

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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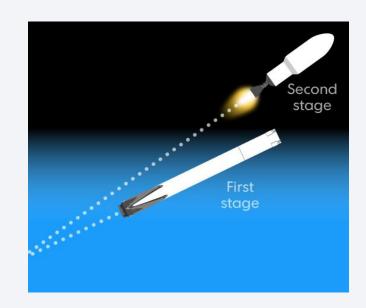
#### **Executive Summary**

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- Machine Learning Predictive Analysis

#### Introduction

- In this capstone I took the role as a data scientist working for a new rocket company, Space X
- If Space X is able to reuse the first stage, it will save the company millions of dollars. With this knowledge my goal was to determine the price of each launch.
- I did this by gathering information about Space X, analyzing the data using SQL and data visualization tools, and created an interactive Dashboard
- I trained a machine learning model, using publicly available information, to predict if Space X will reuse the first stage.





## Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

- Data collection methodology:
  - Get requests to the Space X API and web scraping data from Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
  - Clean the data
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - Create machine learning model based on the training inputs

#### **Data Collection**

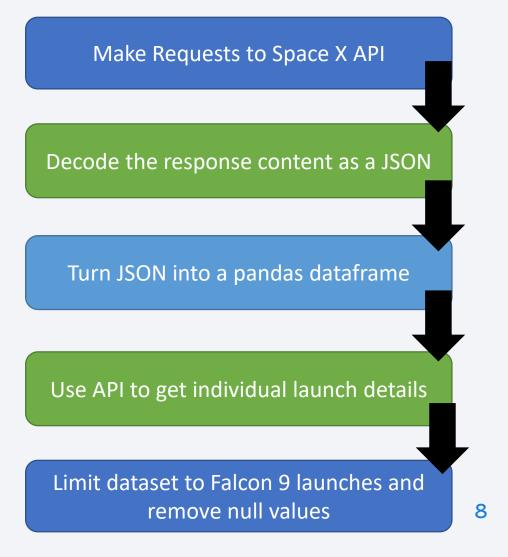
#### The data sets were collected by:

- Get requests to the Space X API (<a href="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past">https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past</a>)
- Decode the response content as a JSON and turned it into a Pandas dataframe
- 3. Use the API again to get information about each launch
- 4. Limit down the dataframe to include only the features we want and to only include Falcon 9 launches
- 5. Null values were replaced
- 6. Web scape the Space X Wikipedia page

## Data Collection – SpaceX API

Space X Call Flowchart

 Github completed notebook: https://github.com/ssiedlik/FinalCa pstoneSpaceYProject/blob/main/Co llectingData.ipynb



## **Data Collection - Scraping**

 Web scraping from Wikipedia page for Falcon 9 historical launch information

 Github completed notebook: https://github.com/ssiedlik/Fi nalCapstoneSpaceYProject/bl ob/main/Webscaping.ipynb Get HTML Request to Space X Wikipedia

Using a Beautiful Soup object extract this information to a HTML table

Create an empty dictionary with keys from the column names

Load the dictionary with launch records extracted from table rows

Convert the dictionary into a CSV file

## **Data Wrangling**

- Exploratory Data Analysis performed to look for patterns in the data set
- Github completed notebook: https://github.com/ssiedlik/FinalCa pstoneSpaceYProject/blob/main/Da taWrangling.ipynb

Calculate the number of launches at each site

Calculate the number and occurrence of each orbit

Calculate the number an occurrence of mission outcomes per orbit type

Label each outcome as a success(first stage landed successfully) or failure

Calculate the mean success rate

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

- Exploratory Data Analysis performed using visualization
  - Scatter plot to analyze relationships between independent and dependent variables – Flight number vs Payload Mass, Flight Number vs Launch Sites, Payload and Launch Sites, Flight Number and Orbit Type, Payload and Orbit Type
  - Bar Chart for categorical data success rate of each orbit
  - Line plot for success rate over time (date)
- Github completed notebook: https://github.com/ssiedlik/FinalCapstoneSpaceYProject/blob/main/EDAwithVisualization.ipynb

