

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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## **Executive Summary**

Summary of methodologies	Summary of all results
1.Data collection from API and WebScraping	1.The best Hyperparameters for Logistic Regression, SVM, Decision Tree, KNN classifier
2.Data Wrangling and Predictive Analysis Classification	2.The methods that performs best using test data
3.Exploratory Data Analysis(EDA) using SQL,Pandas,Matplotlib	
4.Interactive Visual Analytics and Dashboard with Folium and Plotly Dash	

### Introduction

### Project background and context

SPACE X is here to compete in the commercial space race. we are making rocket launches relatively inexpensive for everyone

### Problems you want to find answers

SPACE X can save millions in every launches of our eagle rocket because we can reuse its first stage

In addition, we can determine if the first stage of our competitor will land and determine the cost of the launch by using Data Science and Machine Learning models



## Methodology

### **Executive Summary**

Data collection methodology:

The data was gathered from SpaceX RESTAPI and WebScraping from wiki pages

Perform data wrangling

The data is collected in the form of json object and HTML tables, after that the data is converted into pandas dataframe for visualisation and analysis

- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
   Use of machine learning to determine if the first stage of FALCON 9 will land successfully.

### **Data Collection**

### Describe how data sets were collected.

Data collection process involves a combination of API request and SPACEX REST API and WebScraping data from a table in SPACEX's wikipedia entry.

We have to use both of these data collection methods in order to get complete information about the launches for the more detailed analysis.

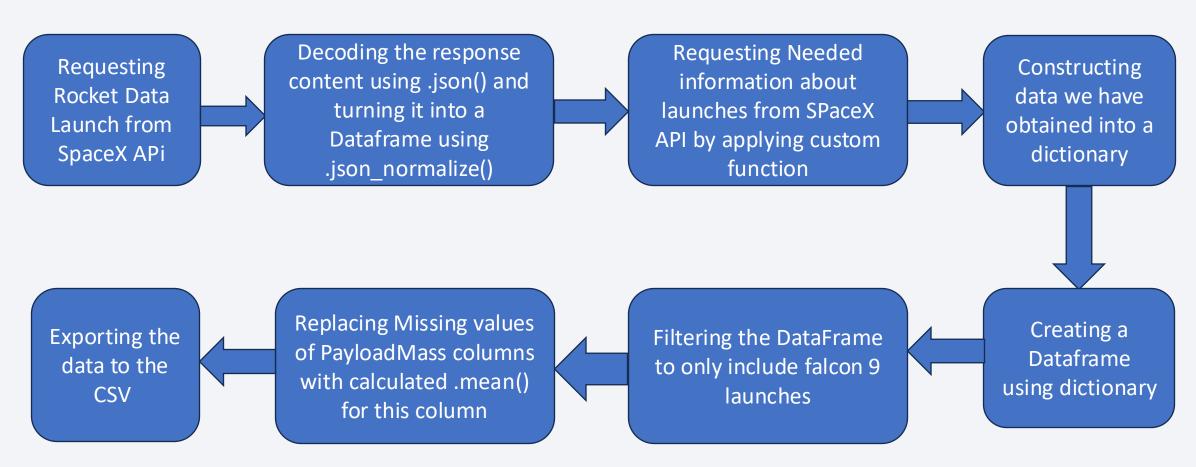
### Data Columns obtained by using SPACEX REST API:

Flightno, Date, Boosterversion, Payload Mass, Orbit, Launch Site, Outcomes, Flights, Gridfins, Reused, Legs, Landing Pad, Blocked, Reused Counts, Serial, Longitute, Latitude

