

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# **Executive Summary**

#### **Summary of methodologies**

- Data collection
- Perform data wrangling
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models

#### **Summary of all results**

Decision Tree indicates best accuracy on the training dataset. However, all models give a 83% accuracy on the test dataset.

	best_score_train	score_test
LR	0.846429	0.833333
SVM	0.848214	0.833333
TREE	0.916071	0.833333
KNN	0.848214	0.833333

#### Introduction

The new company Space Y aims to make space travel affordable for everyone. One big barrier for Space Y to enter the market is the high costs estimated 166% more comparing to its competitor Space X each launch.

The object of this project is to gather information about SpaceX. With the historical information of SpaceX available to public, we can utilize Python machine learning models to predict if future first stage will land successfully and if it can reuse the first stage and therefore we can determine the price of each launch



# Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

- Data collection methodology:
  - Python requests library allows us to make HTTP requests which extract the information from various website
- · Perform data wrangling
  - After information was extracted from the internet, data was read into a Pandas DataFrame. Various methods such as describe(), dtypes, isnull(), etc were used to get data ready for analysis.
- · Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
  - Besides Pandas DataFrame, SQL were also used to narrow down what kind of information need to be extracted to perform analysis. Visualization tools such as pie chart, scatterplot, barplot, etc. were also used to gain more insight of the data
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
  - Folium is another visualization tool which plots the launch sites on the map and Plotly Dash publishes an interactive visualization for the audients.
- · Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - Skilean, a machine learning library offers various models to predict future unknow outcome. Historical data are used to train the models. Historical data can be spitted in between training dataset (train the models) and testing dataset (to test how close the model can predict the result accurately). The accuracy of each models can be estimated. Based on the result, we find a model that performs the best

#### **Data Collection**

The data were collected from the below websites

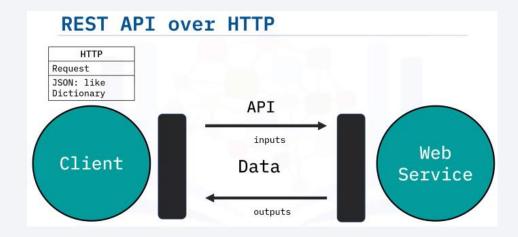
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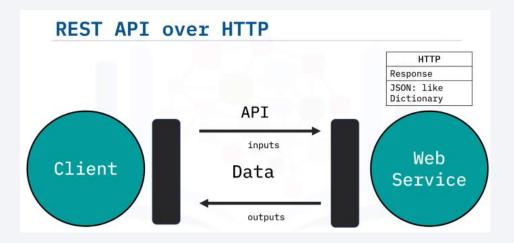
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An assessment such as descriptive statistics and visualization was applied to the dataset to assess the content, quality and initial insights about the data.

# Data Collection - SpaceX API

- Python requests library make HTTP requests to get data from an API
- Takes the dataset and uses the rocket column to call the API and append the data to the list
- Takes the dataset and uses the launchpad column to call the API and append the data to the list
- Takes the dataset and uses the payloads column to call the API and append the data to the lists
- Takes the dataset and uses the cores column to call the API and append the data to the lists
- Requests rocket launch data from SpaceX API
- https://github.com/tingsingley/Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/1%20Collecting%20the%20dat a.ipynb





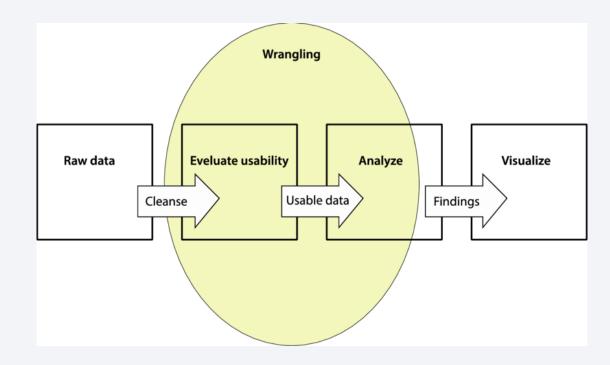
# **Data Collection - Scraping**



 https://github.com/tingsingley/Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/2%20Web%20scraping%20Falcon%209%20and% 20Falcon%20Heavy%20Launches%20Records%20from%20Wikipedia.ipynb