#### **EDA** with SQL

- Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
- Display 5 records where the launch site begins with 'CCA'
- Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- Display the average payload mass varied by booster version F9 v1.1
- List the date when the first successful landing outcome on the ground pay was achieved
- List the names of the boosters which have success in drop ship and have payload mass between 4,000 and 6,000 kg
- · List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- List the names of the booster versions which have carried the maximum payload mass
- List the failed landing outcomes in drop ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for 2015
- Rank the count of landing outcomes (such as failure (drone ship) or success (ground pad)) between 6/4/2010 and 3/20/2017 in descending order
- Github completed notebook: https://github.com/ssiedlik/FinalCapstoneSpaceYProject/blob/main/EDAwithSQL.ipynb

#### Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Folium markers were used to show the Space X launch sites and their nearest important landmarks like railways, highways, cities, and coastlines.
- Polylines were used to connect the launch sites to their nearest land marks.
  - Red represents the locations of rocket launch failures
  - Green represents the locations of rocket launch successes
- Github completed notebook: https://github.com/ssiedlik/FinalCapstoneSpaceYProject/blob/main/Visual AnalyticswithFolium.ipynb

#### Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Pie charts and scatter plots were used to visualize the launch records of Space X on a Dashboard
- The pie chart displayed the rocket launch success rate per launch site and were interactive.
- Scatter plots were used to analyze certain features. These plots help us to understand and visualize what may have lead to the success rate at each site based on payload mass and booster versions.

## Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- Scikit-learn is a Machine Learning library that was used for predictive analysis.
- A predictive analysis was run to see if the first stage would land given the data
- Github completed notebook: https://github.com/ssiedlik/Fin alCapstoneSpaceYProject/blob /main/MachineLearningPredicti on.ipynb

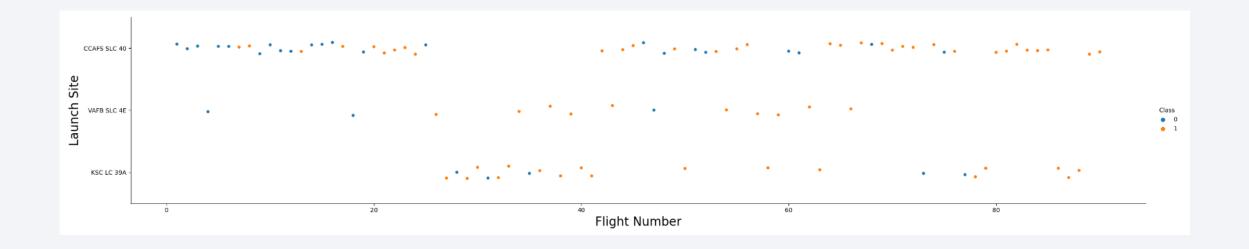
Create a column for the class and standardize the data Split the data into the training and test data Create a Grid SearchCV object and fit different Machine Learning objects with different methods Calculate the accuracy of the test data to choose the best ML method Compare the predictions with the actual labels

#### Results

- The exploratory data analysis has show that successful landing outcomes are somewhat correlated with flight number. It was also apparent that successful landing outcomes have had a significant increase since the year 2015.
- All launch sites are located near the coast line perhaps making it easier to test rocket landings in the water.
- Sites are also located near highways and railways. This may help with the transport of equipment.
- The machine learning algorithm was able to predict the landing success of rockets with an accuracy of 83.33%

