

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

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Introduction

Background

Our project is part of a big learning journey - the final course of the IBM Data Science series. Think of us as the brainy folks at SpaceY, a new company aiming to launch rockets just like SpaceX.

In this project, we will use the cool methodologies from data science to help SpaceY make smart choices when it comes to sending rockets into space, and maybe even outbid the big guys at SpaceX.

Business Problem

Here's the scoop: SpaceX is the big name in space because they figured out how to send rockets up without breaking the bank. They say it costs about 62 million dollars to launch their Falcon 9, which is way cheaper than what other companies charge. They save a bunch by reusing the first part of the rocket. Normally, that part alone could set you back over 15 million dollars, not even counting the money spent developing it.

But sometimes, SpaceX has to let that first part go - maybe the satellite they're carrying is super heavy, or they need to send it to a special place in space. When that happens, it's bye-bye savings. So, we're on a mission to guess if that rocket part is going to make it back safely or not. Getting this right could mean big savings, and that's a number any shareholder would like to see.





Methodology - Executive Summary

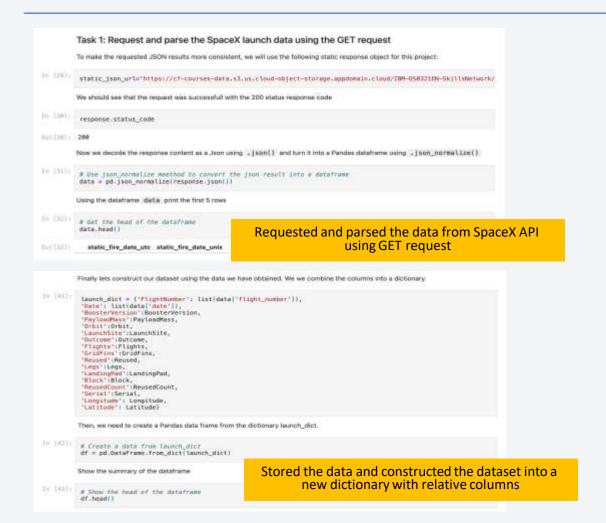
- Data collection methodology:
 - SpaceX Open Source Rest API
 - Web Scraping from Wikipedia page 'List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy Launches'
- Perform data wrangling
 - Transforming categorical data using One Hot Encoding for machine learning algorithms and removing any empty or unnecessary information from the dataset.
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - Logistic Regression, K-Nearest Neighbors, Support Vector Machines, and Decision Tree models have been developed to determine the most effective classification method.

Data Collection

The data sets are collected using 2 methods:

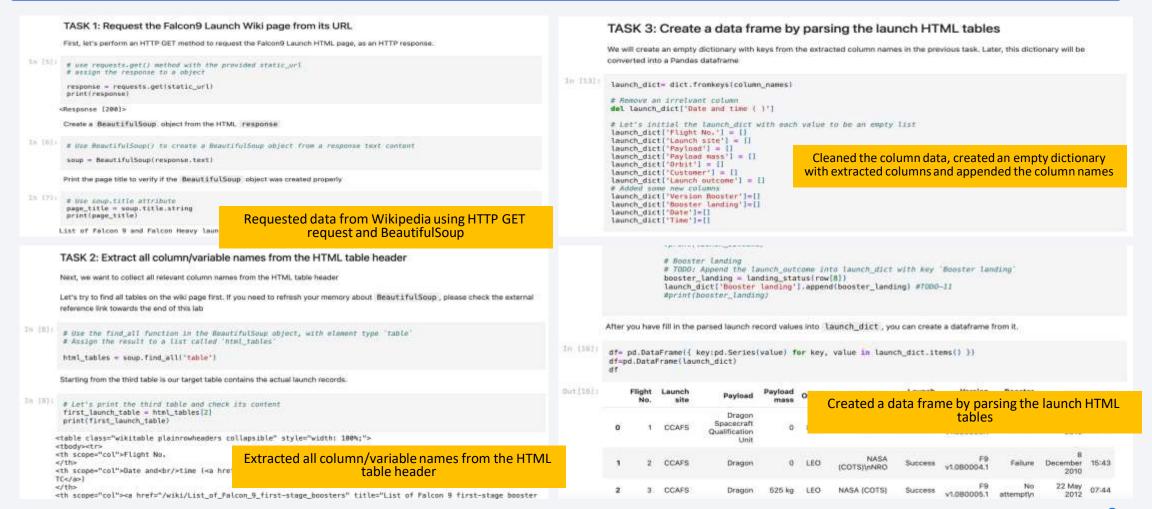
- 1) Request to the SpaceX API
 - Gathered SpaceX's past launch data via their open-source API.
 - Retrieved and processed this data with GET request.
 - Ensured the data included only Falcon 9 launches.
 - Filled in missing payload weights from secret missions with average values.
- 2) Web Scraping
 - Requested past Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launch data from Wikipedia's relevant page.
 - Accessed the Falcon 9 Launch page via its direct Wikipedia link.
 - Extracted all the column names from the HTML table.
 - Parsed and transformed the table into a Pandas data frame suitable for analysis.