# **Data Wrangling**

- Dataset was read into a Pandas DataFrame
- Various methods offer by Pandas to evaluate usability of the data or obtain more insight of the data (e.g. isnull(), dtypes, describe())
  - Identify if there is any missing values in the dataset
  - Identify data types of each columns
  - Provide statistical insight
- https://github.com/tingsingley/Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/3%20Data%20wrangling.i pynb



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

- In order to see and understand the trends, outliers and patterns in the data, the following data visualization techniques were utilized. For example
  - Scatterplt: examine if there is a relationship between flight number and payload mass or flight number and launch site or payload mass and lunch site
  - Barplot: examine if there is any relationship between the success rate and orbit type and the magnitude
  - Lineplot: examine frequency of the successful rate in each year
- https://github.com/tingsingley/Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/5%20Exploring%20and%20Preparing%20Data.ipynb

### **EDA** with SQL

- Display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
- Display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
- Display the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- Display average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- List the date when the first succesful landing outcome in ground pad was acheived
- List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- List the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery
- 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.
- 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
- https://github.com/tingsingley/Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/4%20SQL%20Notebook.ipynb

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

Various map objects and purpose of each is summarized below:

- Map: to initiate a map
- Marker: create an icon as a text label
- Circle: add highlighted circle area on locations specified by the latitude and longitude
- Popup: a popup label showing name of the location when hoop over
- Polyline: to add a line by connecting the locations specified in the Marker object
- https://github.com/tingsingley/Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/6%20Launch%20Sites%20Locations%20Analysis%20with%20Folium.ipynb

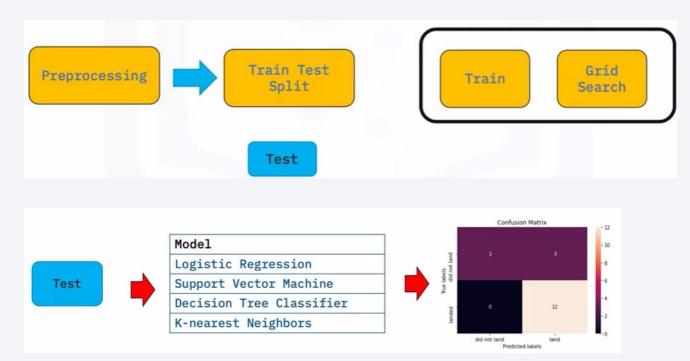
# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Choices of selecting either all launch sites or an individual site is available to display an interactive pie chart, a slider and a scatter chart

- Pie chart for all sites tells the successful rate between those launches sites
- Pie chart for each site displays the successful/failure rate of that specific site
- Scatter plot shows the relationship between the count of payload mass and successful/failure rate
- With different range of the payload mass, scatterplot displays the changes accordingly
- https://github.com/tingsingley/Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/7%20spacex\_dash\_app.py

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

• The procedures of the predictive analysis included preprocessing the data and then split the data into training and testing dataset. We use training dataset to train the model and perform Grid Search on different models to find the best hyperparameter values. Models used in this project included Logistic Regression, Support Vector machines, Decision Tree Classifier, and K-nearest neighbors. Finally, apply the model on the test dataset and use score method to calculate the accuracy and visualize the result on Confusion Matrix



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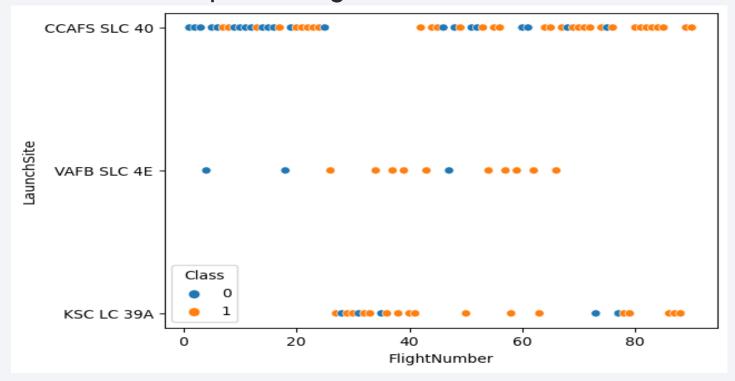
#### Results