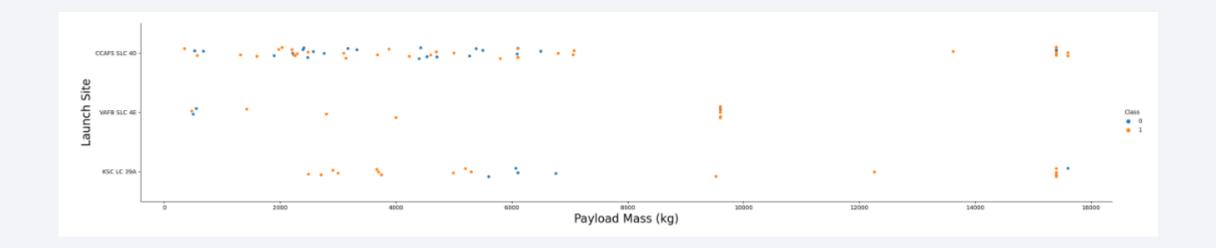


#### Flight Number vs. Launch Site



As flight numbers increased the flights were more successful. Successful landings are shown in orange while unsuccessful landings are shown in blue. Launch site CCAFS SLC 40 had the most number of landings.

#### Payload vs. Launch Site

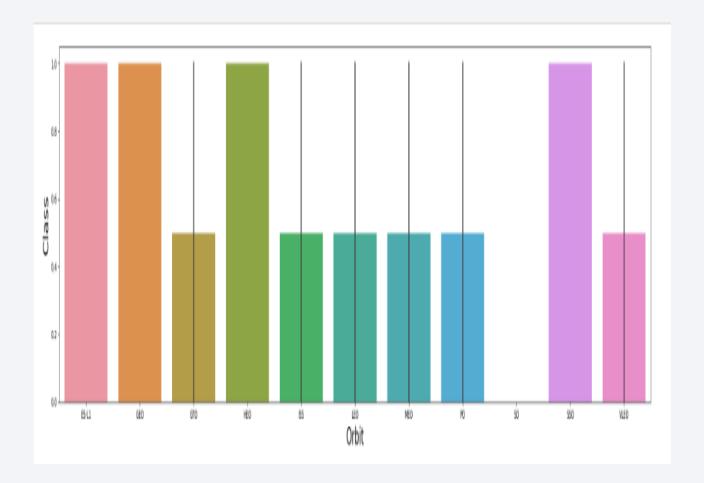


As you can see the launch site VAFB-SLC had no launches above a payload mass of 10,000 kg. Successful landings are shown in orange while unsuccessful landings are shown in blue.

## Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

Orbits that had the highest success rate:

- ES-L1
- GEO
- HEO
- SSO

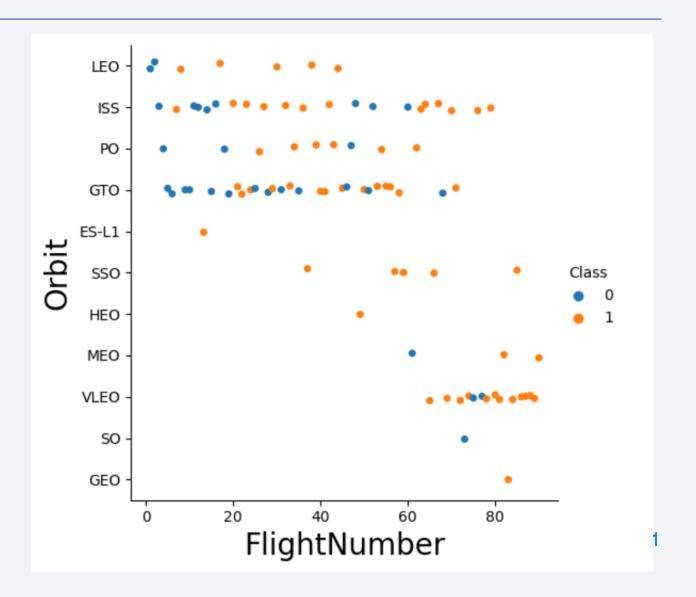


## Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

A scatter plot of flight number vs. orbit type is shown.