Data Collection - SpaceX API

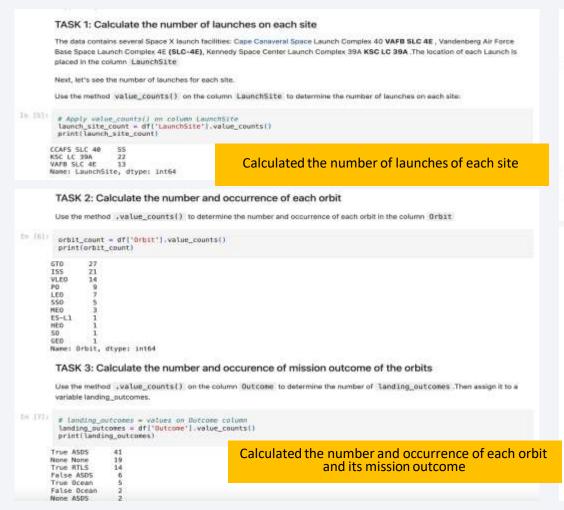




Data Collection - Web Scraping from Wikipedia



Data Wrangling



TASK 4: Create a landing outcome label from Outcome column Using the Outcome, create a list where the element is zero if the corresponding row in Outcome is in the set bad_outcome; otherwise, it's one. Then essign it to the variable landing_class: In [10]: # landing_class - 0 if bad_outcome # landing class = 1 otherwise landing_class = [] for outcome in df('Outcome'): if outcome in bad_outcomes: landing_class.append(0) landing_class_append(1) This variable will represent the classification variable that represents the outcome of each launch. If the value is zero, the first stage did not land successfully; one means the first stage landed Successfully 20 [11]: ef['Class']=landing_class df[['Class']].head(R) Created a landing outcome label form Outcome column Class O

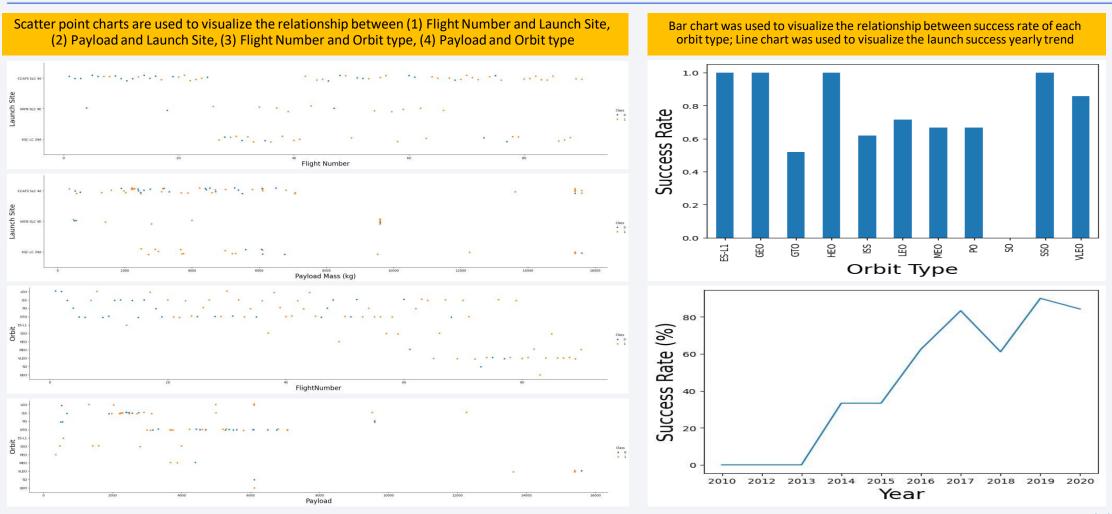
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Out [13] | 0.66666666666666666

We can now export it to a CSV for the next section, but to make the answers consistent, in the next lab we will provide data in a preselected date range.

df.to_csv("dataset_part_2.csv", Index=False)

EDA with Data Visualization



EDA with SQL

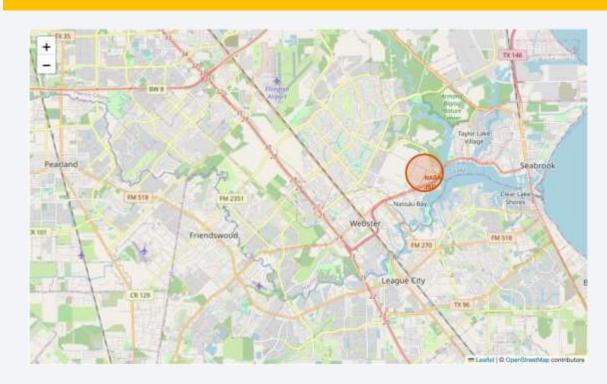
SQL queries are performed to:

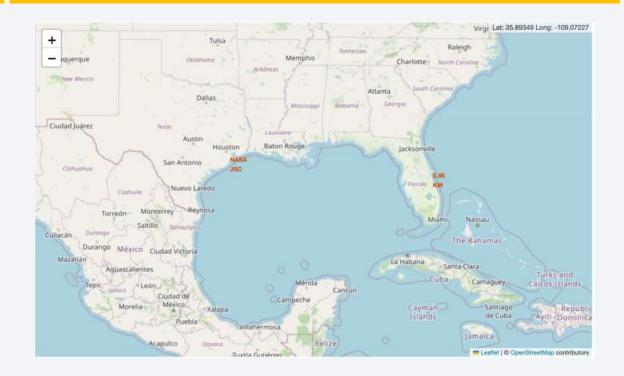
- 1. Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
- 2. Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
- 3. Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- 4. Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- 5. List the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved.
- 6. List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- 7. List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- 8. List the names of the booster versions which have carried the maximum payload mass using a subquery
- 9. 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.
- 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.