- Exploratory data analysis results
  - For the VAFB-SLC launch site there are no rockets launched for heavy payload mass(greater than 10000)
  - SpaceX have better successful rates when in ES-L1, GEO, HEO, and SSO. Orbit GTO has the worst successful rate
  - Seems there is no relationship between flight number and Orbit when in GTO orbit. When in EL-L1, SSO and HEO, the successful rates are 100%
  - The successful rate started increasing in 2013 and kept it up until 2020
- Interactive analytics demo in screenshots
  - Three out of four launch sites are located at East coast and one launch site is located at the West coast
  - KSC LC launch site has the highest successful rate
  - CCAFS SLC launch site has the highest unsuccessful rate
- Predictive analysis results
  - All the models applied on the test dataset return the same accuracy score



# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

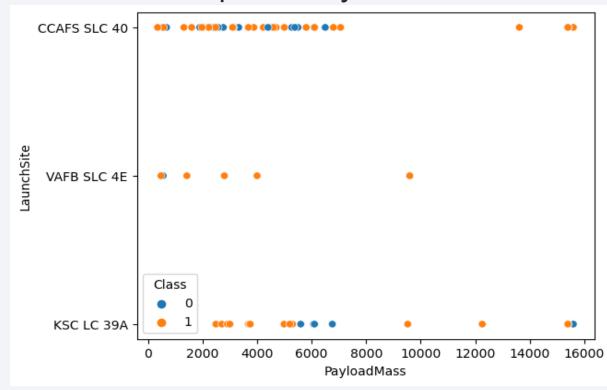
Show a scatter plot of Flight Number vs. Launch Site



Flight numbers are corelated to the date. The higher the flight number, the later the date. The above chart shows that SpaceX stopped using VAFB SLC launch site after flight number 66. Both CCAFS SLC and KSC LC launch sites had higher successful rate since flight number 80, showing the successful rate has been improved through out the time.

# Payload vs. Launch Site

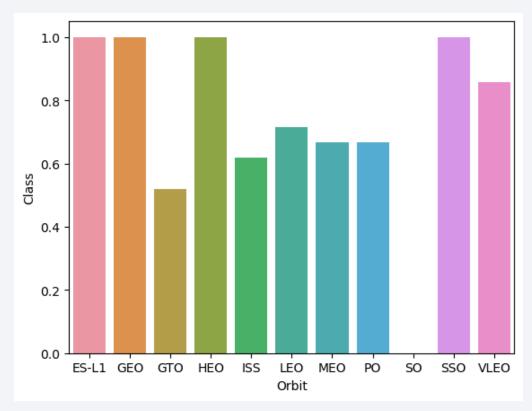
• Show a scatter plot of Payload vs. Launch Site



 There are no rockets launched for heavy payload mass (greater than 10000) for VAFB SLC launch site

# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

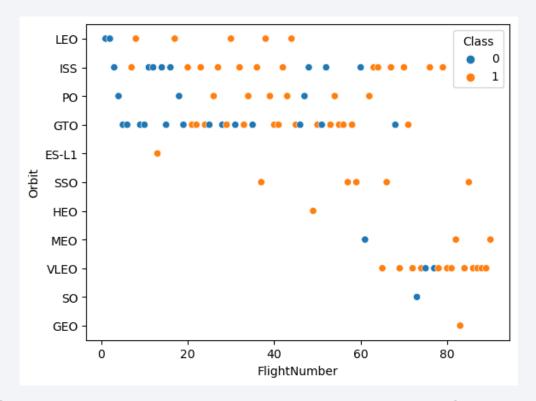
Show a bar chart for the success rate of each orbit type



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# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

