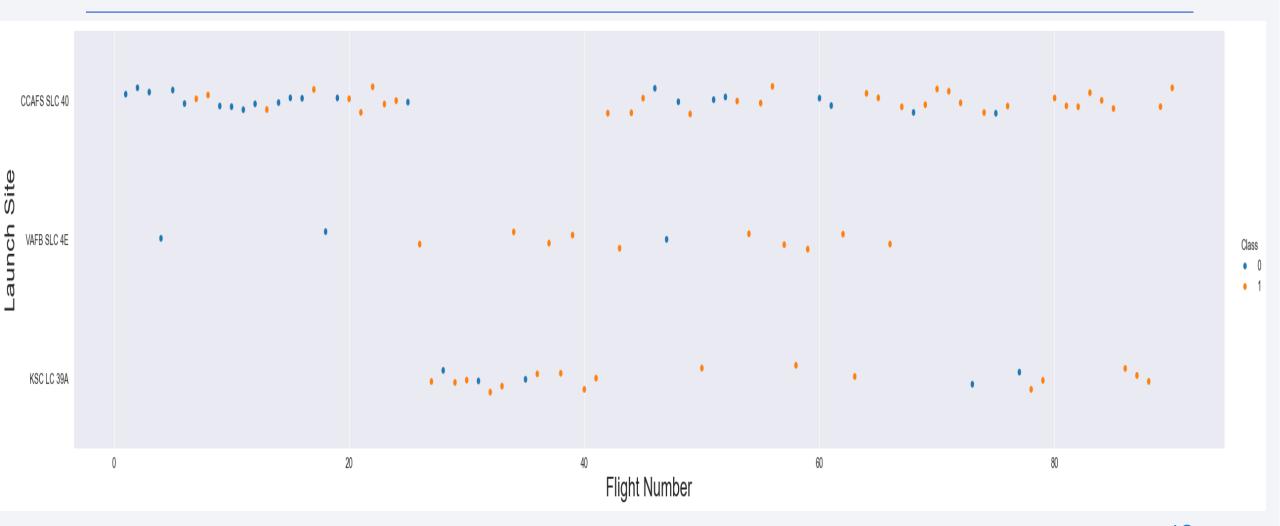
- Evaluated the following models:
 - Logistic Regression
 - Support Vector Machine
 - Decision Tree
 - k-Nearest Neighbor
- Scikit-Learn GridSearchCV used to find optimal hyperparameters
- Decision Tree model:
 - Is the most accurate (86.2 % accuracy)
 - Optimal hyperparameters:
 - Criterion : gini
 - Maximum depth = 4
 - Minimum samples leaf = 1
 - Minimum samples split : 2
 - Spllitter = random
- GitHub URL: https://github.com/sirasen/sandbox/blob/main/data_science_lab/Capstone_05_Predictive_Analysis.ipynb

Results

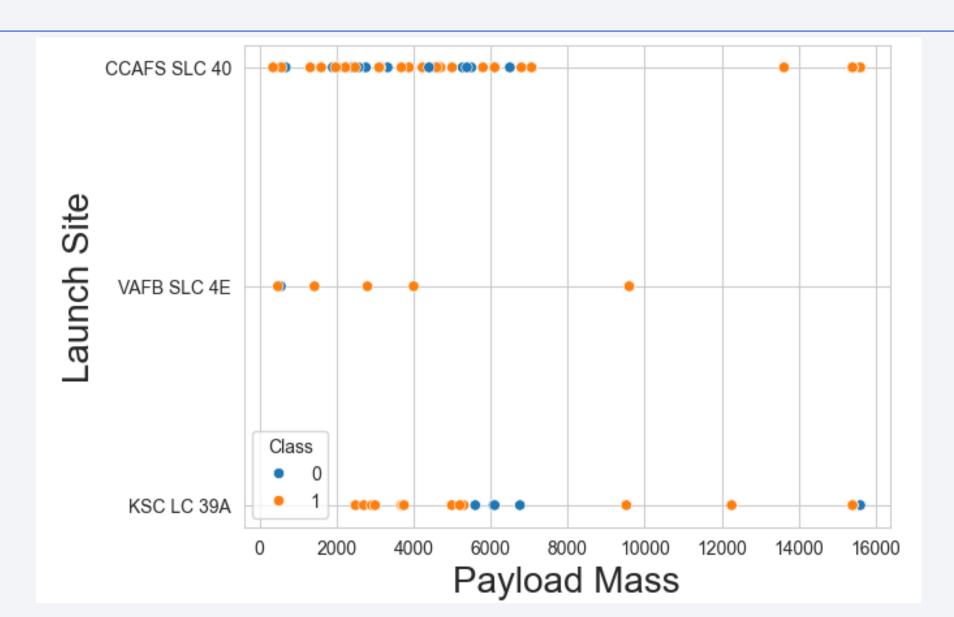
- Exploratory data analysis results
- Interactive analytics demo in screenshots
- Predictive analysis results



