

Winning Space Race with Data Science

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Executive Summary

Summary of methodologies

- > Data collection and wrangling
- > Exploratory data analysis using SQL, Pandas and Matplotlib
- ➤ Interactive visual analytics with Folium
- ➤ Interactive dashboard with Plotly Dash
- > Predictive analysis (Classification)

Summary of all results

- > Data collection and wrangling results
- > Exploratory data analysis results
- ➤ Interactive analytics results
- > Predictive analysis results

Introduction

Project background and context

➤ SpaceX advertises Falcon 9 rocket launches, 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. This information can be used if Space Y wants to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch.

Problems you want to find answers

- How do variables (payload mass, launch site, number of flights and orbits) impact success of first stage landings?
- > Estimate total cost of launches by predicting success of first stage landings
- ➤ Where is the best place to launch?



Methodology

Executive Summary

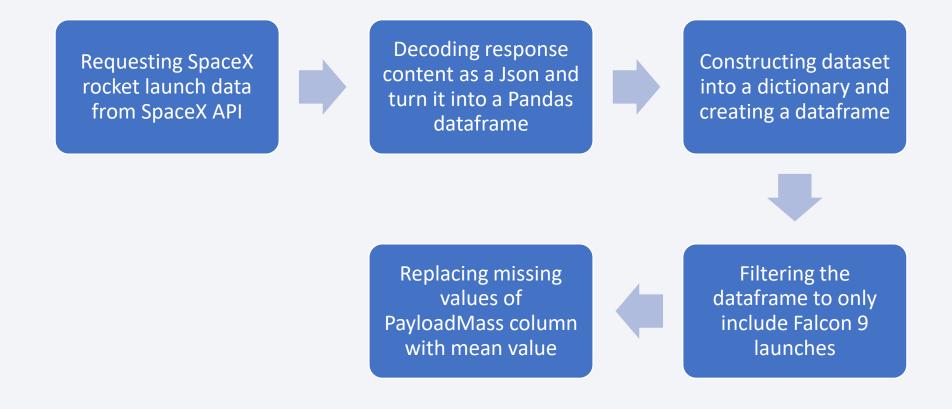
- Data collection methodology:
 - ➤ SpaceX REST API
 - > Web scraping from Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
 - > Filtering the data
 - > Dealing with missing values
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
 - > Data divided in training and test data sets, evaluated by 4 different classification models

Data Collection

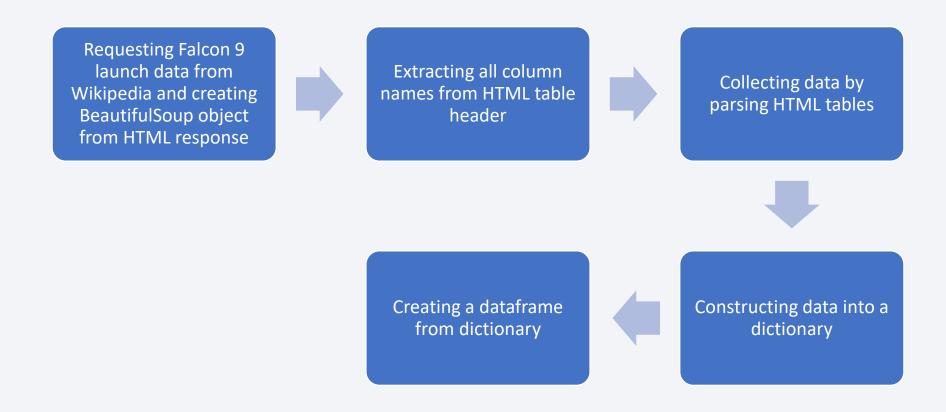
Data sets were collected from SpaceX API (https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/rockets/)
 and web scraping from Wikipedia

(https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches)