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

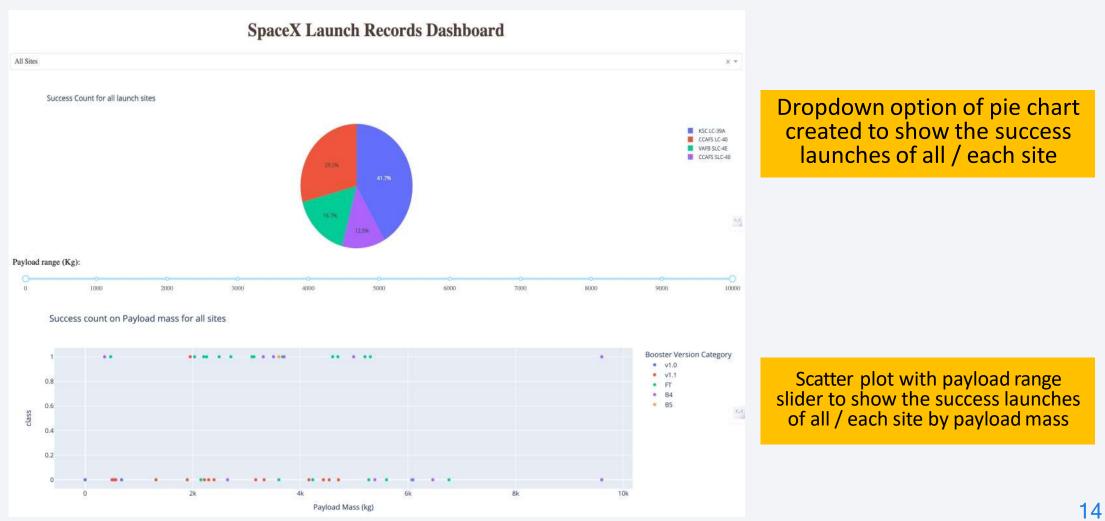
A circle marker was created to show NASA Johnson Space Center's coordinate

Distance marker was created to show distances between a launch site to its proximities





Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash



My GitHub reference: 7. Hands-on Lab Build an Interactive Dashboard with Ploty Dash spacex dash app.py

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

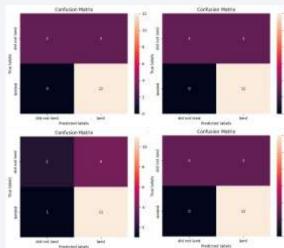
- LR, SVM, Decision Tree and KNN objects are created and fit with GridSearchCV object to find the best parameters, then the models are trained on the training set.
- The accuracy of test data are calculated for each machine learning model. It is found that the methods performed best are LR, SVM, KNN where all 3 achieved the highest accuracy of 83.33%.

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TASK 12

Find the method performs best:

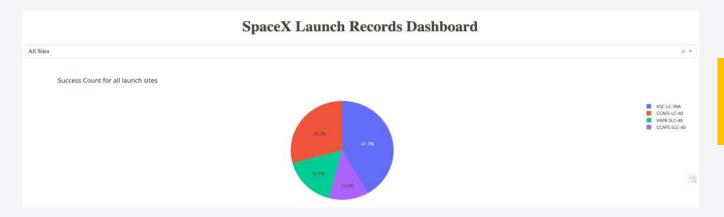
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    KNN Accuracy: 83.33%
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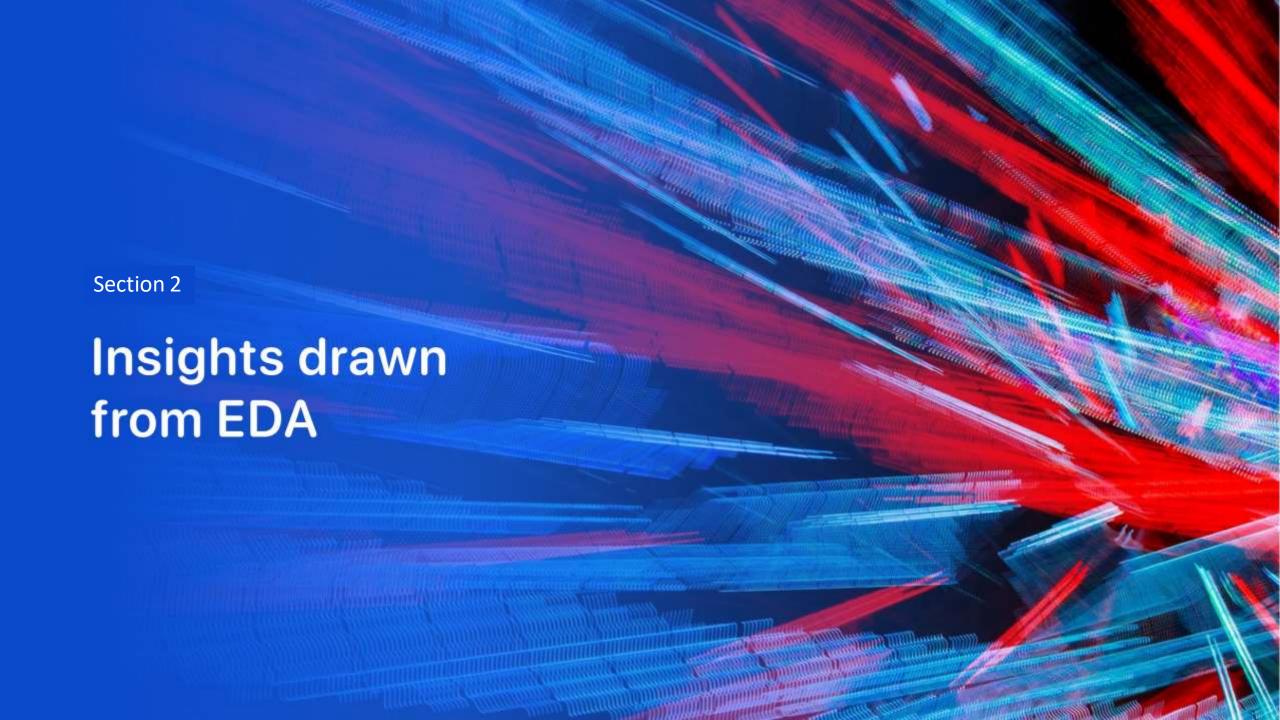


