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Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

- Data Collection API with Web Scraping & Data Wrangling
- Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA)
- Interactive Visual Analytics and Dashboard
- Predictive Analysis (Classification) by Machine Learning

Introduction

Project background and context

SpaceX is the most successful company of the commercial space age, making space travel affordable. The company 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. Based on public information and machine learning models, we are going to predict if SpaceX will reuse the first stage.

Problems you want to find

How do variables such as payload mass, launch site, number of flights, and orbits affect the success of the first stage landing?

Does the rate of successful landings increase over the years?

What is the best algorithm that can be used for binary classification in this case?

Section 1

Methodology

Methodology

- Data collection methodology:
  - Using SpaceX Rest API
  - Using WebScraping from Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
  - Filtering the Data, Dealing with Missing Values.
  - Using One Hot Encoding to prepare the data to a binary classification.
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - How to build, tune, evaluate classification models

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Data Collection

The Data was collected using various methods

- Data collection was done using get request to the SpaceX API.
- Next, we decode the reponse content as a Json using .json() function call and turn it into a pandas dataframe using .json_normalize().
- We then cleaned the data, checked for missing values and fill in missing values necessary
- .In addition, we performed web scraping from Wikipedia for Falcon 9 launch records BeautifulSoup.
- The objective was to extract the launch records as HTML table, parse the table convert it to a pandas dataframe for future analysis.

Data Collection – SpaceX API

- We used the get request to SpaceX API to collect data, clean the requested data and did some data wrangling and formatting.

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Now let's start requesting rocket launch data from SpaceX API with the following URL:

```
spacex_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
```

```
response = requests.get(spacex_url)
```

Check the content of the response

```
print(response.content)
```

Data Collection - Scraping

- We applied web scrapping to webscrap Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup
- We parsed the table and converted it into a pandas dataframe.
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TASK 1: Request the Falcon9 Launch Wiki page from its URL

First, let's perform an HTTP GET method to request the Falcon9 Launch HTML page, as an HTTP response.

```
# use requests.get() method with the provided static_url
# assign the response to a object
response = requests.get(static_url).text
```

Create a `BeautifulSoup` object from the HTML `response`

```
# Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
soup = BeautifulSoup(response, 'html.parser')
```

Print the page title to verify if the `BeautifulSoup` object was created properly

```
# Use soup.title attribute
print(soup.title)
```

Data Wrangling

- We performed exploratory data analysis and determined the training labels.
- We calculated the number of launches at each site, and the number and occurrence of each orbits
- We created landing outcome label from outcome column and exported the results to csv.
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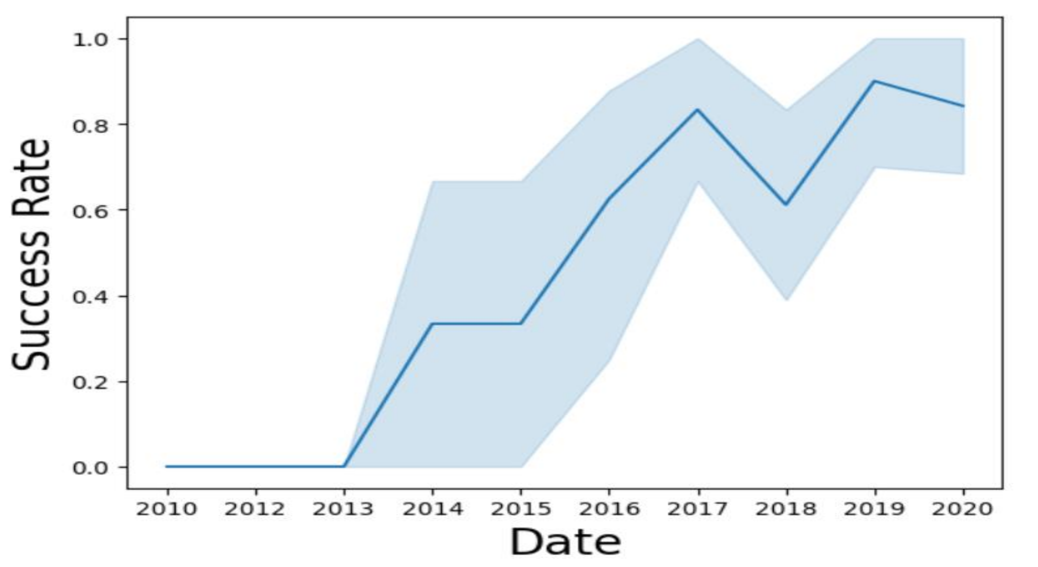
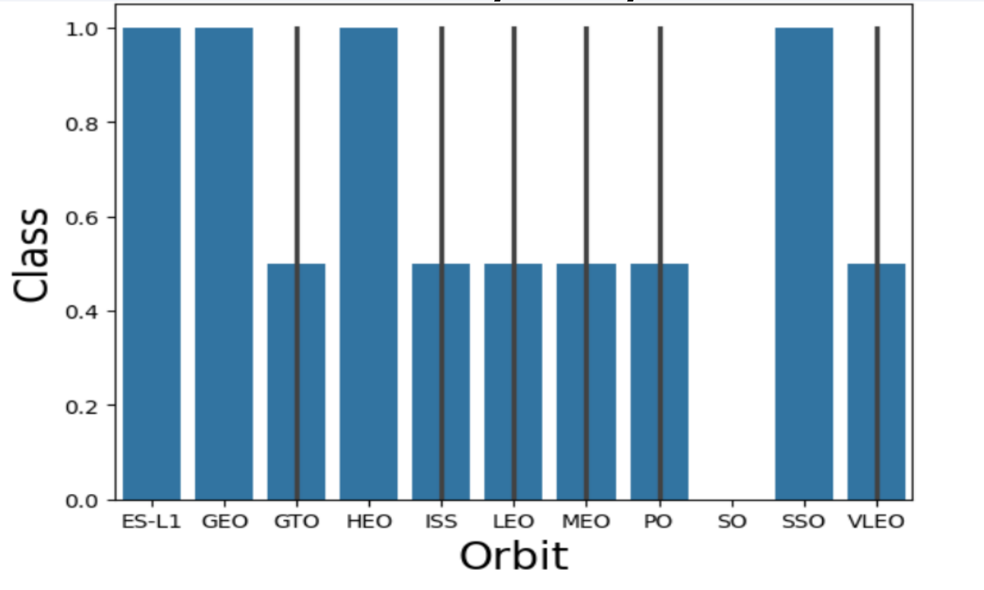
EDA with Data Visualization

- We explored the Data by Visualizing the relationship between Flight number and Launch site, Payload and Launch site, Success rate of each orbit type, Flight number and Orbit type, the launch Success yearly trend.





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EDA with SQL

- We loaded the SpaceX dataset into a PostgreSQL database without leaving the jupyter notebook.
- We applied EDA with SQL to get insight from the data. We wrote queries to find out for instance:
  - The names of unique launch sites in the space mission
  - The total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
  - The average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
  - The total number of successful and failure mission outcomes.
  - The failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster version and launch site names.