### Data Columns obtained by using wikipedia WebScraping:

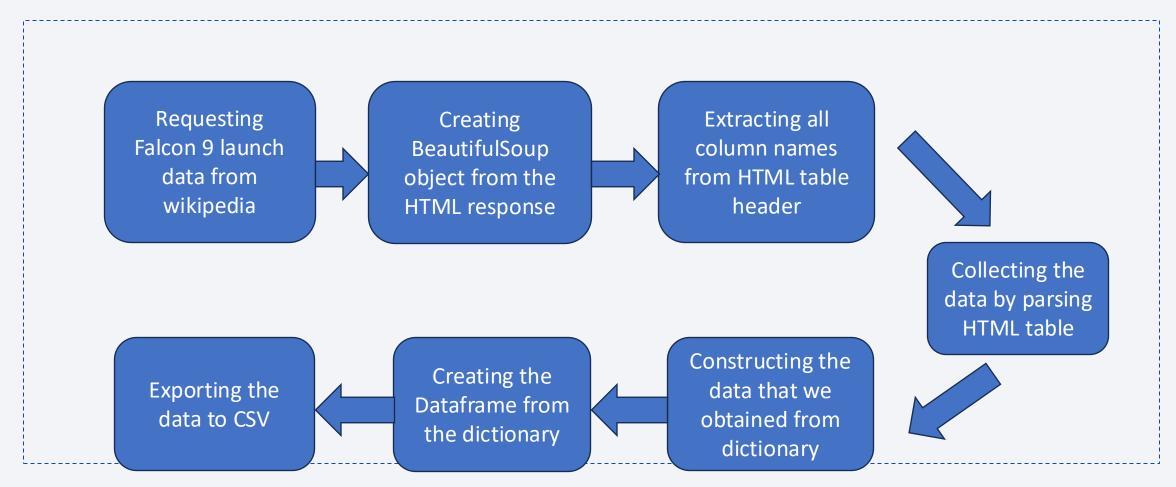
Flightno., Payload Mass, Payload, Launch Site, Orbit, Customer, Launch Outcome, Version Booster, Booster Landing, Date, Time.

## Data Collection – SpaceX API



jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb

## **Data Collection - Scraping**



jupyter-labs-webscraping.ipynb

## Data Wrangling

- In the Data set there are several different cases, where the booster did not land successfully. sometimes the landing was attempted but failed due to an accident, for example, true ocean means the meachine outcome is successfully landed to a specific region of the ocean while , False means mission Outcome is unsuccessfully landed to a specific region of ocean. True RTLS means the outcome is successfully landed to a ground Pad, False RTLS means the mission outcome is unsuccessfully landed to a ground pad. True ASDS means the mission Outcome is successfully landed on a Drone ship. False ASDS means the mission outcome is unsuccessfully landed on a Droneship.
- We mainly convert those Outcomes into Traning labels with '1' means booster sucessfully landed.'0' means unsucessfull.

### Data Wrangling Flowchart

Perform Explorary data analysis and determine Training labels

Calculate the number of launches on each site

Calculate the number and occurrence on each orbit

Calculate the number and occurrence of mission outcome per orbit type

Create a landing outcome label from outcome column

Exporting the data to csv

**GITHUB URL**: DataWrangling

### **EDA** with Data Visualization

### Charts were plotted are:

- FlightNumber vs PayloadMass
- FlightNumber vs LaunchSite
- PayloadMass vs LaunchSite
- Orbit Size vs SucessRate
- FlightNumber vs OrbitType
- PayloadMass vs OrbitType
- Success Rate Yearly Trend

Scatter Plots shows the relationship between variables.if a relationship exists, they could be used in machine learning models.

Bar charts shows comparisons among discrete category. The goal is to show that the relationship between the specific categories being compared and measured value.

Line chart show trends in data over time(time series).

### **EDA** with SQL

#### **Peformed SQL Queries:**

- Displaying the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission.
- Displaying 5 records where launch site begin with the string 'CCA'.
- Displaying total Payloadmass carried by Booster launched by NASA(CRS).
- Displaying average payloadmass by Booster version F9 v1.1.
- Listing the Date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved.
- Listing the names of the boosters which has success in droneship and have Payloadmass greater than 4000 but less than 6000.
- Listing the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes.
- Listing the names of Booster version which have carried the maximum payloadmass.
- Listing the failed tle landing outcomes in droneship, there booster versions and launchsite names for the months in year 2015.
- Ranking the count of landing outcomes(such as failure (droneship)or success(groundpad)) between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20 in decending order.