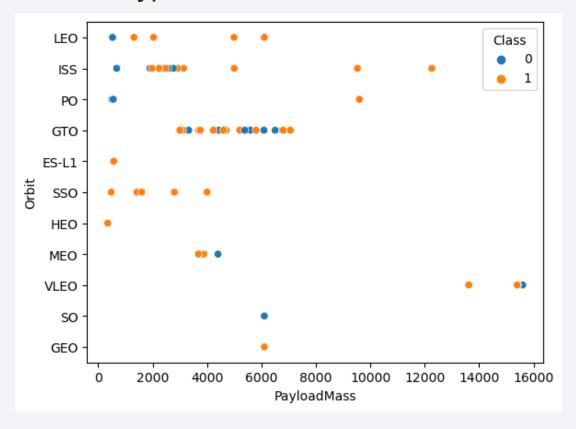
• Show a scatter point of Flight number vs. Orbit type



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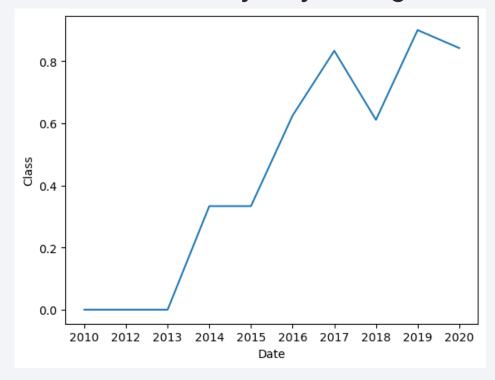
 Show a scatter point of payload vs. orbit type



- With heavy payloads the successful landing are more for Polar, LEO and ISS.
- Cannot distinguish the relationship for GTO since there are mixed positive landing rate and negative landing
- Only low payload for ES-L1, SSO, and HEO and the very high successful rate

# Launch Success Yearly Trend

Show a line chart of yearly average success rate



The successful rate started increasing in 2013 and kept it up until 2020

#### All Launch Site Names

• Find the names of the unique launch sites



Using SELECT DISTINCT to extract the data and the results shows there are 4 unique launch sites

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

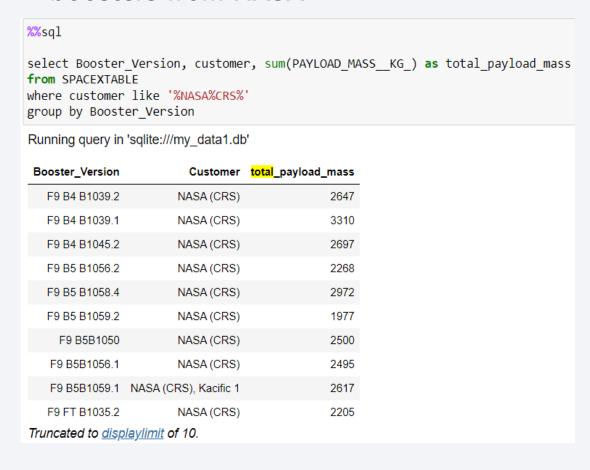
Find 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`

<pre>%%sql select * from SPACEXTABLE where Launch_Site like 'CCA%' limit 5</pre>									
Running	query in '	sqlite:///my_data1	.db'						
Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASSKG_	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing_Outcome
2010- 04-06	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
2010- 08-12	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)
2012- 05-22	07:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC- 40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
2012- 08-10	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
2013- 01-03	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC- 40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

Use wildcard (%) to extract lunch sites that start with the letter 'CCA' and use LIMIT to get a specific number of records

# **Total Payload Mass**

 Calculate the total payload carried by boosters from NASA



- Use GROUP BY to pivot the type of the Booster
- Use function sum() to add total payload mass for each Booster
- Use WHERE clause to set condition that only display Booster from NASA