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Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- We marked all Launch sites, and added map objects such as markers, circles, lines to mark the success of failure of launches for each site on the folium map.
- We assigned the feature launch outcomes (failure or success) to class 0 and 1.ie.,, 0 for failure, and 1 for success.
- Using the color labeled marker clusters, we identified which launch sites have relatively high success rate.
- We calculated the distance between a launch site to its proximities. We answered some questions for instance:
  - Are launch sites near railways, highways and coastlines.
  - Do launch sites keep certain distance away from cities.

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- We built an interactive dashboard with Plotly dash.
- We plotted pie charts showing the total launches by a certain sites.
- We plotted scatter graph showing the relationship with Outcome and Payload Mass (Kg) for the different booster version.
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Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- We loaded the data using numpy and pandas, transformed the data, split our data into training and testing.
- We built different machine learning models and tune different hyperparameters using GridSearchCV.
- We used accuracy as the metric for our model, improved the model using feature engineering and algorithm tuning.
- We found the best performing classification model.
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Results

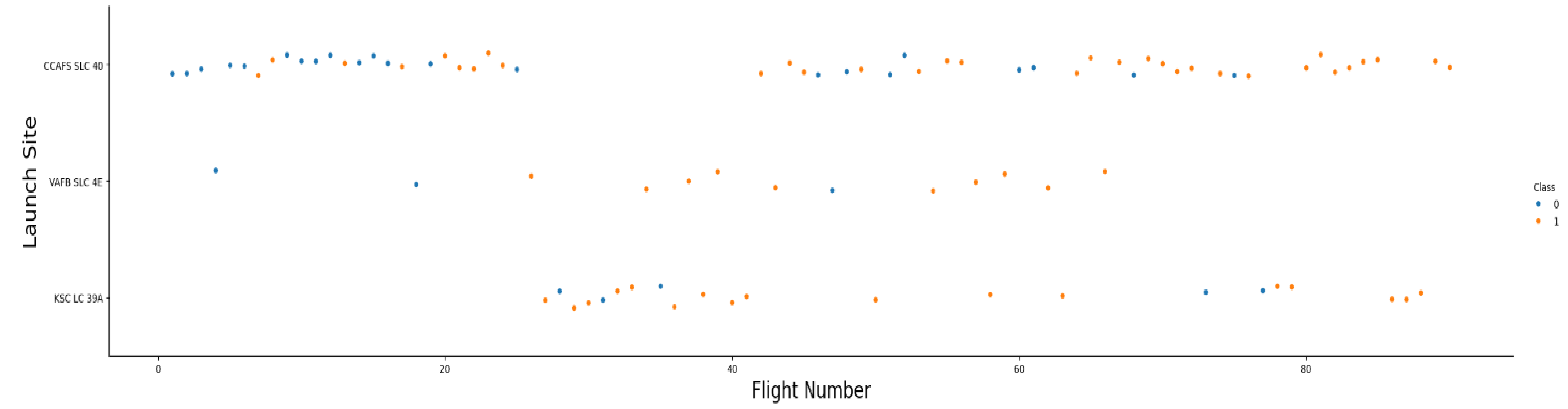
- Exploratory data analysis results
- Interactive analytics demo in screenshots
- Predictive analysis results

Section 2

Insights drawn from EDA

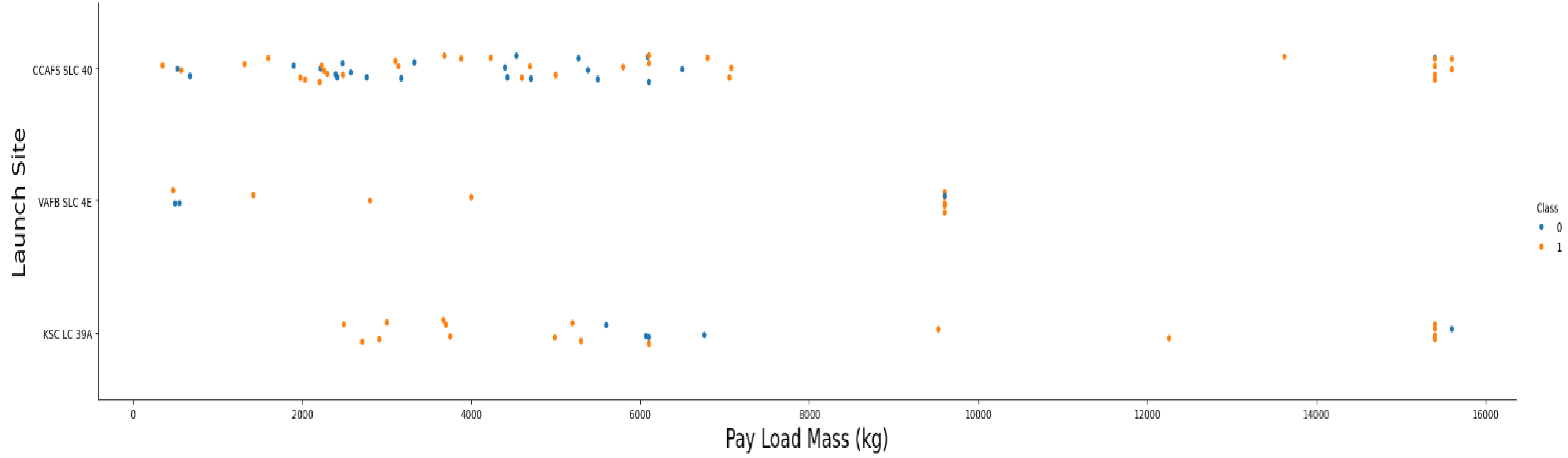
Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- From the plot, we found that the larger the flight amount at a launch site, the greater the success rate at a launch site.