## Build an Interactive Map with Folium

#### Markers of all Launch sites:

- Added markers with circle, Popup label and Text label of NASA johnson space center using its Latitute and longituted coordinates as start location.
- Added markers with circles, Popup label and Text label with all Launch Sites using there latitude and longituted coordinates to show their geographical locations and proximity to equator and coasts.

#### **Colored Markers of the Launch Outcomes for each Launch Site:**

 Added colored markers of success(Green) and failed(Red) launches using Marker Cluster to identity which launch sites have relatively high success rate.

### Distance between a Launch Sites and to its proximates:

- Added colored line to show the diatance between Launch sites KSC LC-39A(as an example) and its proximities like Railway, Highway, Coastline and closest city.
  - GITHUB URL: Intractive map with Folium

## Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

### **Launch Sites Dropdown List:**

- Added a Dropdown list to enable Launch site selection.

### Pie Chart showing success Launches(All sitess/certain sites):

- Added a pie chart to show total successfull launches count for all the sites and the Success vs Failed counts for all the sites, if a specific launche site was selected.

### Slider of PayloadMass range:

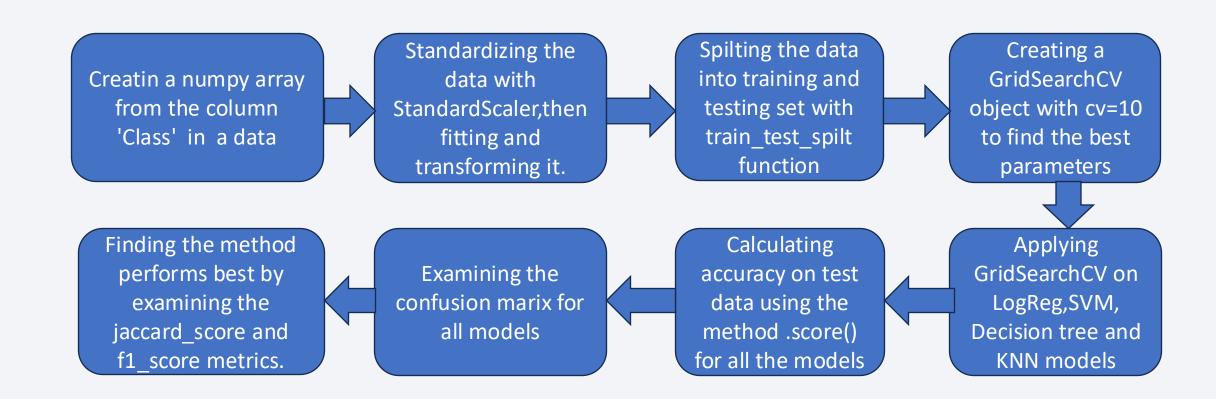
Added a slider to select payload mass range.

### Scatter chart of payload mass vs the Success rate for different Booster Version:

- Added a scatter chart to show the correlations between payload and launch success.

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## Predictive Analysis (Classification)