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

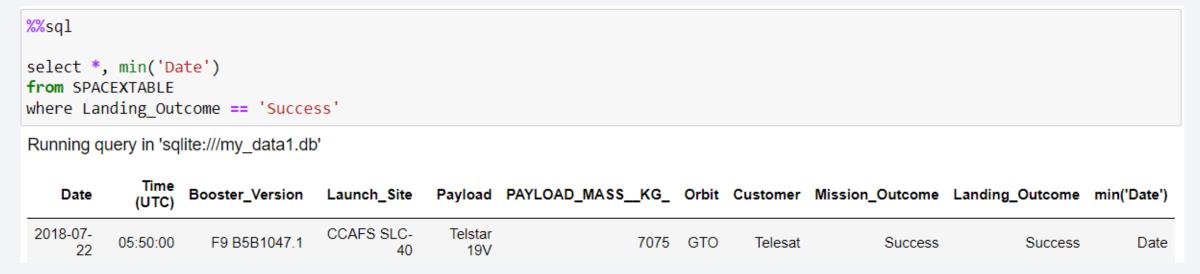
 Calculate the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

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%%sql
select Booster_Version, avg(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) as average payload mass
from SPACEXTABLE
where Booster Version like 'F9 v1.1%'
group by Booster Version
Running query in 'sqlite:///my_data1.db'
Booster_Version average_payload_mass
         F9 v1.1
                                2928.4
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                                2216.0
   F9 v1.1 B1011
                                4428.0
   F9 v1.1 B1012
                                2395.0
   F9 v1.1 B1013
                                 570.0
   F9 v1 1 B1014
                                4159 0
   F9 v1.1 B1015
                                1898.0
   F9 v1.1 B1016
                                4707.0
   F9 v1.1 B1017
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- Use GROUP BY to pivot the type of the Booster
- Use WHERE clause to limit what booster version to be extracted, in this case F9 v1.1
- Use function avg() to calculate the average of payload mass for each F9 v1.1 booster version

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

Find the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad



Use function min() to find the earliest date in the Date column and use WHERE clause to result (i.e. the landing outcome to be success)

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

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

%%sql						
<pre>select Booster_Version, PAYLOAD_MASSKG_, landing_outcome from SPACEXTABLE where (PAYLOAD_MASSKG_&gt; 4000) and (PAYLOAD_MASSKG_ &lt; 6000)     and landing_outcome like '%success%drone%'</pre>						
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			Landing_Outcome			
	PAYLOAD_MASS_	_KG_	Landing_Outcome Success (drone ship)			
Booster_Version	PAYLOAD_MASS_	<b>_KG_</b> 4696				
Booster_Version F9 FT B1022	PAYLOAD_MASS_	<b>KG_</b> 4696 4600	Success (drone ship)			

Use WHERE clause to set the condition of what data to be extracted

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

Calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

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select *
from (select count(distinct(landing_outcome)) as successful_outcomes
    from SPACEXTABLE
    where landing_outcome like '%success%'),

    (select count(distinct(landing_outcome)) as unsuccessful_outcomes
    from SPACEXTABLE
    where landing_outcome like '%failure%')

Running query in 'sqlite:///my_data1.db'

successful_outcomes unsuccessful_outcomes
    3
    3
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Use two subqueries in FROM clause. One to get the number of successful outcomes and the other one is to get the number of unsuccessful outcomes.

# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

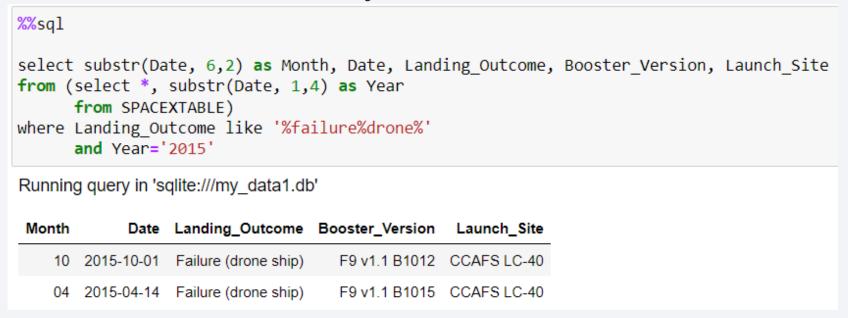
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2020- 07-01	02:33:00	F9 B5 B1049.4	CCAFS SLC- 40	Starlink 2 v1.0, Crew Dragon in-flight abort test	15600	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Success
2020- 01-29	14:07:00	F9 B5 B1051.3	CCAFS SLC- 40	Starlink 3 v1.0, Starlink 4 v1.0	15600	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Success
2020- 02-17	15:05:00	F9 B5 B1056.4	CCAFS SLC- 40	Starlink 4 v1.0, SpaceX CRS-20	15600	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure