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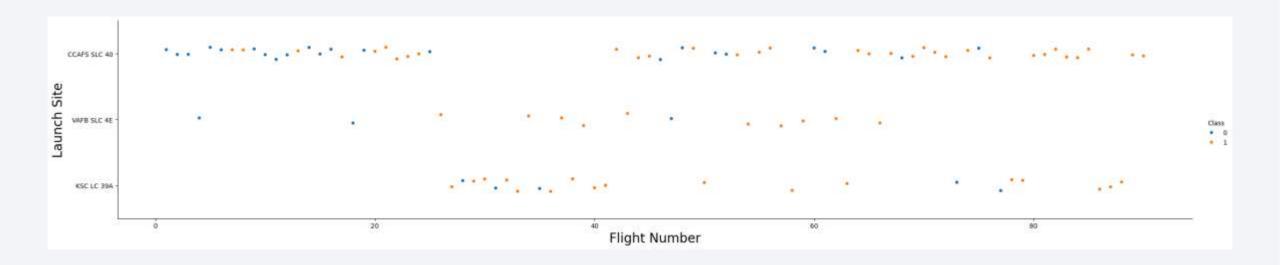
- LR, SVM, KNN are top-performing models for forecasting outcomes in this data.
- Lighter payloads have a higher performance compared to heavier ones.
- The likelihood of a SpaceX launch succeeding increases with the number of years of experience, suggesting a trend towards flawless launches over time.
- Launch Complex 39A at Kennedy Space Center has the highest number of successful launches compared to other launch sites.
- GEO,HEO,SSO,ESL1 orbit types exhibit the highest rates of successful launches.



KSC LC-39A has the most successful launches overall

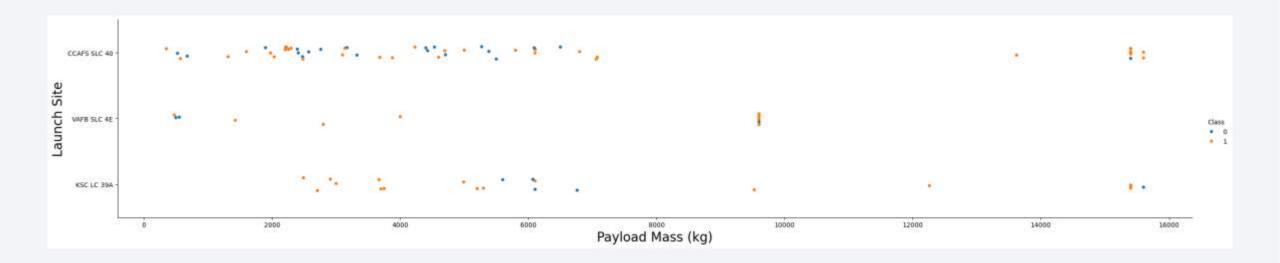


Flight Number vs. Launch Site



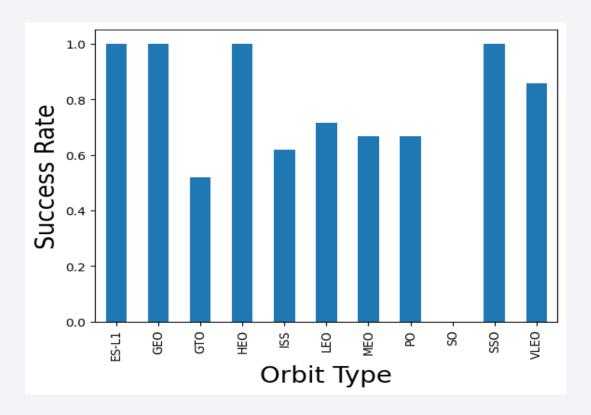
 Total number of launches from launch site CCAFS SLC40 are significantly higher than the other launch sites.