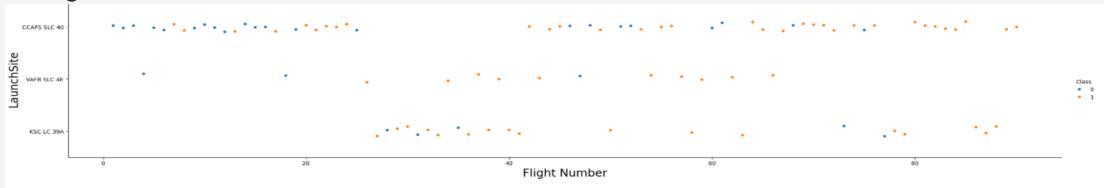
### Results

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



## Flight Number vs. Launch Site

Flight Number vs. Launch Site

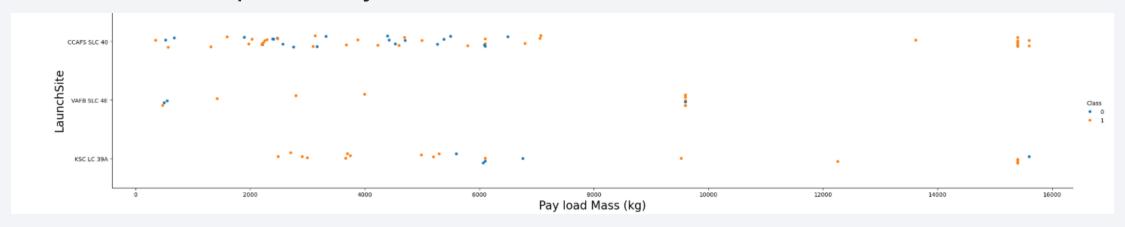


### **Explanation:**

- The earliest flights all failed and the latest flights all succeeded.
- The CCAFS SLC 40 launch site has about a half of all launches.
- VAFB SLC 4E and KSC LC 39A have a higher success rate.
- It can be assumed that each new launches has the higher success rate.

## Payload vs. Launch Site

- Show a scatter plot of Payload vs. Launch Site



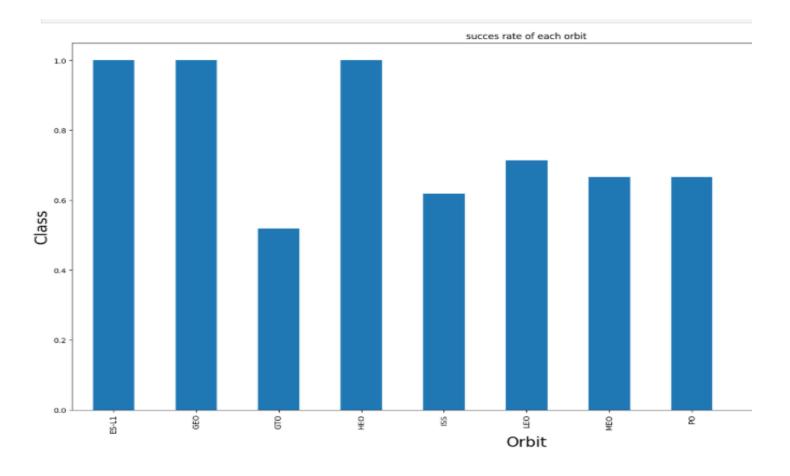
### **Explanation:**

- For every Launch site the higher the payload mass, the higher the success rate.
- Most of the Launches with payload mass over 7000kg was successful.
- KSC LC 39A has a hundred percent success rate for payload mass under 5500kg too.

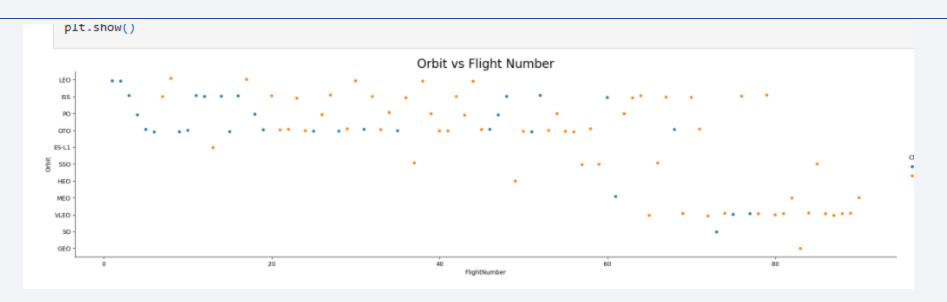
## Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

### • Explanation:

- Orbit with 100% success rate:
- ES-L1,GEO,HEO,SSO
- Orbit with 0% success rate:
- SO
- Orbits with Success rate between 50% and 85%:
- GTO,ISS,LEO,MEO,PO