Data Collection – SpaceX API

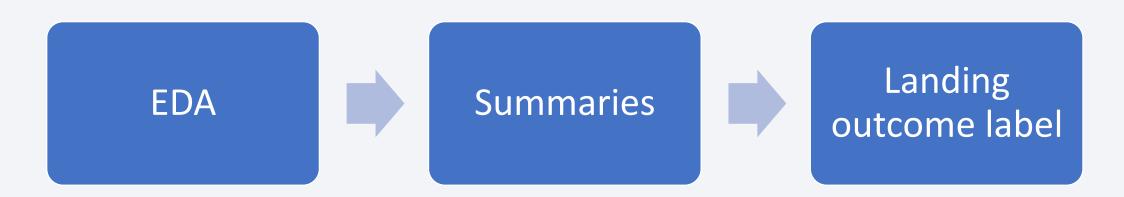


Data Collection - Scraping



Data Wrangling

- Some Exploratory Data Analysis (EDA) was performed to find some patterns in the data and determine what would be the label for training supervised models.
- Calculated summaries on launches per site, occurrences of each orbit, and occurrences of mission outcome of the orbits
- Created landing outcome label from outcome column



EDA with Data Visualization

- Charts were plotted: FlightNumber vs. PayloadMass, FlightNumber vs.
 LaunchSite, PayloadMass vs. LaunchSite, FlightNumber vs. Orbit, PayloadMass vs. Orbit, and Success Year Trend
- Scatter plots show the relationship between variables.
- Bar charts show comparisons among discrete categories.
- Line charts show trends in data over time.

EDA with SQL

The following SQL queries were performed:

- > Displaying the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
- Displaying 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
- Displaying the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- Displaying average payload mass carried 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 have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- > Listing the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
- ➤ Listing the names of the booster_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass
- > Listing 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

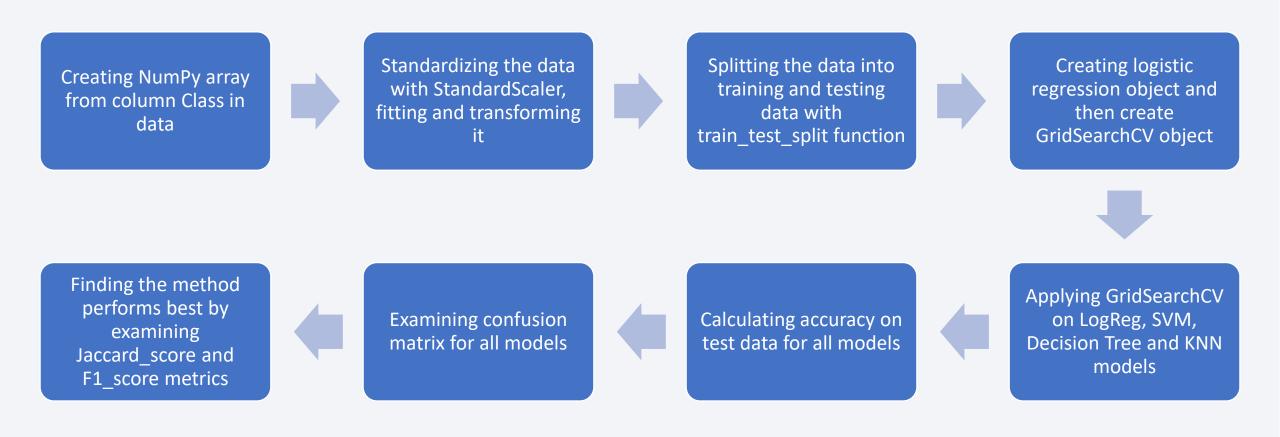
Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Markers, circles, lines, and market clusters were used with Folium Map
 - ➤ Markers indicate points such as launch sites
 - >Circles indicate highlighted areas with specific coordinates
 - ➤ Marker clusters indicate groups of markers having the same coordinate
 - >Lines indicate distances between 2 coordinates