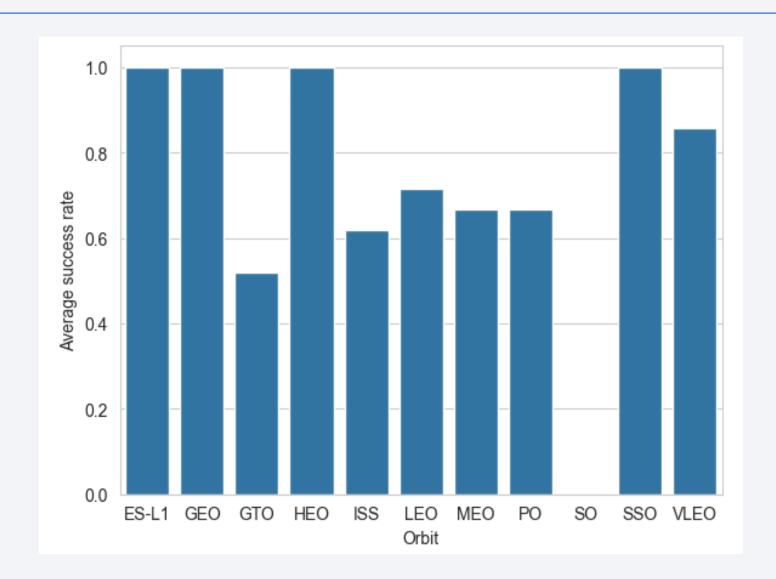
Flight Number vs. Launch Site



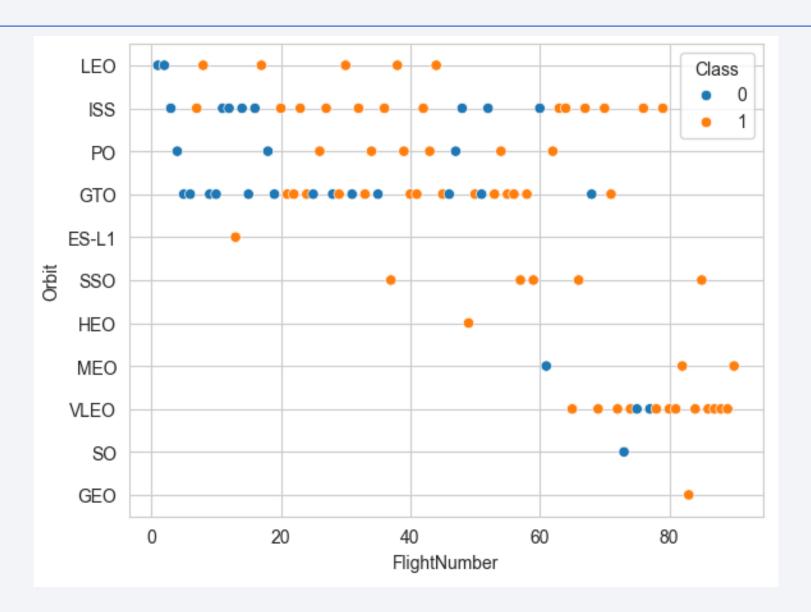
Payload vs. Launch Site



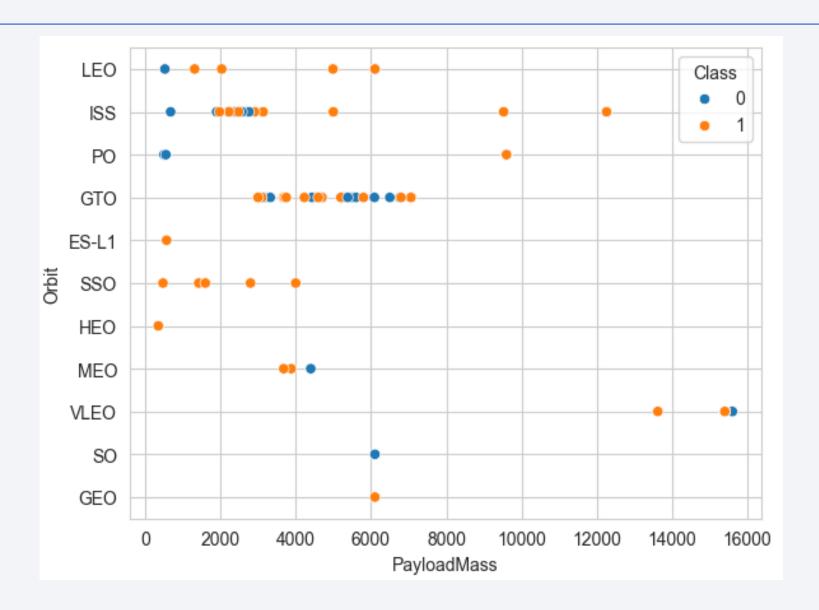
Orbit Type vs Success Rate



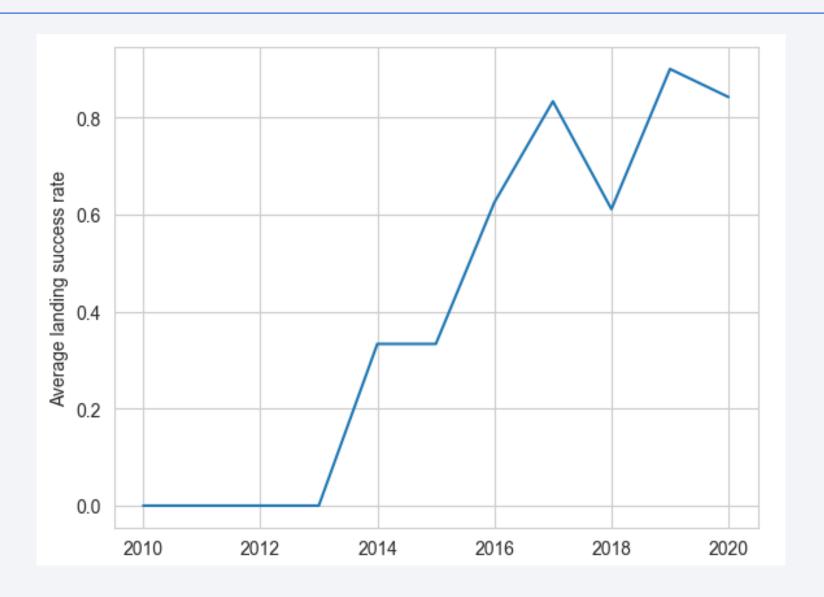
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



Payload vs. Orbit Type



Launch Success Yearly Trend



All Launch Site Names

```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT(Launch_Site) FROM SPACEXTABLE;

√ [12] < 10 ms</p>
  * sqlite:///my_data.db
 Done.
   Launch_Site
  CCAFS LC-40
  VAFB SLC-4E
   KSC LC-39A
 CCAFS SLC-40
```