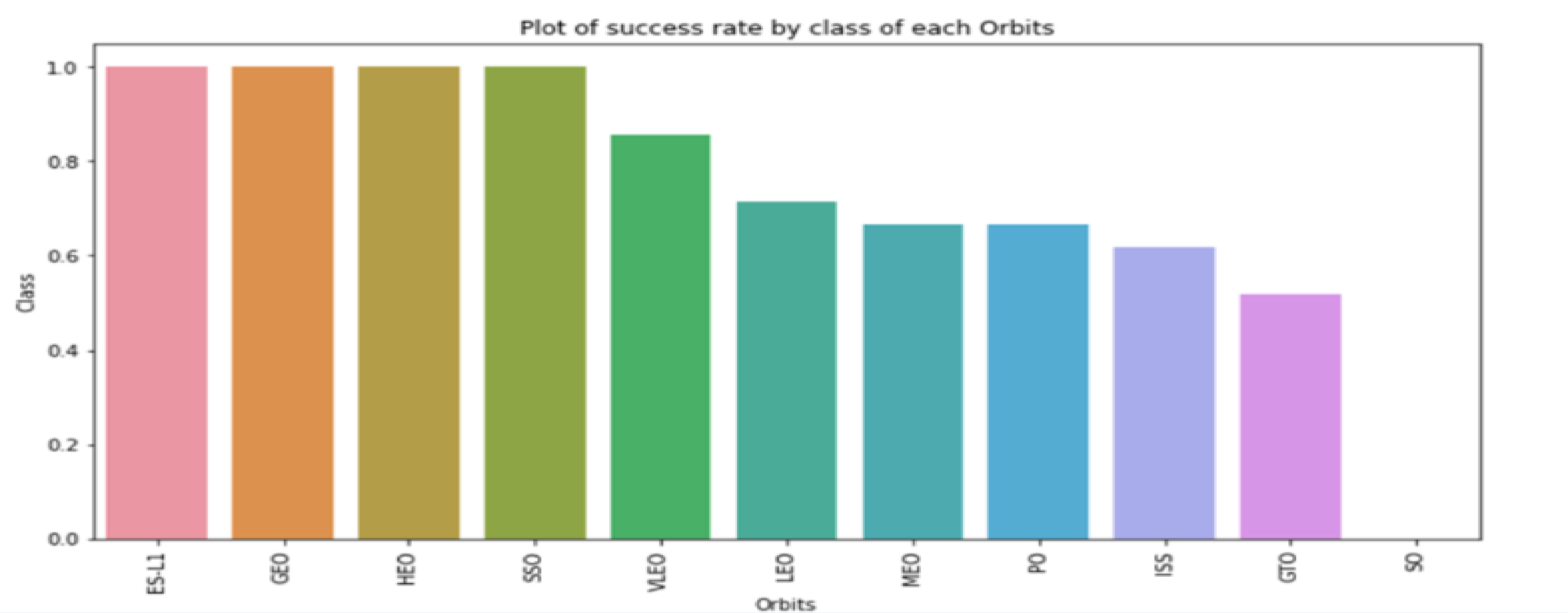
Payload vs. Launch Site

The greater the Payload mass for launch site CCAFS SLC 40 the higher the success rate of the Rocket.

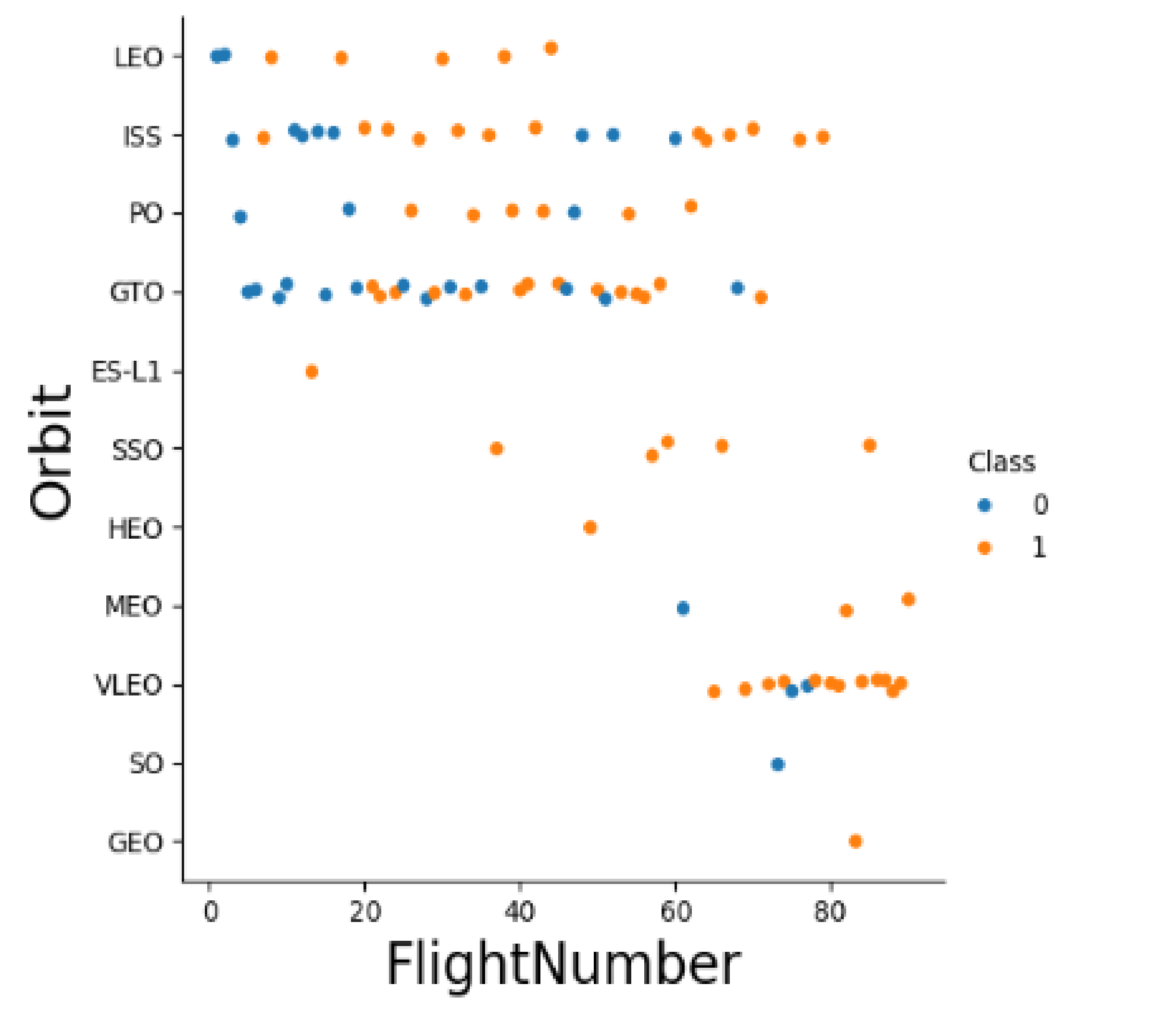


Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

- From the plot, we can see that ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate.