Payload vs. Launch Site



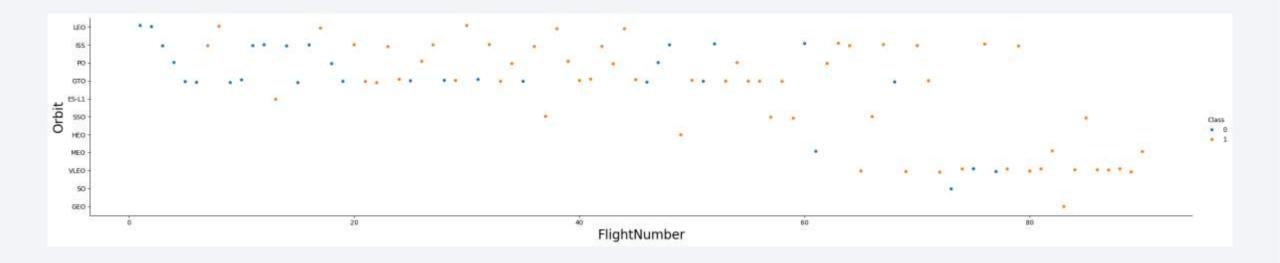
 Payloads with lower mass are have more launches compared to those with higher mass across all three launch sites.

Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



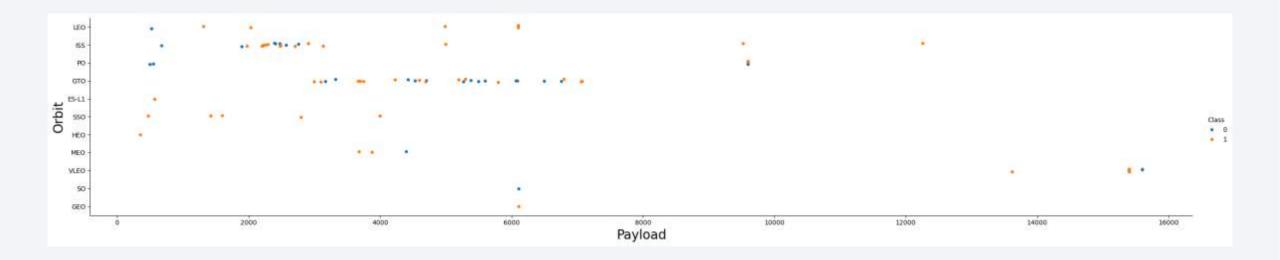
• Orbit types ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO have the highest success rate among all.

Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



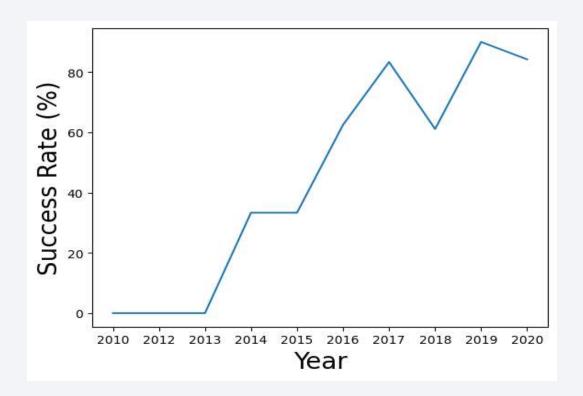
• LEO, ISS, PO, GTO orbits have the most launches in the earlier years, but it slowly shifted to VLEO orbit in the later years.

Payload vs. Orbit Type



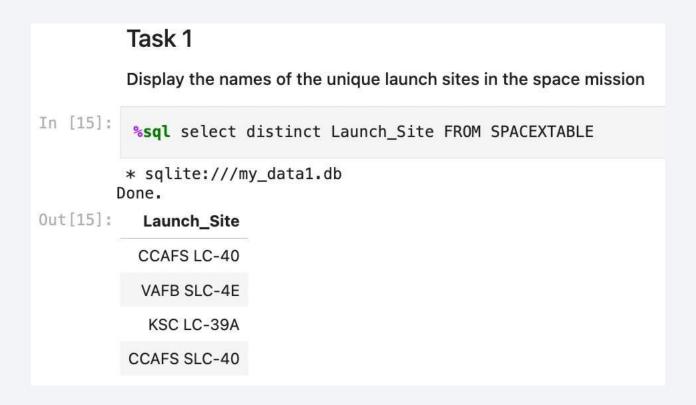
 Heavy payloads tend to have higher successful landing rates for PO, LEO, and ISS orbits, but for GTO orbit, success is less predictable with an almost equal mix of successes and failures.

Launch Success Yearly Trend



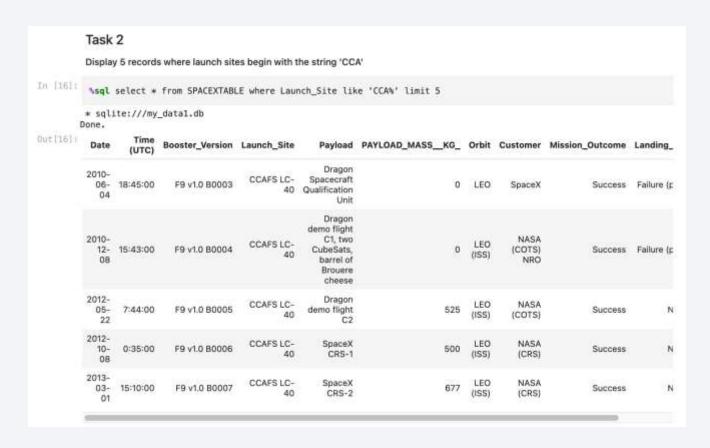
• The success rate of launches have been increasing since 2013 till 2020, possibly due to technology advancement and experience.