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT(Launch_Site) FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE Launch_Site LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5;
✓ [15] < 10 ms</pre>
  * sqlite:///my_data.db
 Done.
   Launch Site
  CCAFS LC-40
 CCAFS SLC-40
```

Total Payload Mass of boosters from NASA

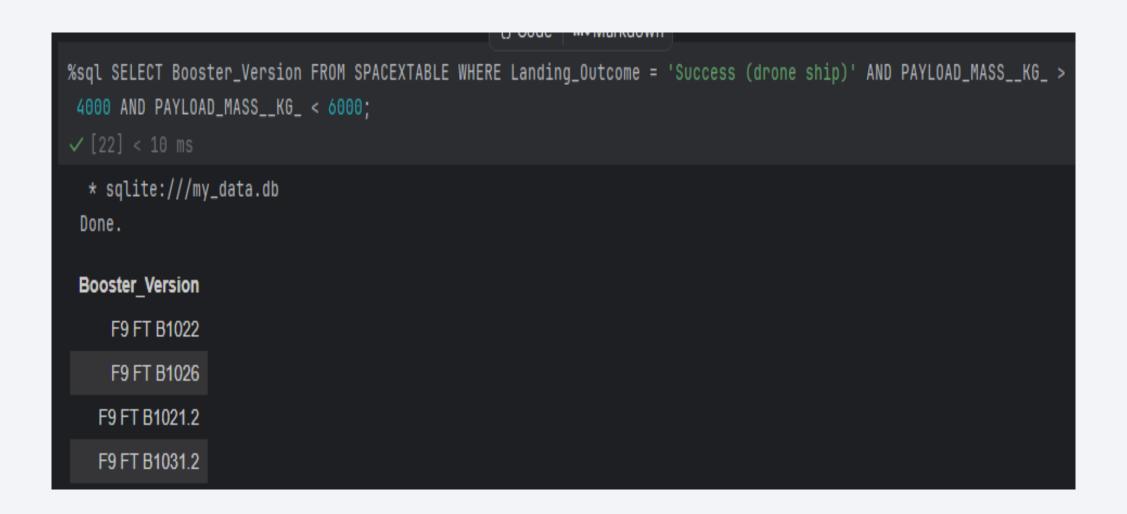
Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

```
%sql SELECT ROUND(AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_), 1) FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE Booster_Version like 'F9 v1.1%'
✓ [20] < 10 ms
  * sqlite:///my_data.db
  Done.
 ROUND(AVG(PAYLOAD MASS KG ), 1)
                              2534.7
```

First Successful Ground Landing Date

```
%sql SELECT MIN(Date) FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE Landing_Outcome = 'Success (ground pad)';
✓ [21] < 10 ms
  * sqlite:///my_data.db
 Done.
  MIN(Date)
 2015-12-22
```

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000



Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