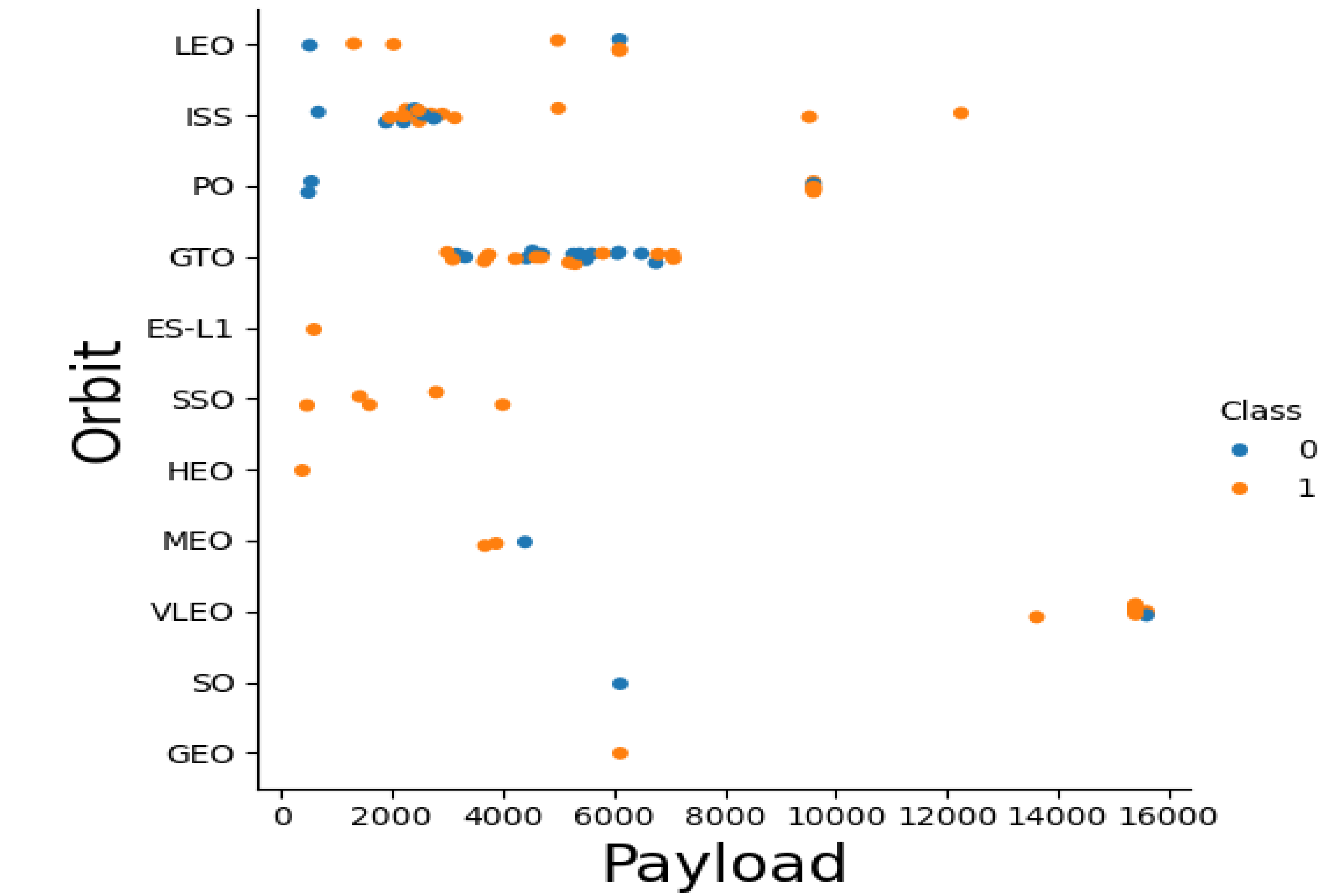
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



The plot below shows the Flight Number vs. Orbit type. We observe that in the LEO orbit, success is related to the number of flights whereas in the GTO orbit, there is no relationship between flight number and the orbit.

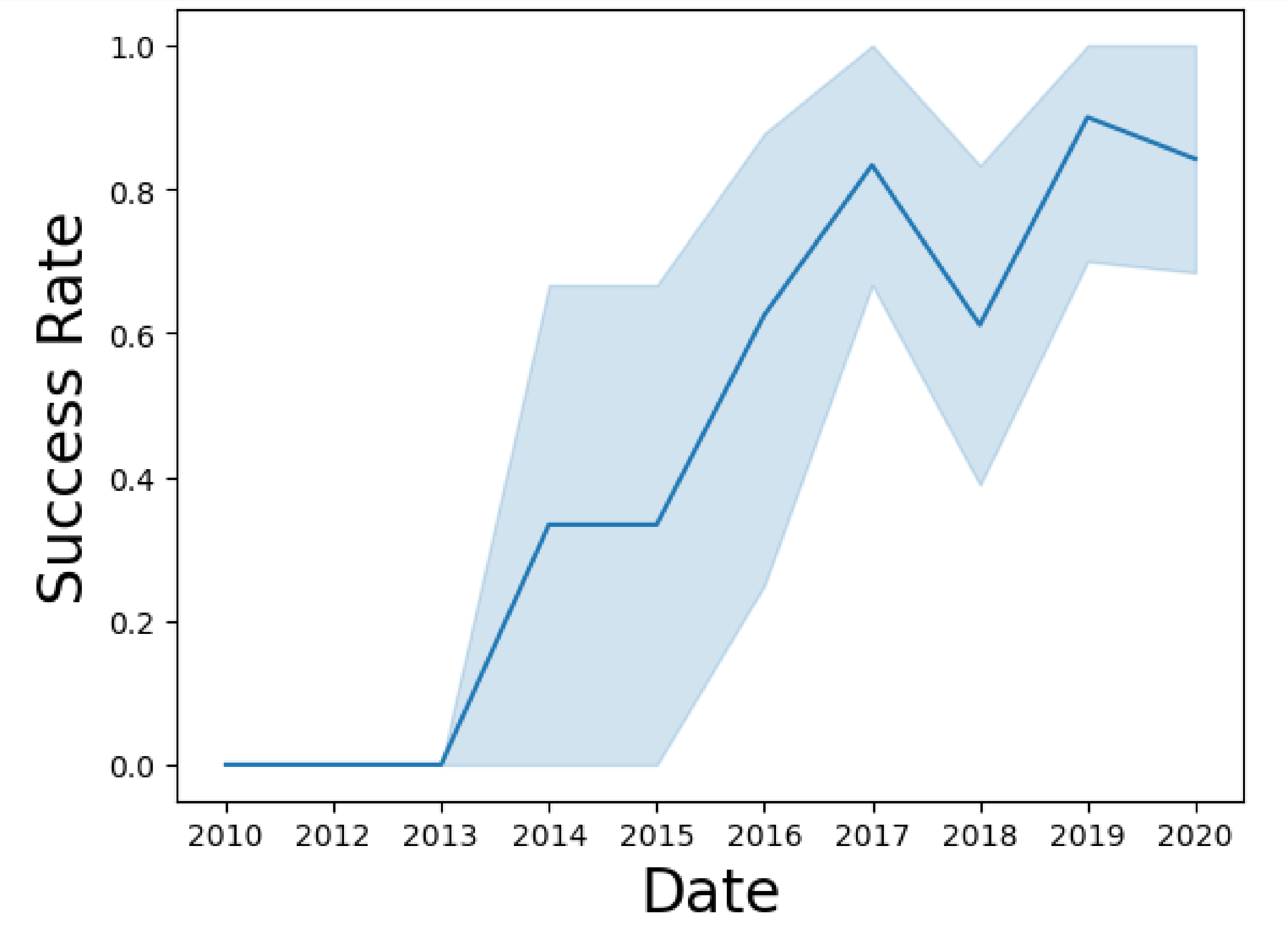
Payload vs. Orbit Type

- We can observe that with heavy payloads, the successful landing are more for PO, LEO and ISS orbits.



Launch Success Yearly Trend

- From the plot, we can observe that success rate since 2013 kept on increasing till 2020.



All Launch Site Names

- We used the key word DISTINCT to show only unique launch sites from the SpaceX data.

Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission

```
%sql select distinct(LAUNCH_SITE) from SPACEXTBL
```

```
 * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
```

Launch_Site
CCAFS LC-40
VAFB SLC-4E
KSC LC-39A
CCAFS SLC-40

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- We used the query above to display 5 records where launch sites begin with CCA

Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'

```
%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
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	7:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
2012-10-08	0:35:00	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

Total Payload Mass

- We calculated the total payload carried by boosters from NASA as 45596 using the query below

Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)

```
%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

- • We calculated the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 as 2928.4

Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

```
%sql select avg(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from SPACEXTBL WHERE BOOSTER_VERSION = 'F9 v1.1'
```

```
 * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
```

avg(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)
2928.4

First Successful Ground Landing Date

- We observed that the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad was 22nd December 2015

List the date when the first succesful landing outcome in ground pad was acheived.