• Use a subquery to extract a scalar number which is used in the WHERE clause as a condition

#### 2015 Launch Records

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



Original dataset has no Year column. We use a subquery to add additional column called Year and the result of the subquery became the new dataset and is placed in the FROM clause then we can filter the data in year 2015.

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

• 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 Date, Landing_Outcome, count(*) as count_landing_outcomes from SPACEXTABLE where Date between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20' group by Landing_Outcome order by count_landing_outcomes desc
Running query in 'sqlite:///my_data1.db'

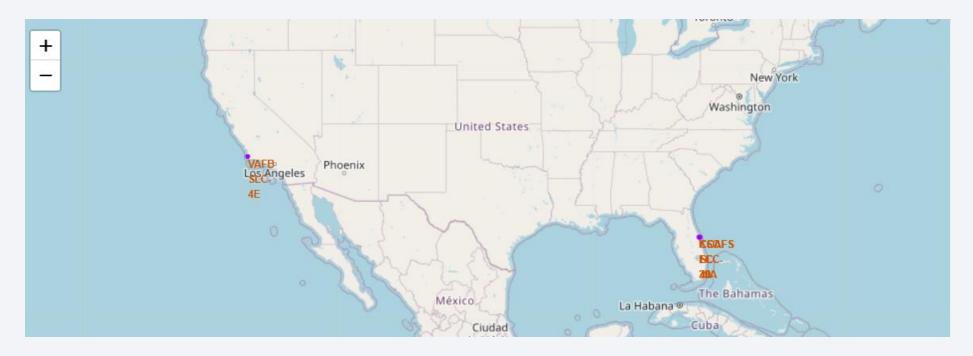
Date	Landing_Outcome	count_landing_outcomes
2012-05-22	No attempt	10
2015-12-22	Success (ground pad)	5
2016-08-04	Success (drone ship)	5
2015-10-01	Failure (drone ship)	5
2014-04-18	Controlled (ocean)	3
2013-09-29	Uncontrolled (ocean)	2
2015-06-28	Precluded (drone ship)	1
2010-08-12	Failure (parachute)	1

- Use GROUP BY to get the kind of landing outcomes and use function count()
   to get the number of outcomes for each type of landing outcomes
- Use ORDER BY DESC to show the result in a descending order



### Create a Folium Map that includes all the launch sites

• Site map to show all the launch sites



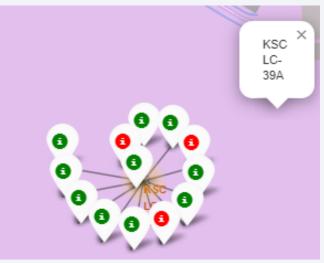
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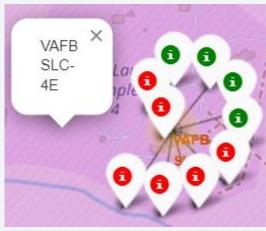
### Add launch results of each launch site to the map

Launch results of each launch site: Green represent success and Red represents unsuccessful





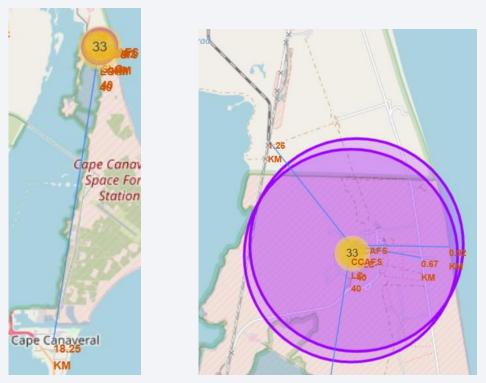




- KSC LC launch site has the highest successful rate
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# Distances between a launch site to its proximities