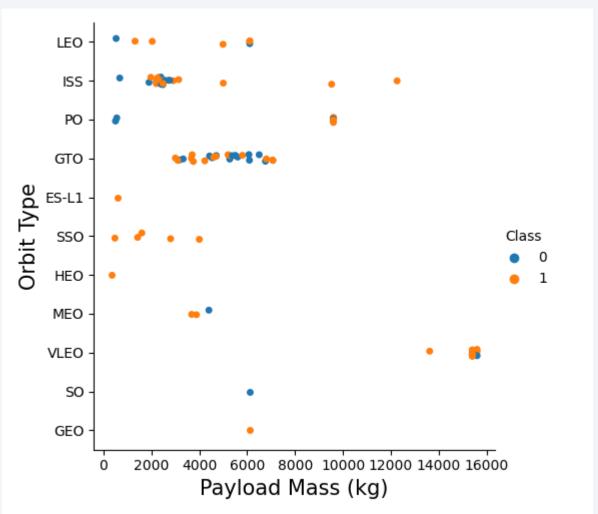
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There seems to be no relationship between flight number and the GTO orbit.



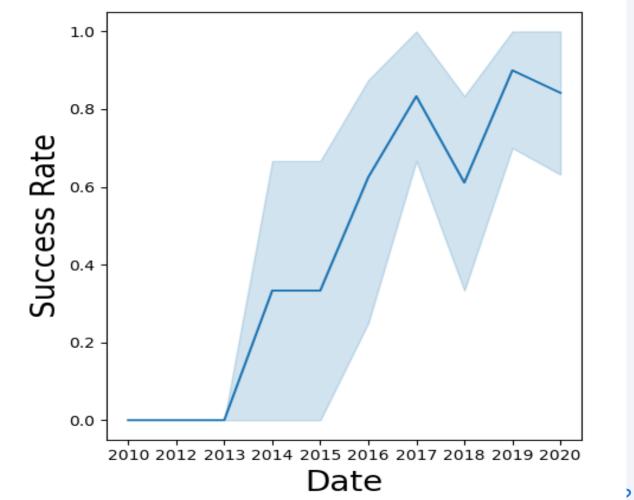
## Payload vs. Orbit Type

- With heavier payloads the successful landings are more for Polar, LEO, and ISS
- However for GTO we cannot distinguish this well as both positive landing rate and negative landing(unsuccessful mission) are both there here.



## Launch Success Yearly Trend

• The line plot shows the success rate since 2013 kept increasing until 2020



#### All Launch Site Names

The unique launch sites where rocket launches were

attempted were:

- CCAFS LC-40
- CCAFS SLC-40
- KSC LC-39A
- VAFB SLC-4e



## Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

The first 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA` were all from CCAFS LC-40. As you can see other companies other than Space X were testing their rockets

%sql SEL	%sql Select * FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE LAUNCH_SITE LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5;											
* sqlite:///my_data1.db Done.												
Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing _Outcome			
04-06- 2010	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)			
08-12- 2010	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)			
22-05- 2012	07:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt			
08-10- 2012	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt			
01-03- 2013	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt			

## **Total Payload Mass**

## The total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS) was 45,596 kg

```
%sql SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Customer ="NASA (CRS)";

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.
SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)

45596
```

## Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

• The average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 was 2,928.4

```
%sql SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Booster_Version LIKE 'F9 v1.1';

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.

AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)

2928.4
```

## First Successful Ground Landing Date

## The first successful ground landing date was December 22, 2015

```
%sql select min(DATE) from SPACEXTBL where Landing__Outcome = 'Success (ground pad)';

* ibm_db_sa://gfd86828:***@3883e7e4-18f5-4afe-be8c-fa31c41761d2.bs2io90108kqb1od8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:31498/bludb
Done.

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2015-12-22
```

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

- The names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass between 4,000 and 6,000 kg were:
  - F9 FT B1022
  - F9 FT B1026
  - F9 FT B1021.2

```
%sql SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION from SPACEXTBL WHERE LANDING_OUTCOME = 'Success (drone ship)' and PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ >4000 and PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ <6000;

* ibm_db_sa://gfd86828:***@3883e7e4-18f5-4afe-be8c-fa31c41761d2.bs2io90l08kqblod8lcg.databases.appdomain.cloud:31498/bludb
Done.
booster_version
    F9 FT B1022
    F9 FT B1021.2
    F9 FT B1021.2</pre>
```

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

• The total number of successful missions was 98 and the total number of failures was 1.