```
%sql SELECT COUNT(Landing_Outcome) FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE Landing_Outcome LIKE '%Failure%' OR Landing_Outcome LIKE 2
\"Success%";
  * sqlite:///my_data.db
 Done.
 COUNT(Landing Outcome)
                      71
```

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT(Booster_Version) FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ IN (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM
  SPACEXTABLE);
  * sqlite:///my_data.db
 Done.
 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

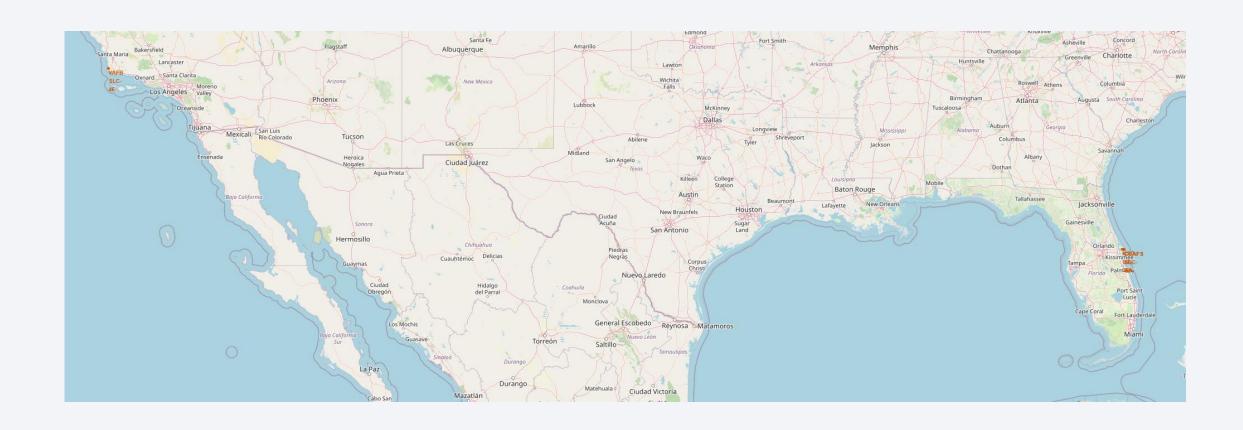
```
%sql SELECT substr(Date, 6, 2) AS Month, Booster_Version, Launch_Site FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE Landing_Outcome =
 'Failure (drone ship)' AND substr(Date, 0, 5) = '2015';
  * sqlite:///my_data.db
  Done.
        Booster Version Launch Site
           F9 v1.1 B1012 CCAFS LC-40
     01
           F9 v1.1 B1015 CCAFS LC-40
     04
```

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