• Distance to a closest city, railway, highway and coastline

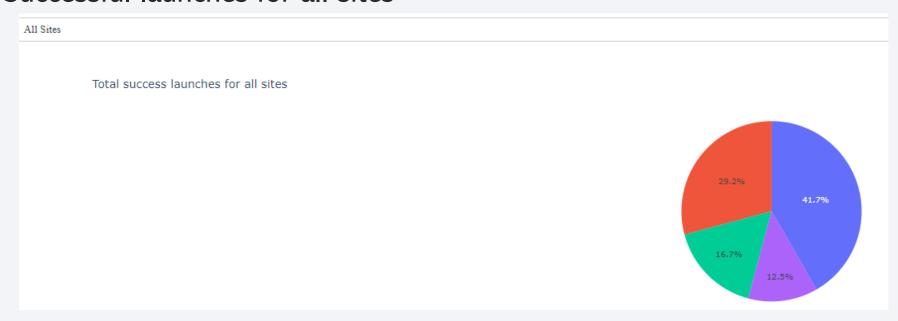


• CCAFS SLC and CCAFS LC launch sites are very close to the highway and the coastline



#### Total success launches for all sites

Successful launches for all sites



Within the four launch site, the site has the highest successful rate is 41.7%

# The site has the highest successful rate

KSC LC launch site has the highest successful rate



76.9% of its outcome returns successful

### Scatter plot for all sites with different payload selection

Compare scatter results with different slider range

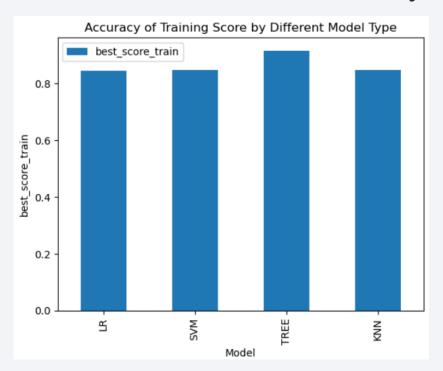


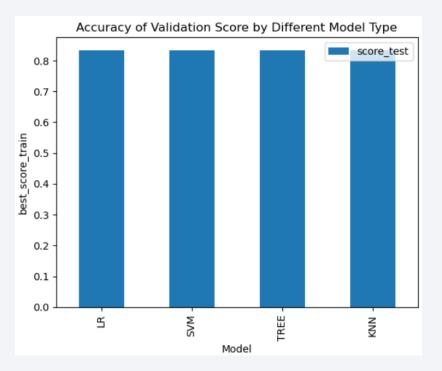
The plot is interactive. With different selection, plot results are updated simultaneously



# **Classification Accuracy**

• Visualize the built model accuracy for all built classification models, in a bar chart



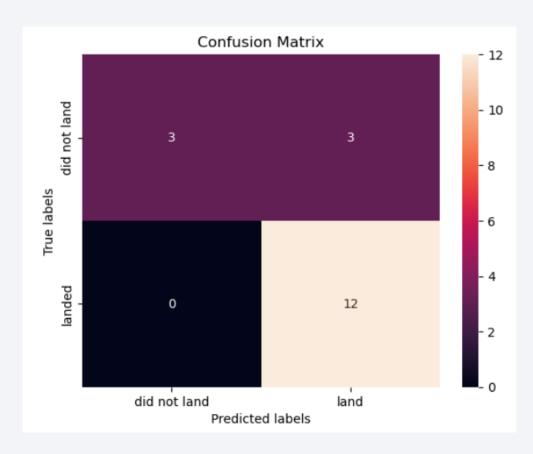


Decision Tree output the best accuracy score when use the training dataset.

All of the models return the same validation scores when use the test dataset

### **Confusion Matrix**

• Show the confusion matrix of the best performing model with an explanation



• The major problem is false positive.

#### Conclusions

#### Point 1

The different models were all trained on the same training dataset and the same test dataset and therefore, we are getting the same results from all the models

#### Point 2

We should split the train vs. test dataset randomly and repeat the process to revaluate the results returned by different models