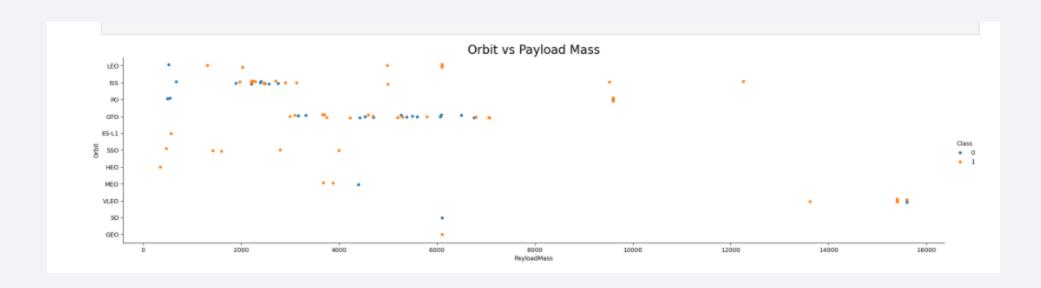
## Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



### **Explanations:**

In the LEO orbit the success appears related to the number of flights, on the other hand, there seems to be no relationship between flight number when in GTO orbit.

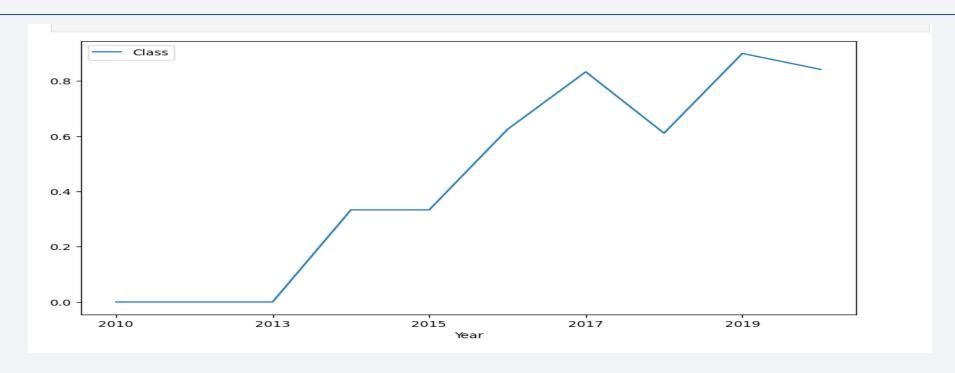
## Payload vs. Orbit Type



### **Explanation:**

Heavy Payload have a negative influence on GTO orbits and positive on GTO and polar LEO(ISS) orbits.

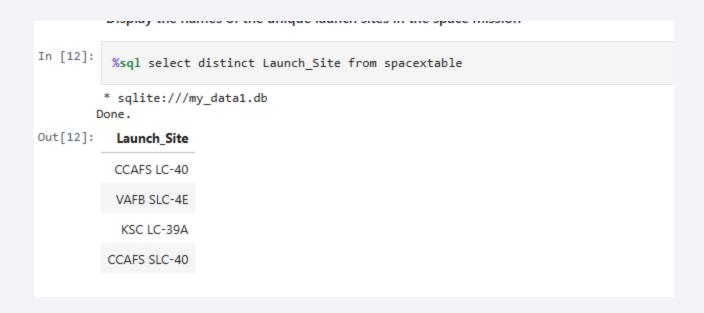
## Launch Success Yearly Trend



### **Explanation:**

The success rate since 2013, kept increasing till 2020.

### All Launch Site Names



### **Explanation:**

Displaying the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission.

## Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

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201 12-		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)
201 05-		7:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon demo flight C2	:	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
201 10-		0:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-1	:	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
201		15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-2		577	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

### **Explanation:**

Displaying 5 records where launch site begins with the strings 'CCA'.

## **Total Payload Mass**

### **Explanation:**

Displaying the Total Payload Mass carried by boosters launched by NASA(CRS).

## Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

### **Explanation**:

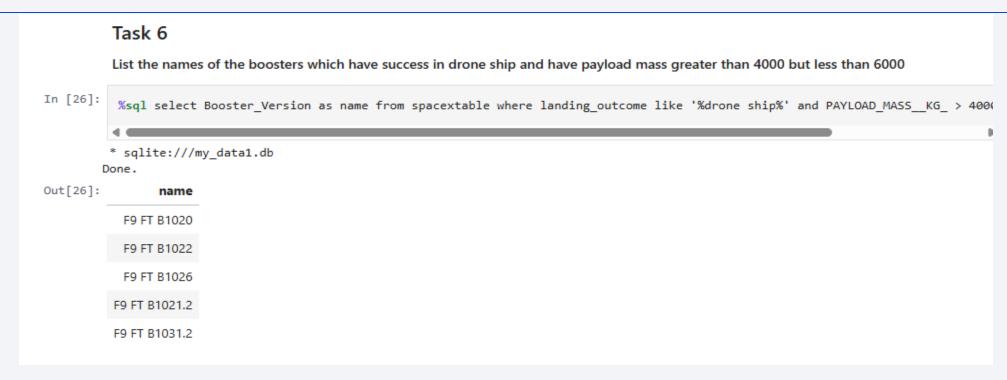
Displayed average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

## First Successful Ground Landing Date

### **Explanation:**

Listing the date of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad was achieved.

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



### **Explanation:**

Listing the names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

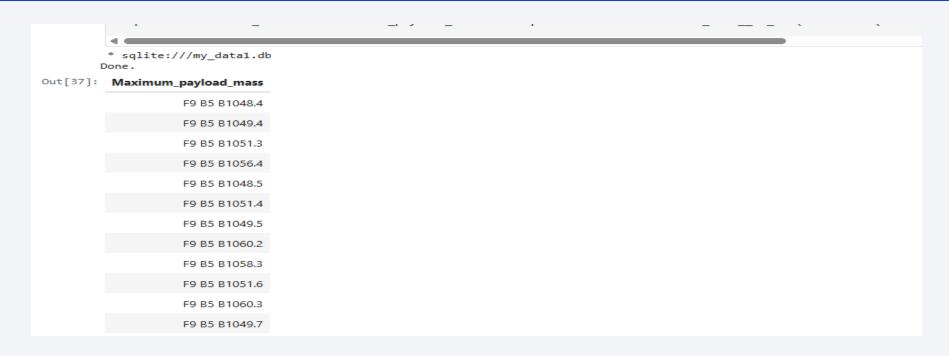
### Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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Task 7
          List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
In [31]:
          %sql select count(*) from spacextable where mission outcome like '%Failure%'
         * sqlite:///my data1.db
Out[31]: count(*)
           %sql select count(*) from spacextable where mission_outcome like '%success%'
          * sqlite:///my_data1.db
 Out[35]: count(*)
               100
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### **Explanation:**

Listing the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

## **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**



### **Explanation:**

Listing the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass.

### 2015 Launch Records

### **Explanation:**

Listing the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015

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



### **Explanation:**

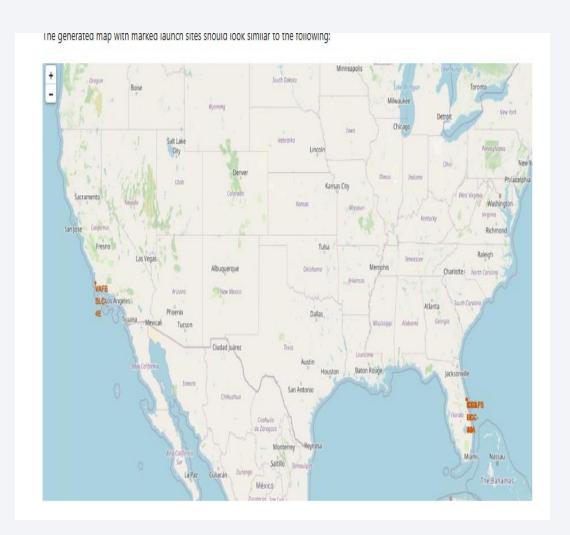
 Ranking the count of landing outcomes (such as Failure (drone ship) or Success (ground pad)) between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20, in descending order