All Launch Site Names



 Performed an SQL query to obtain all launch site names

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'



 Performed an SQL query to obtain 5 launch site names that begin with 'CCA'

Total Payload Mass

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Task 3
Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)

In [17]: 
*sql select sum(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from SPACEXTABLE where customer = 'NASA (CRS)'

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.

Out[17]: sum(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)

45596
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 Performed an SQL query to obtain the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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Task 4

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

In [18]: *sql select avg(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) from SPACEXTABLE where Booster_Version = 'F9 v1.1'

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.

Out[18]: avg(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_)

2928.4
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 Performed an SQL query to calculate the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

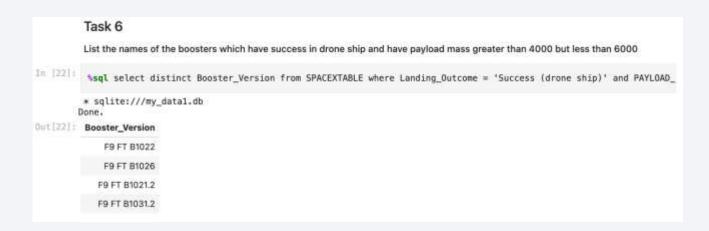
First Successful Ground Landing Date

Task 5 List the date when the first succesful landing outcome in ground pad was acheived. Hint:Use min function In [21]: **sql SELECT min(Date) FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Landing_Outcome = 'Success (ground pad)'; * sqlite:///my_datal.db Done. Out[21]: min(Date) 2015-12-22

 Performed an SQL query to find the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

%sql select distinct Booster_Version from SPACEXTABLE where Landing_Outcome = 'Success (drone ship)' and PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ > 4000 and PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ < 6000



 Performed an SQL query to list the names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

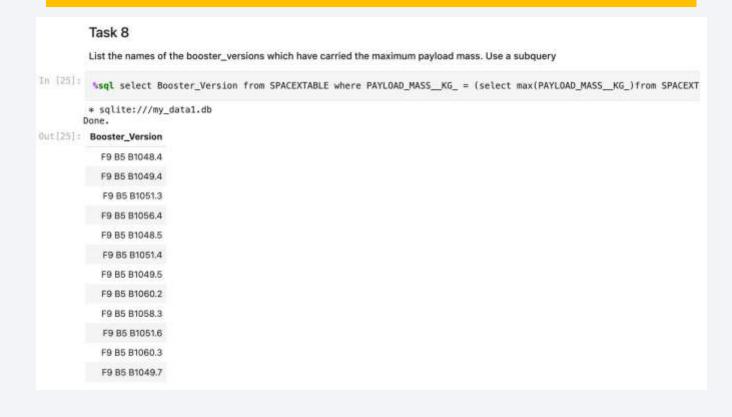
Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes



 Performed an SQL query to calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

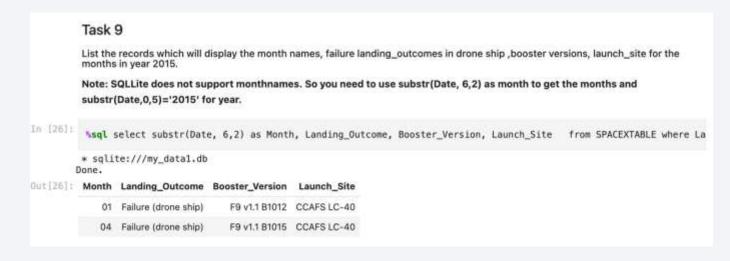
%sql select Booster_Version from SPACEXTABLE where PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ = (select max(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_)) from SPACEXTABLE)



 Performed an SQL query to list the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass

2015 Launch Records

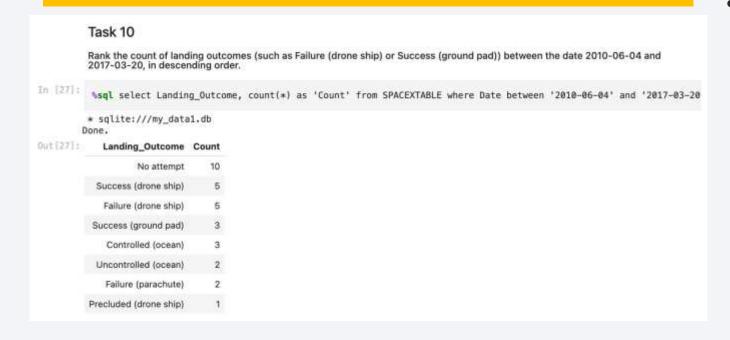
%sql select substr(Date, 6,2) as Month, Landing_Outcome, Booster_Version, Launch_Site from SPACEXTABLE where Landing_Outcome = 'Failure (drone ship)' and substr(Date, 0,5) = '2015'



 Performed an SQL query to list 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