## **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

• Twelve boosters carried the maximum payload from the payload mass data.



#### 2015 Launch Records

 Two boosters F9 v1.1B1012\_CCAFS LC-40 and F9v1.1B105 CCAFS LC-40 failed to land in 2015

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

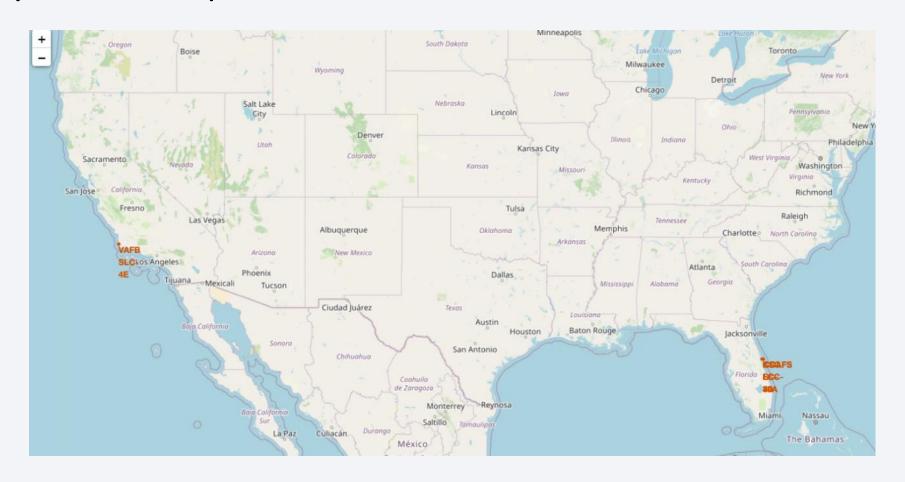
#### The number of successful landings have increased since 2015

%sql select * from SPACEXTBL where LandingOutcome = 'Success (ground pad)' or and (DATE between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20') order by date desc											
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DATE 1	time_utc_	booster_version	launch_site	payload	payload_masskg_	orbit	customer	mission_outcome	landing_outcome		
2017-02-19	14:39:00	F9 FT B1031.1	KSC LC-39A	SpaceX CRS-10	2490	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Success (ground pad)		
2016-07-18	04:45:00	F9 FT B1025.1	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-9	2257	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Success (ground pad)		
2015-12-22	01:29:00	F9 FT B1019	CCAFS LC-40	OG2 Mission 2 11 Orbcomm-OG2 satellites	2034	LEO	Orbcomm	Success	Success (ground pad)		



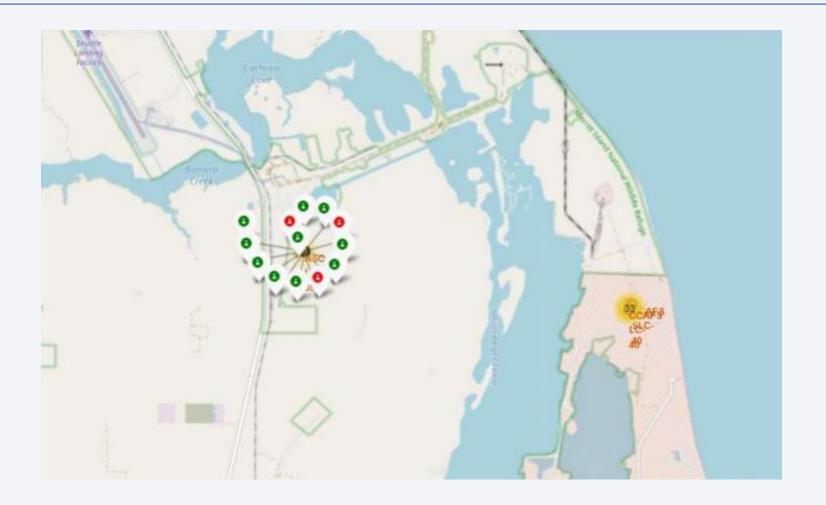
#### **Launch Site Locations**

Launch sites are near the coast and are a couple thousand kilometers away from the equator