## All Launch Site Location Markers on a global map

### **Explanation**:

- Most of the Launch sites are in proximity to the equator line. The land is moving faster at the equator than any other place on the surface of the earth. Anything on the surface of the earth at the equator is already moving at 1670 km/hr. If a ship is launched from a equator it goes up into space, it is also moving around the earth at the same speed it was moving before launching. This is because of inertia. This speed will help the spacecraft keep up a good enough speed to stay in orbit.
- All Launch site are in very close proximity to the coast, while launching rockets towards the ocean it minimises the risk of having an debris dropping or exploding near people,



## Colour-Labeled Launch Records on the Map

#### **Explanation:**

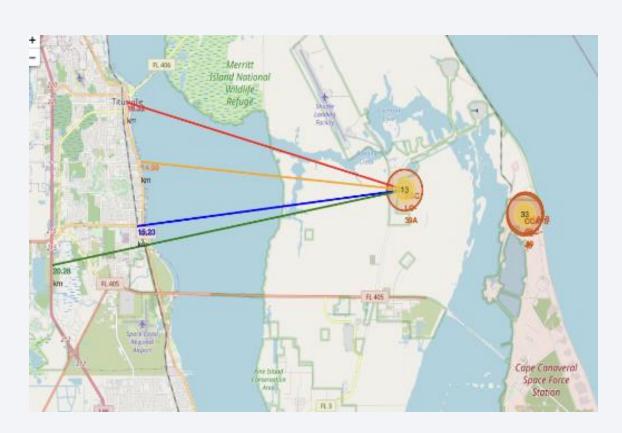
- From the colour-Labeled markers we should be able to easily identify that which launch sites have relatively high success rate.
- Green Marker-Sucessful Launch
- Red Marker- Failed Launch
- Launch site KSC LC 39A has high success rate.



### Distance From Launch Sites KSC LC -39A to its Proximities

#### **Explanation:**

- From the visual analysis of the launch site KSC LC 39A we can clearly see that:
  - -Relative close to railway(15.23km)
  - -Relative close to highway(20.28km)
  - -Relative close to coastline(14.99km)
- Also the Launch site KSC LC-39A is relatively close to the closest city Titusvilli(16.32km)
- Failed rocket with its high speed can cover distance like 15-20km in few seconds.it could be potentially dangerous to the populated area.





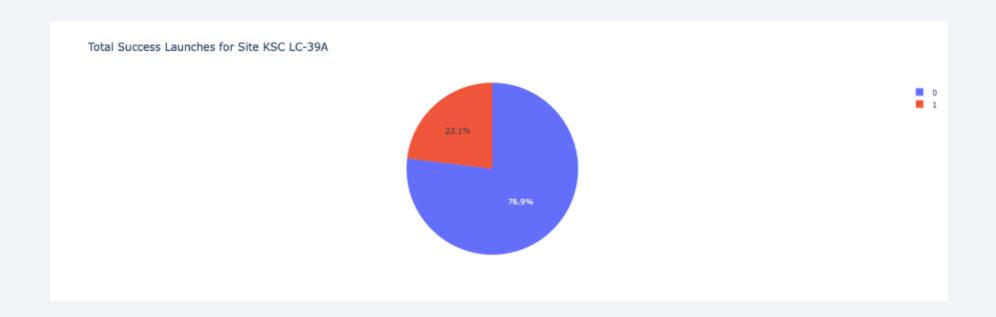
### Launch Success count for all sites



### **Explanation:**

The chart clearly shows that from all the sites KSC LC-39A has the most successful launches.