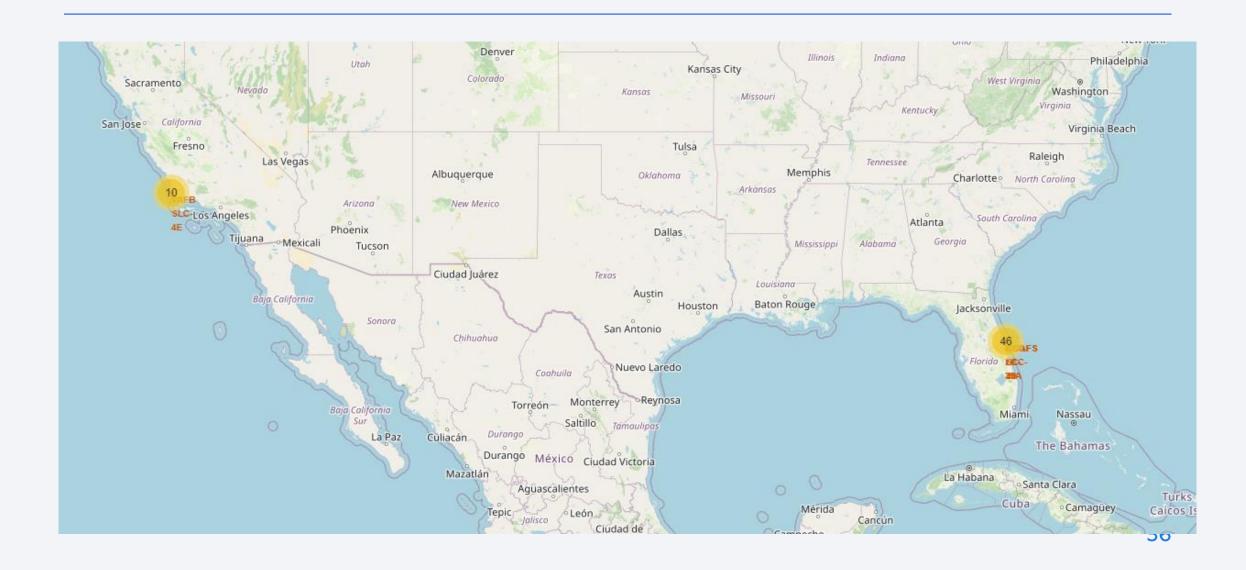
```
%sql SELECT Landing_Outcome, COUNT(Landing_Outcome) FROM SPACEXTABLE WHERE Date >= '2010-06-04' AND Date <=
 '2017-03-20' GROUP BY Landing_Outcome ORDER BY COUNT(Landing_Outcome) DESC;
  * sqlite:///my_data.db
 Done.
   Landing Outcome COUNT(Landing Outcome)
          No attempt
                                             10
  Success (drone ship)
   Failure (drone ship)
  Success (ground pad)
                                              3
    Controlled (ocean)
  Uncontrolled (ocean)
    Failure (parachute)
 Precluded (drone ship)
```



Main launch sites

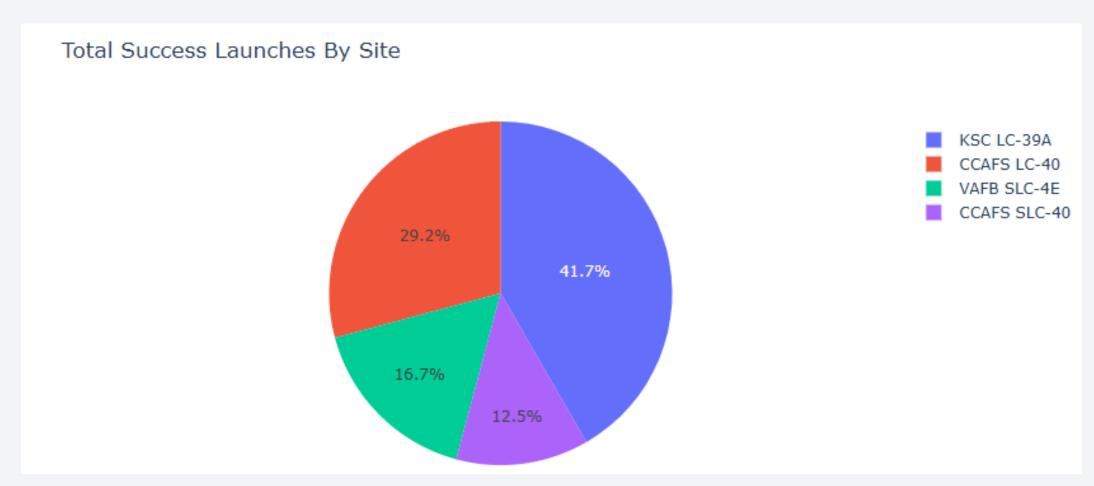


Main launch sites – launch outcomes

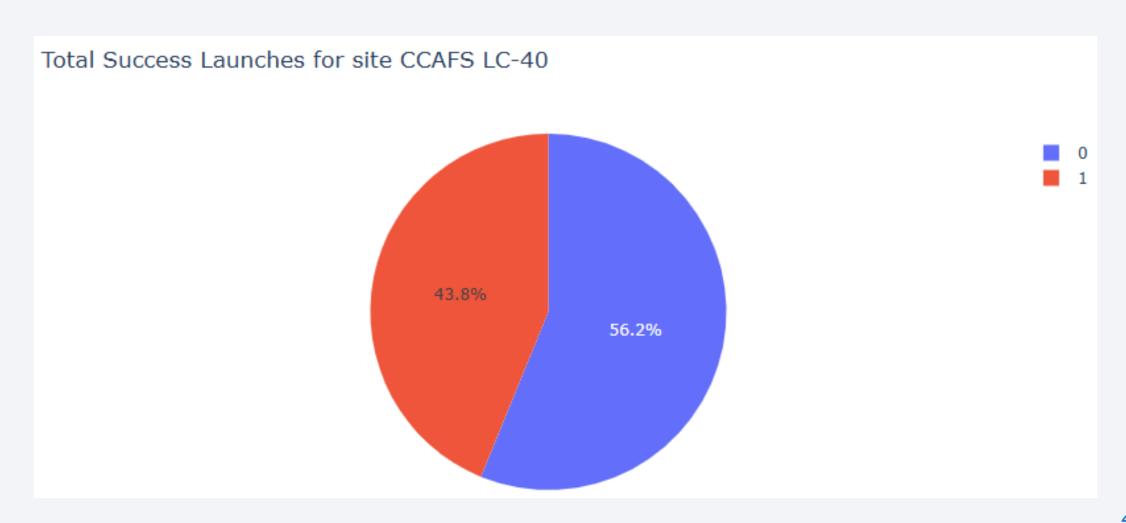




Launch success count for all sites



Launch site with highest launch success

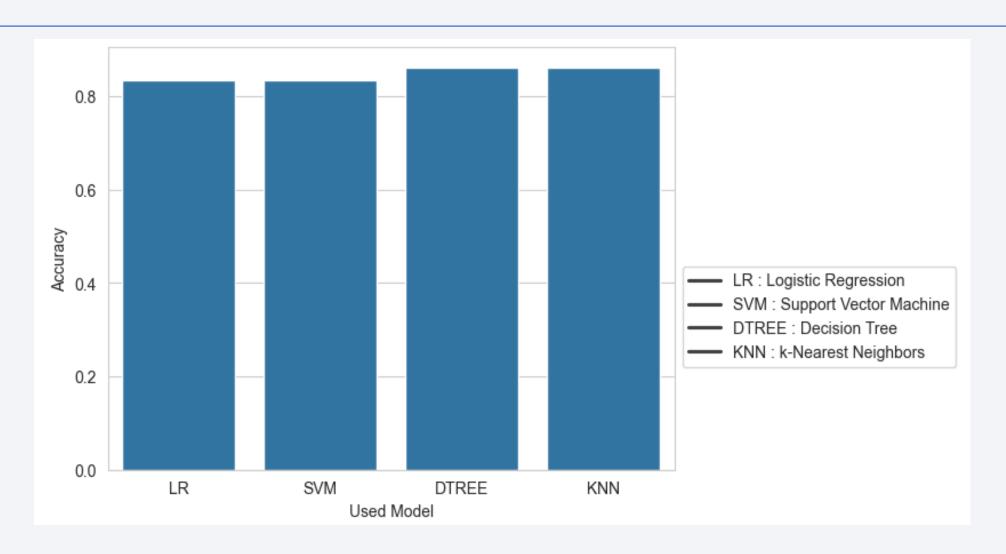


Payload vs Launch Success Rate

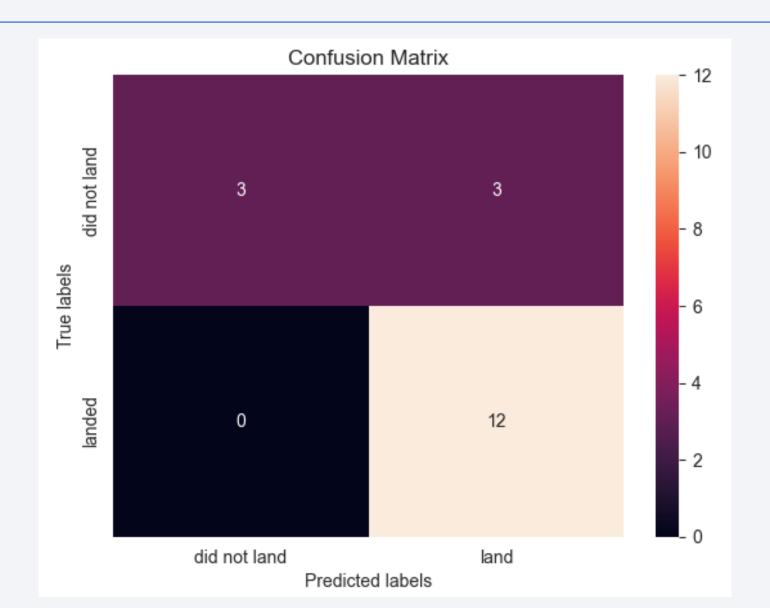




Classification Accuracy



Confusion Matrix of most accurate model (Decision Tree)



Conclusions

- Launch and landing success rate has increased with the years
- More launches were performed on the West-Coast launch sites
- Landing success rate can be predicted with > 86% accuracy using Decision Tree ML

Appendix

- Python Notebooks and Scripts: see https://github.com/sirasen/sandbox/tree/main/data_science_lab
- Used datasets:
 - https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork/datasets/dataset_part_1.csv
 - https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork/datasets/dataset_part_2.csv
 - https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork/datasets/dataset_part_3.csv
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 - https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwork/labs/module 2/data/Spacex.csv
 - https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches&oldid=1027686922
 - https://github.com/sirasen/sandbox/blob/main/data_science_lab/spacex_launch_dash.csv_
- Used REST API:
 - https://api.spacexdata.com/v4