Hint:Use min function

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

```
 * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
```

min(DATE)
2015-12-22

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

We used the WHERE clause to filter for boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and applied the AND condition to determine successful landing with payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

```
%sql select Booster_Version from SPACEXTBL WHERE Landing_Outcome = 'Success (drone ship)' and PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ > 4000 and PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ < 6000
```

```
 * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
```

Booster_Version
F9 FT B1022
F9 FT B1026
F9 FT B1021.2
F9 FT B1031.2

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

We used wildcard like '%' to filter for WHERE Mission Outcome was a success or a failure.

List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

```
%sql SELECT COUNT(Mission_Outcome) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Mission_Outcome = 'Success' or Mission_Outcome = 'Failure (in flight)'
```

```
 * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
```

COUNT(Mission_Outcome)
99

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

List the names of the booster_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery

```
%sql select Booster_Version from SPACEXTBL where PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ = (select max(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from SPACEXTBL)
```

```
 * sqlite:///my_data1.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

We determined the booster that have carried the maximum payload using a subquery in the WHERE clause and the MAX() function.

2015 Launch Records

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

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.

```
%sql select SUBSTR(Date,6,2) AS MONTH, Booster_Version, Launch_site FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Landing_Outcome LIKE 'Failure%drone%' AND SUBSTR(Date,0,5) = '2015'
```

```
 * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
```

MONTH	Booster_Version	Launch_Site
01	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40
04	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40

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

- 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 2010-03-20.
- 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.

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.