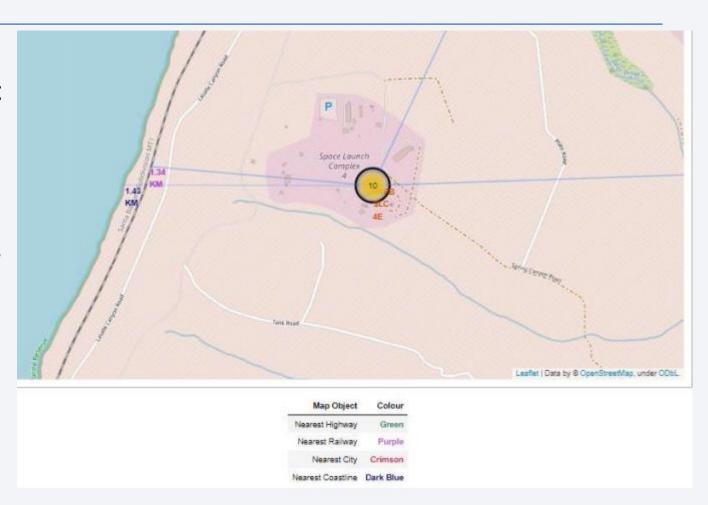
#### Success Rates of Rocket Launches

The successful launches are represented in green while red represents the failed rocket launches.



## Surrounding Landmarks

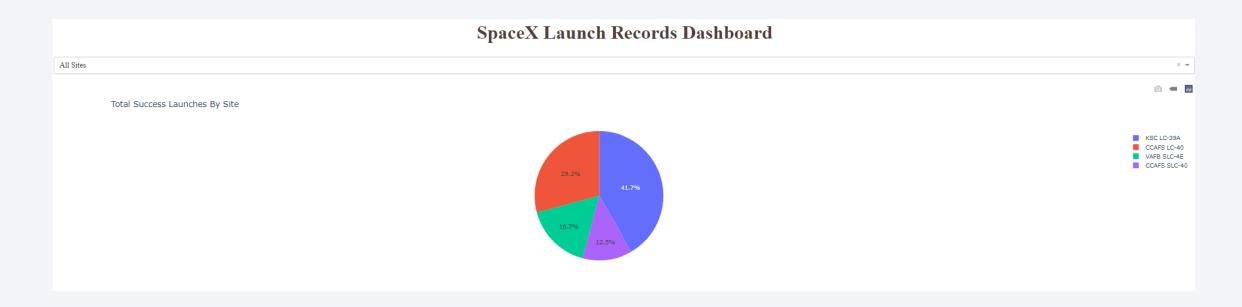
- It appears that launch sites are at least 18 km away from cities in order to prevent crashes near heavily populated areas.
- Launch sites are close to railways and highways perhaps due to easy transport of materials.
- Close to the ocean.