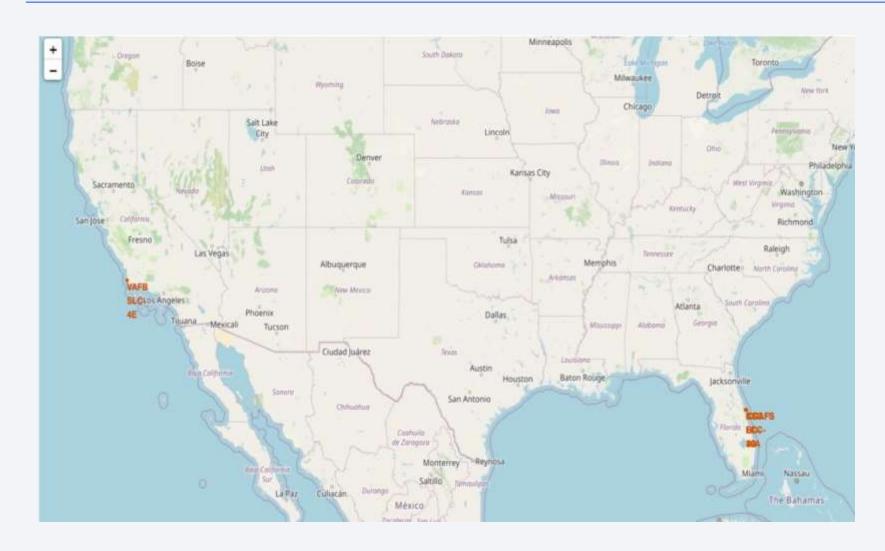
%sql select Landing_Outcome, count(*) as 'Count' from SPACEXTABLE where Date between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20' group by Landing_Outcome order by Count desc



 Performed an SQL query to 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



All launch sites on a map



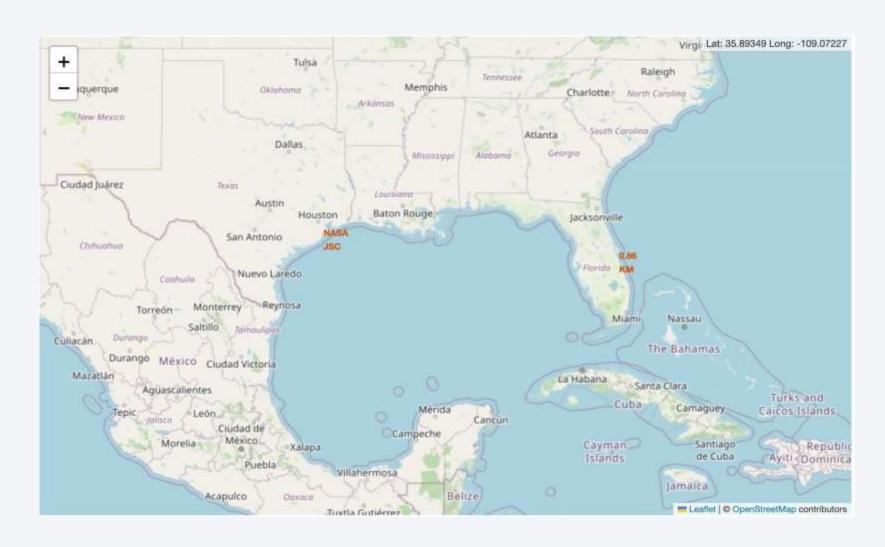
 The launch sites are labelled by a marker with their names on the map.

All success/failed launches for each site on the map



 The launch records are grouped in clusters on the map, then labelled by green markers for successful launches, and red markers for unsuccessful ones.

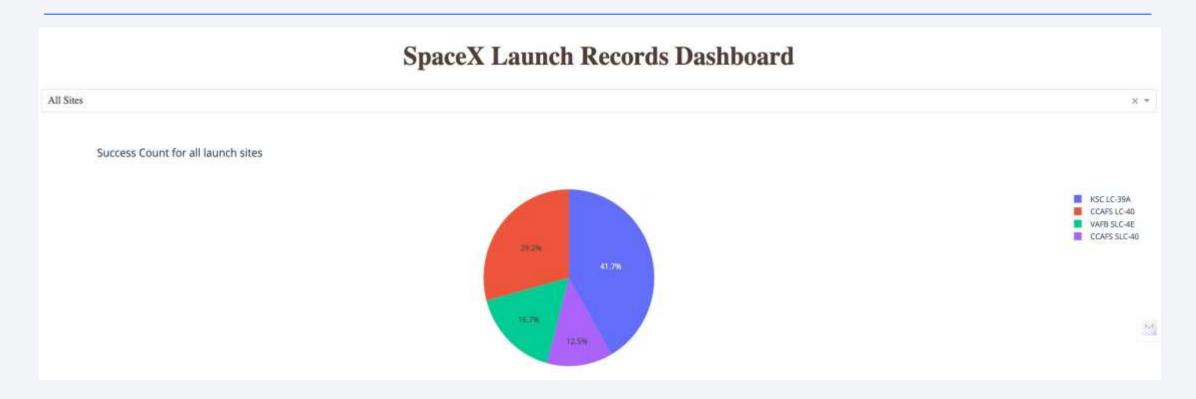
Distances between a launch site to its proximities



The closest coastline from NASA JSC is marked as a point using MousePosition and the distance between the coastline point and the launch site, which is approximately 0.86 km.