```
%sql SELECT Landing_Outcome, COUNT(*) AS Numbers FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Landing_Outcome LIKE 'Success%' AND Date BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20' GROUP BY Landing_Outcome ORDER BY Numbers DES
```

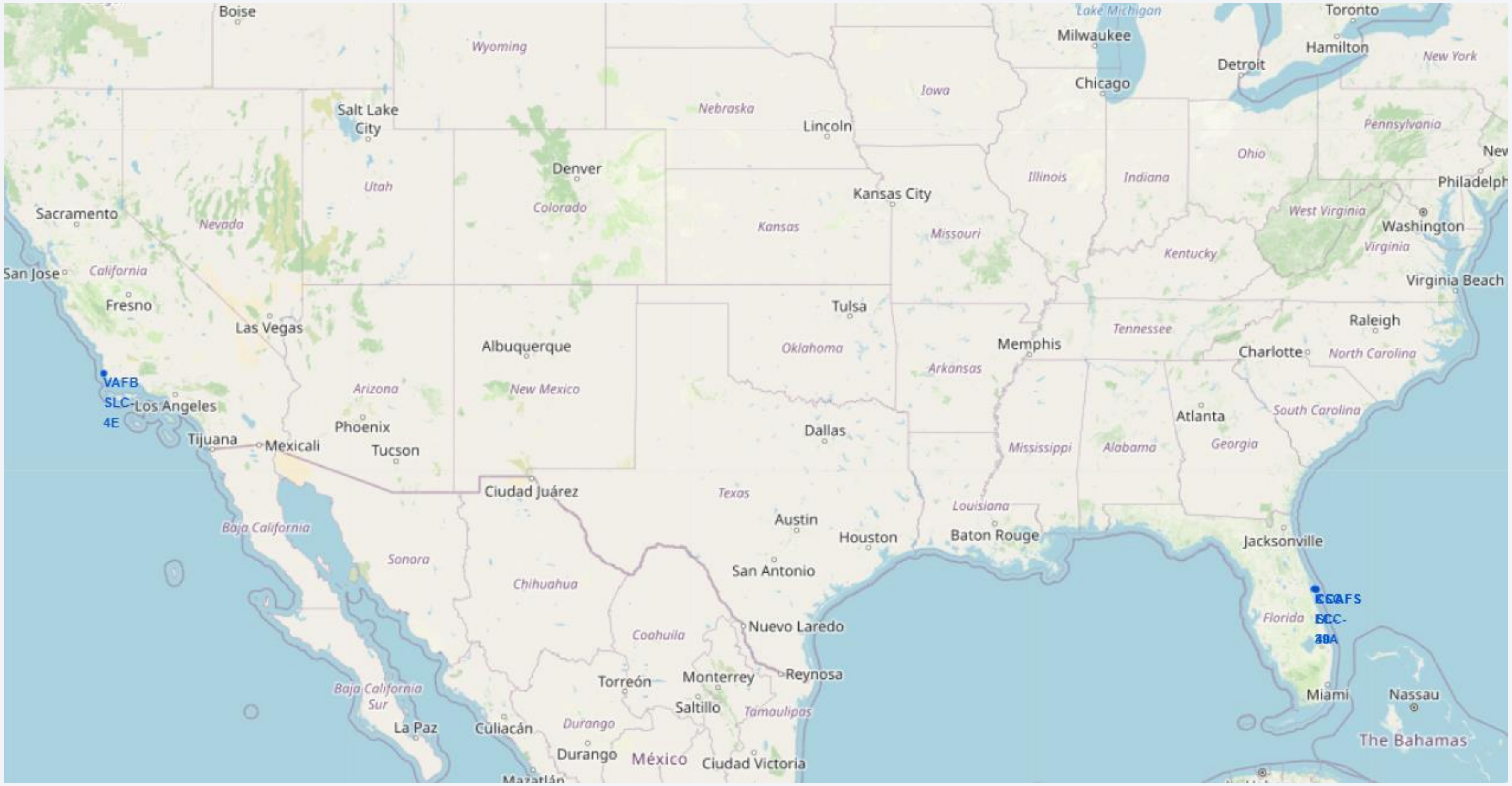
```
 * sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
```

Landing_Outcome	Numbers
Success (drone ship)	5
Success (ground pad)	3

Section 3

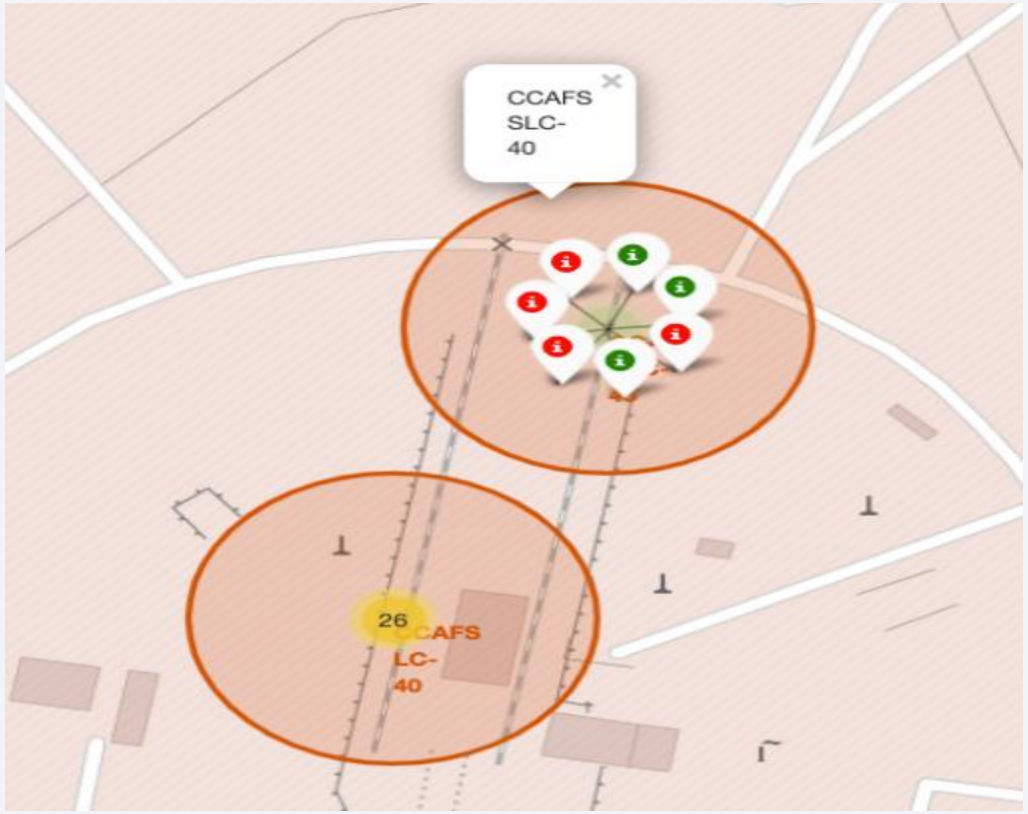
Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

All Launch Sites in GlobalMap Markers

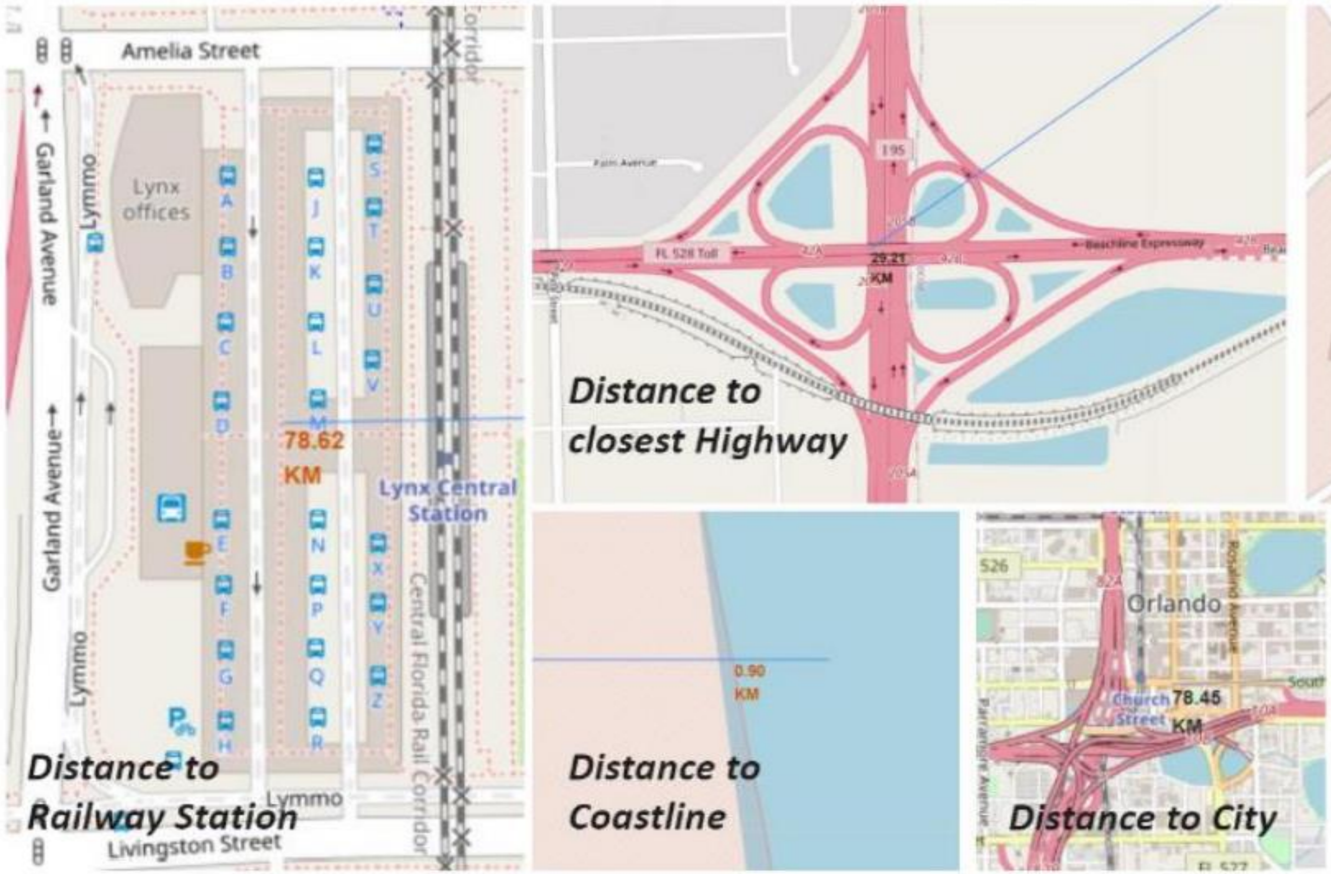


SpaceX Launch Sites are located near Coasts of Florida & California in UnitedStates

Success/Failed launches for each site on the Map



Launch Site distance to Land Marks

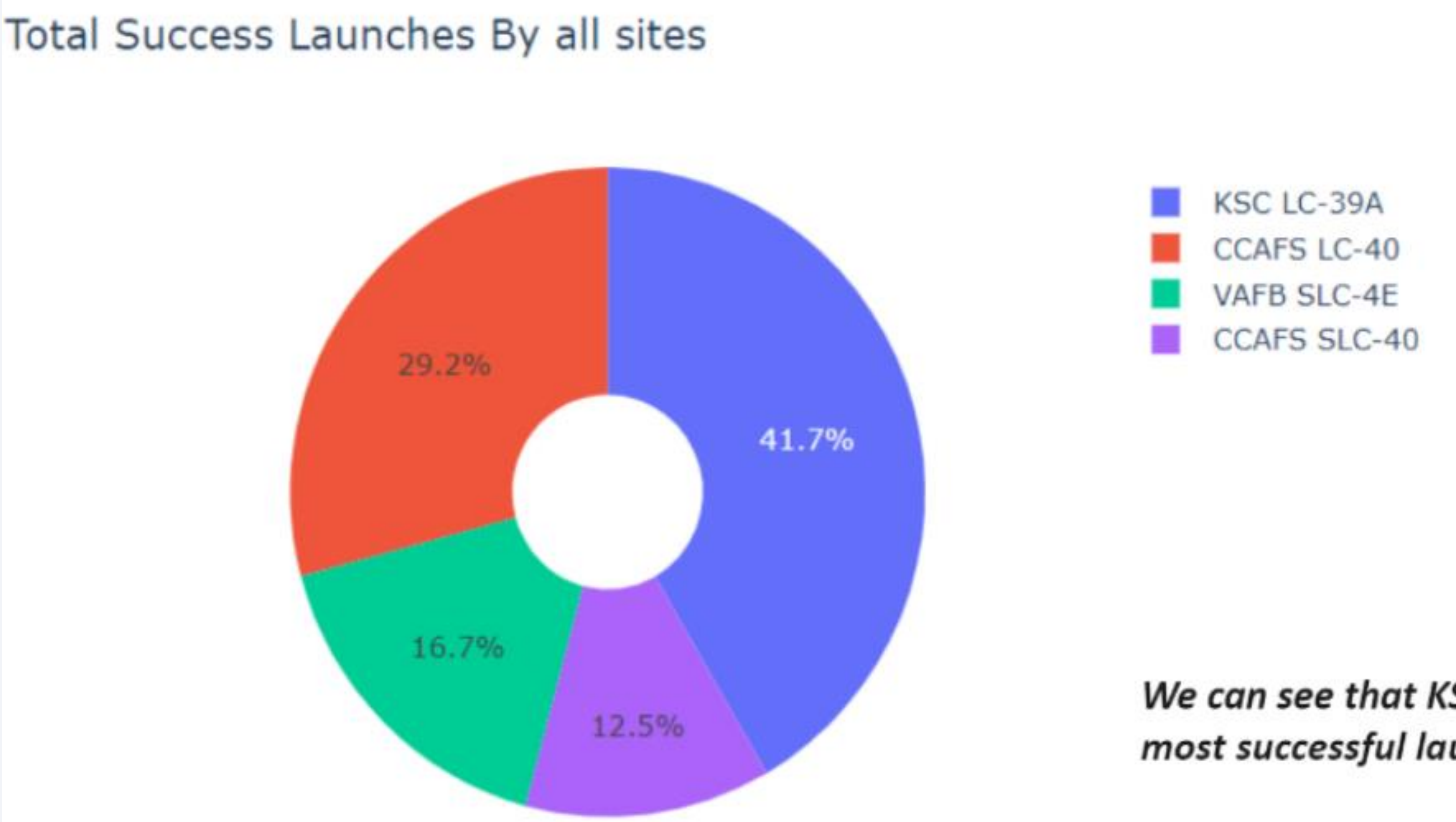


- Are launch sites in close proximity to railways? No
- Are launch sites in close proximity to highways? No
- Are launch sites in close proximity to coastline? Yes
- Do launch sites keep certain distance away from cities? Yes

Section 4

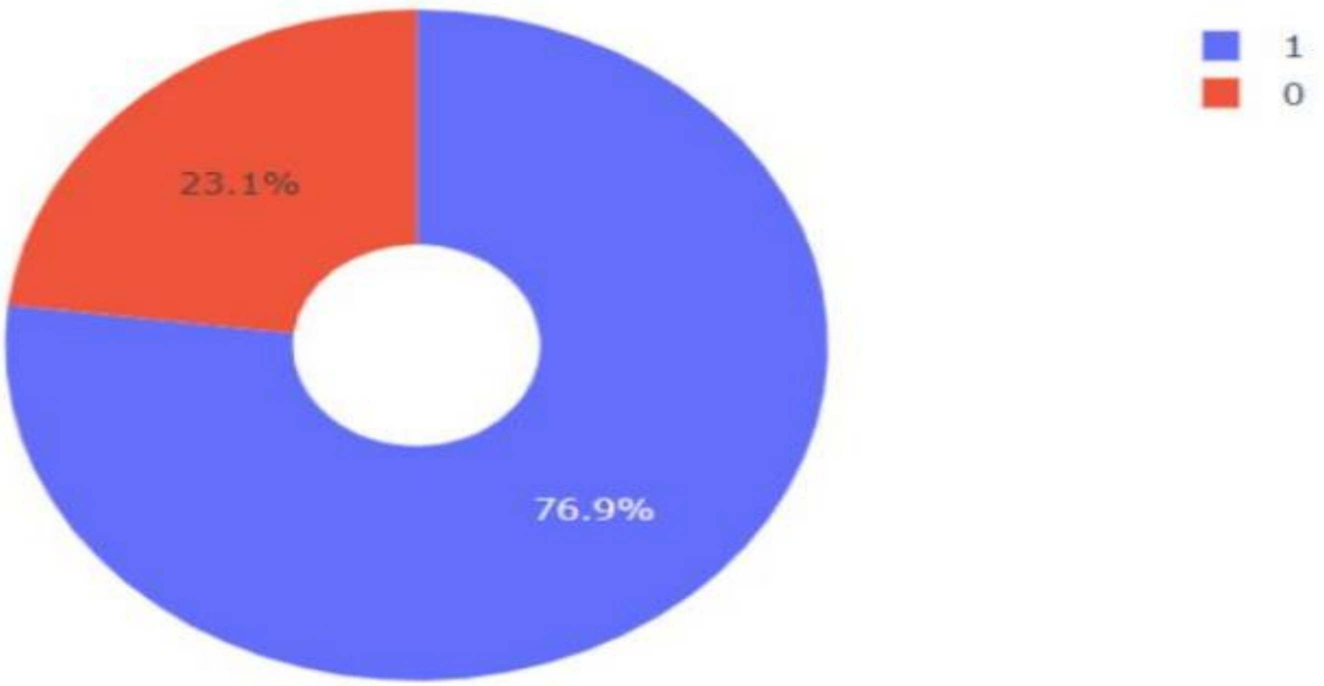
Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Pie chart showing the success achieved by each launch site