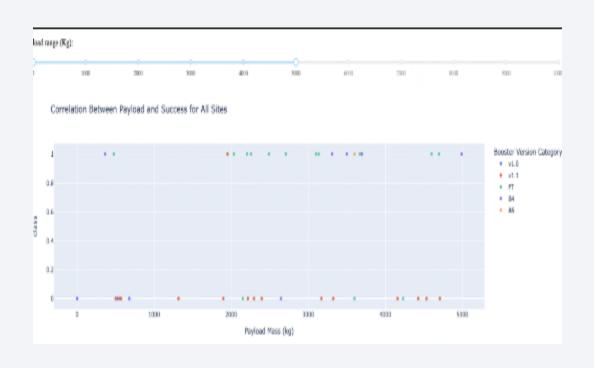
# Launch site with highest launch success ratio

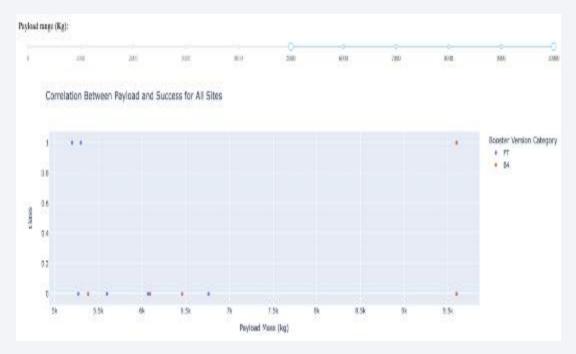


#### **Explanation:**

KSC LC 39A has the high launch success rate(76.9%) with 10 successful the 3 failed landing.

## Payload Mass vs Launch Outcome for all sites





### **Explanation:**

The chart shows that payload between 2000 and 5500 kg have the highest success rate.



# Classification Accuracy

#### **Explanation:**

- Based on the scores of the test set,we cannot confirm that which performs best.
- Same test set scores may be due to the small test sample size(18 samples).therefore we tested all methods based on the whole dataset.
- The score of the whole dataset confirm that the best model is Decision Tree Model. This Model has not only higher scores, but also has highest accuracy.

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    print("accuracy :",logreg_cv.best_score_)

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    accuracy : 0.8464285714285713

TASK 5

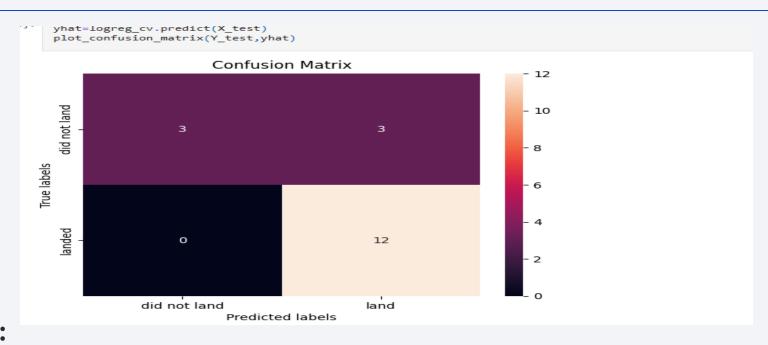
Calculate the accuracy on the test data using the method score :

In [21]: test_accuracy=logreg_cv.score(X_test,Y_test)
    print("accuracy :" ,test_accuracy)

accuracy : 0.83333333333333334

Lets look at the confusion matrix:
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### **Confusion Matrix**



### **Explanation:**

Examining the confusion matrix, we see that Logistic Regression can distinguish between different classes. We see that the major problem is false positive.

### Conclusions

- Decision Tree algorithm is the best model for this dataset.
- Launches with a low payload mass shows better results than launches with more payload mass.
- Most of the launche site is in proximity to the equator line and all the sites are in very close proximity to the coast.
- The success rate of Launches increases over the year.
- KSC LC 39A has the highest success rate of launches from all the sites.
- Orbits ES-L1,GEO,HEO and SSO have 100% success rate.

# **Appendix**

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