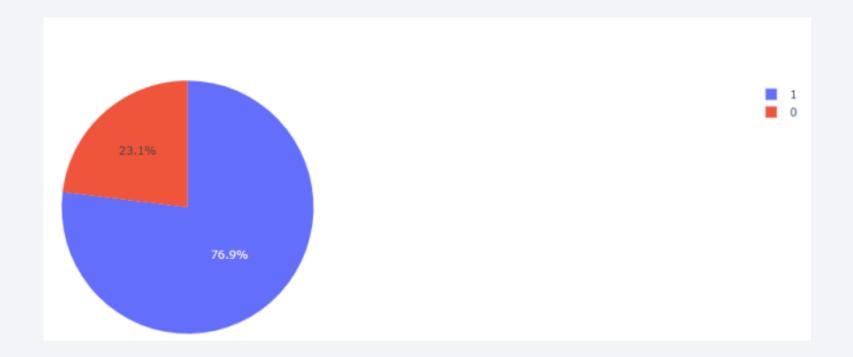
## Launch Success by Site

The most successful launch site was KSC LC-39A



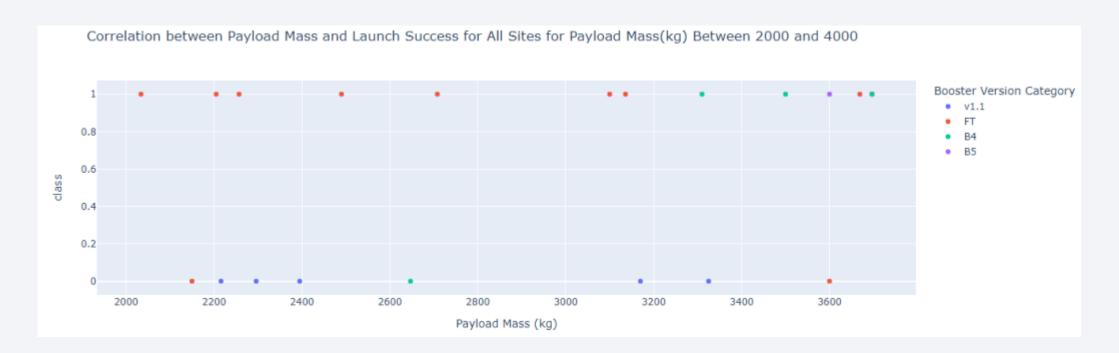
#### Success Rate for KSC LC-39A

The success rate for KSC LC-39A was 76.9%



#### Payload vs. Launch Outcome Scatter Plot

 This plot is controlled by a slider. It appears that the payload between 2000 kg and 4000 kg has the highest success rate.





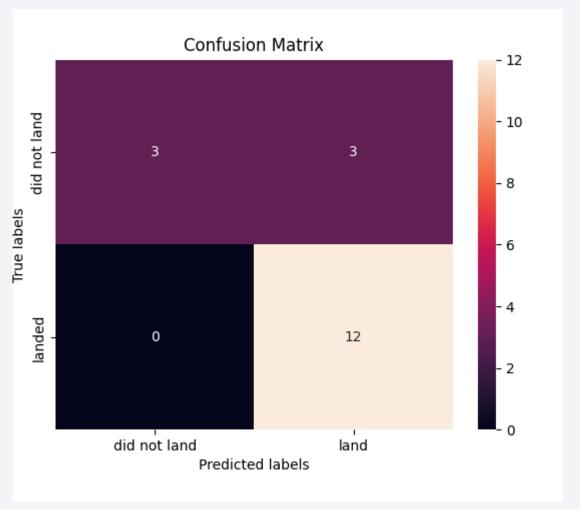
## **Classification Accuracy**

All machine learning methods have the same accuracy score of 83.33%. Therefore a Logistic Regression was used for classification.

```
Find the method performs best:
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           accuracy = [svm_cv_score, logreg_score, knn_cv_score, tree_cv_score]
           accuracy = [i * 100 for i in accuracy]
           method = ['Support Vector Machine', 'Logistic Regression', 'K Nearest Neighbour', 'Decision Tree']
           models = {'ML Method':method, 'Accuracy Score (%)':accuracy}
           ML_df = pd.DataFrame(models)
           ML df
Out[28]:
                      ML Method Accuracy Score (%)
          0 Support Vector Machine
                                          83.333333
                 Logistic Regression
                                         83.333333
               K Nearest Neighbour
                                         83.333333
                                         83.333333
                      Decision Tree
```

#### **Confusion Matrix**

The confusion matrix of Logistic Regression reveals that the major problem is false positives failing to accurately predict 3 labels.



#### **Conclusions**

To be competitive with Space X with a new company Space Y the following must be considered:

- All launch sites are located near the coast and transportation options like railways. The launch sites are also a good distance away from cities.
- Site KSC LC-39A had the highest launch success rate.
- Since 2015 the success rate has significantly increased which was why it was correlated to flight number.
- This data was used to train a machine learning model that was able to predict the success rate of landing outcomes with an 83.3% accuracy.