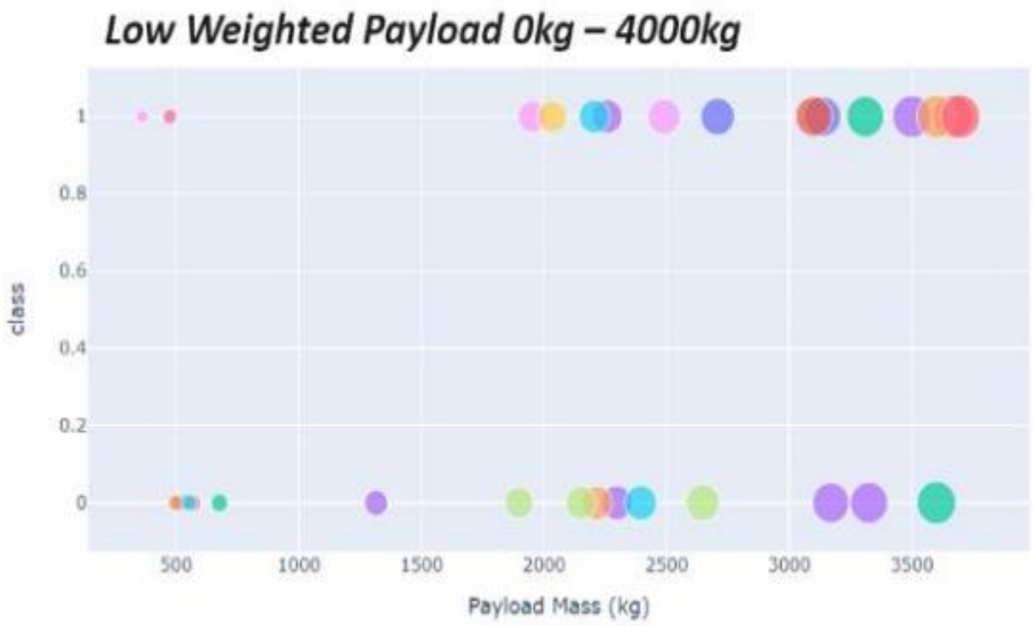
We can see that KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches from all the sites

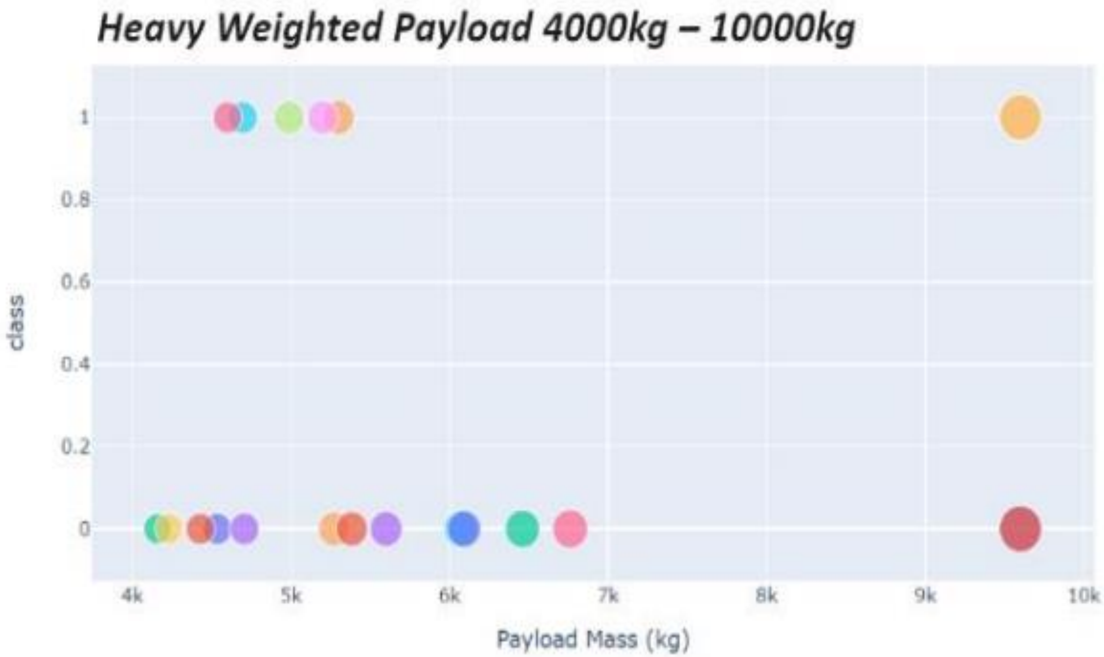
Pie chart showing the launch site with the highest launch success ratio



KSC LC-39A achieved a 76.9% success rate while getting a 23.1% failure rate

Scatter plot of Payload vs Launch outcome for all sites





We can see the success rates for low weighted payloads is higher than the heavy weighted payloads

Section 5

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Classification Accuracy

The decision tree classifier is the model with the highest classification accuracy

Find the method performs best:

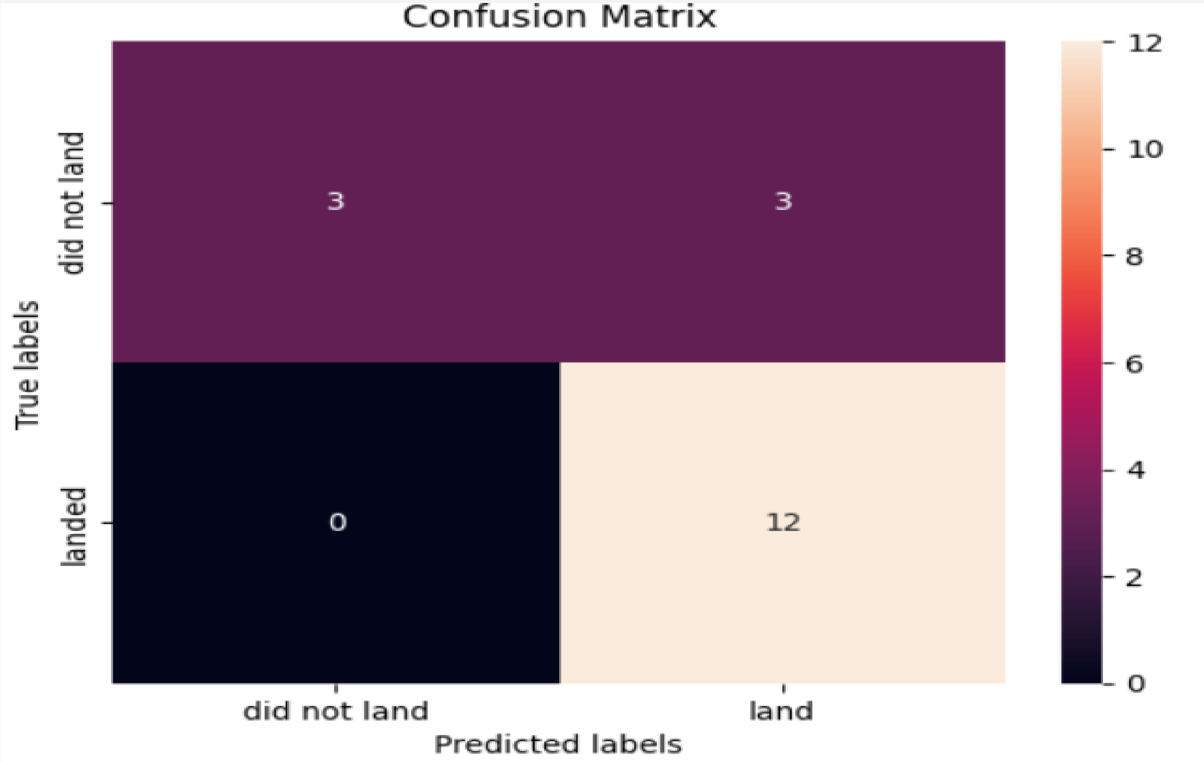
```
models = {'KNeighbors':knn_cv.best_score_,
          'DecisionTree':tree_cv.best_score_,
          'LogisticRegression':logreg_cv.best_score_,
          'SupportVector': svm_cv.best_score_}

bestalgorithm = max(models, key=models.get)
print('Best model is', bestalgorithm,'with a score of', models[bestalgorithm])
if bestalgorithm == 'DecisionTree':
    print('Best params is :', tree_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'KNeighbors':
    print('Best params is :', knn_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'LogisticRegression':
    print('Best params is :', logreg_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'SupportVector':
    print('Best params is :', svm_cv.best_params_)
```

```
Best model is DecisionTree with a score of 0.8625
Best params is : {'criterion': 'gini', 'max_depth': 4, 'max_features': 'sqrt', 'min_samples_leaf': 1, 'min_samples_split': 10, 'splitter': 'best'}
```

Confusion Matrix

The confusion matrix for the decision tree classifier shows that the classifier can distinguish between the different classes. The major problem is the false positives .i.e., unsuccessful landing marked as successful landing by the classifier.



Conclusions

We can conclude that:

- The larger the flight amount at a launch site, the greater the success rate at a launch site.
- Launch success rate started to increase in 2013 till 2020.
- Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate.
- KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches of any sites.
- The Decision tree classifier is the best machine learning algorithm for this task.

Thank you!