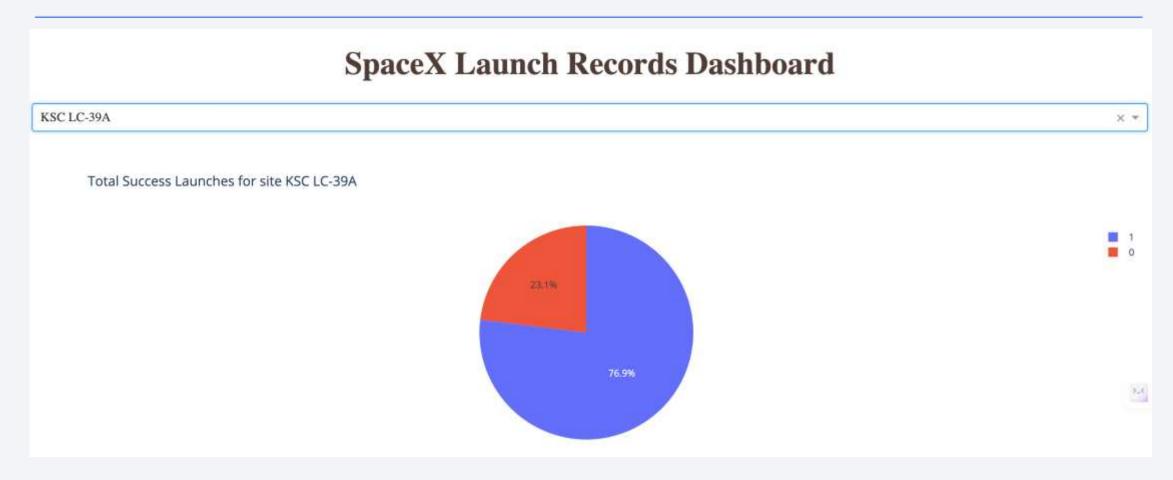


Total success launches for all sites



• KSC LC-39A has the highest amount of success launches with 41.7% from the entire record, whereas CCAFS SLC-40 has the lowest amount of success launches with only 12.5%.

Success ratio of the launch site with the highest success launches



• KSC LC-39A which is the launch site with highest amount of success, has a 76.9% success rate for the launches from its site, and 23.1% failure rate.

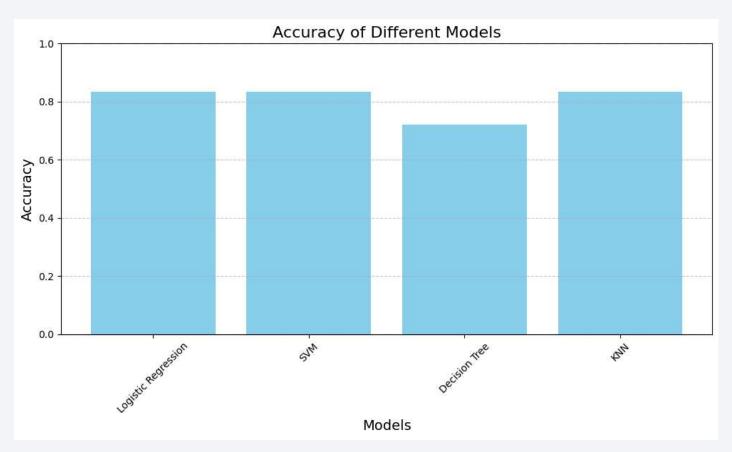
Payload vs. launch outcome



- The payload range that has the highest success launches is between 2,000 to 4,000 kg, which can be seen
 by the most number of plots in that range, followed by the payload range of 4,000 to 6,000 kg, with the
 second most number of plots.
- Booster version FT (green spots) has the highest success launches, followed by B4 (purple spots) with the second highest success launches, among all booster versions.



Classification Accuracy

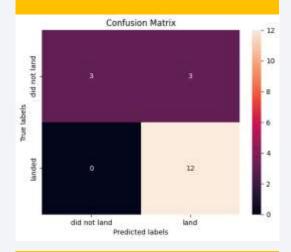


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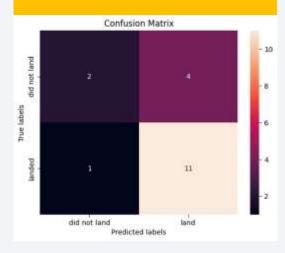
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Confusion Matrix

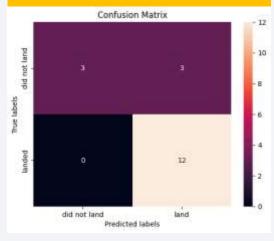
Confusion Matrix of LR



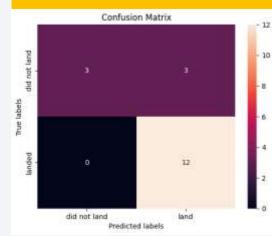
Confusion Matrix of Decision Tree



Confusion Matrix of SVM



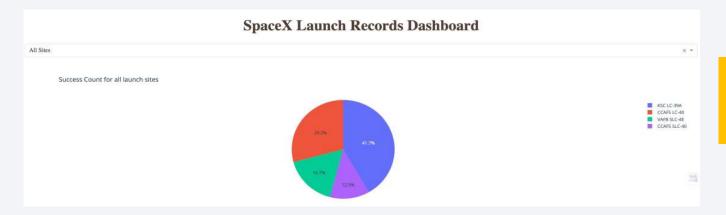
Confusion Matrix of KNN



- LR, SVM, KNN models are good as their confusion matrix show that they predicted all 12 successful landing correctly, with 0 error.
- However, the Decision Tree model only predicted 11 successful landing correctly, with one of them wrongly predicted as a failed / did not land.
- LR, SVM, KNN models have the same accuracy of 83.33% as displayed earlier, hence the same confusion matrix.

Conclusions

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