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Launch Sites Dropdown List:
 - ➤ Added dropdown list to select different Launch Sites
- Pie Chart visualizing launch success counts:
 - ➤ Added pie chart to show successful launches count for all sites and the success vs. failed counts for the site
- Slider to select payload:
 - ➤ Added slider to select Payload range
- Scatter plot of Payload vs. Success Rate:
 - ➤ Added scatter chart to show correlation between Payload and Launch Success for selected site

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

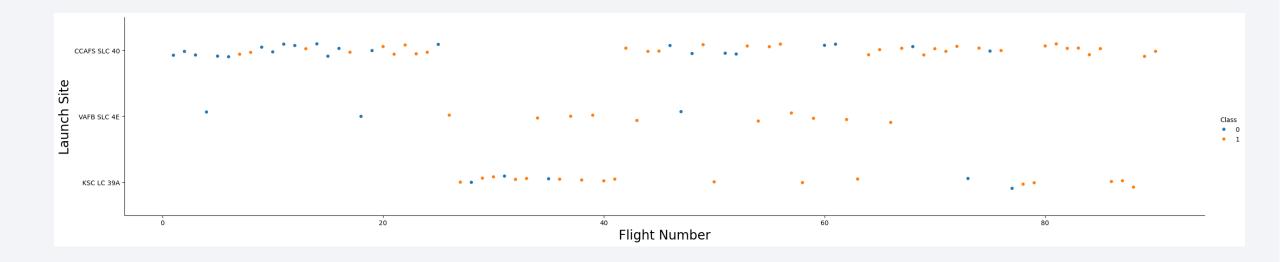


Results

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

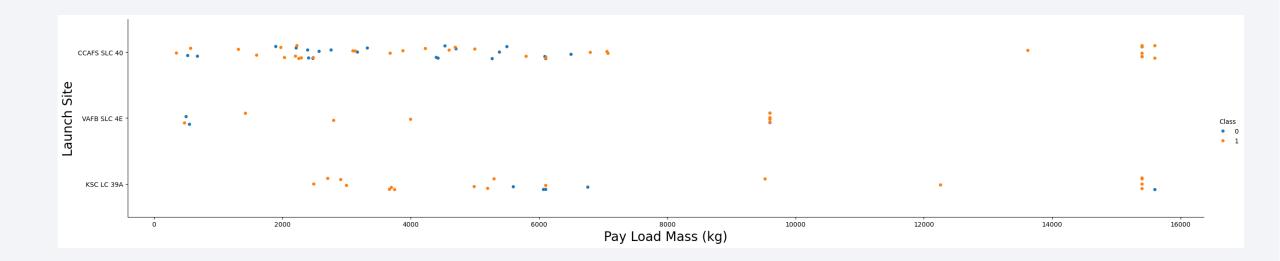


Flight Number vs. Launch Site



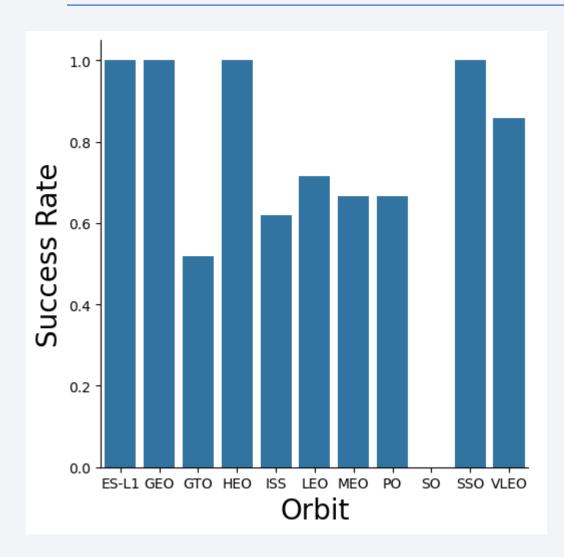
- Each new launch has higher rate of success
- CCAFS SLC 40 launch site has approximately half of all launches
- VAFB SLC 4E and KSC LC 39A have higher rate of success

Payload vs. Launch Site



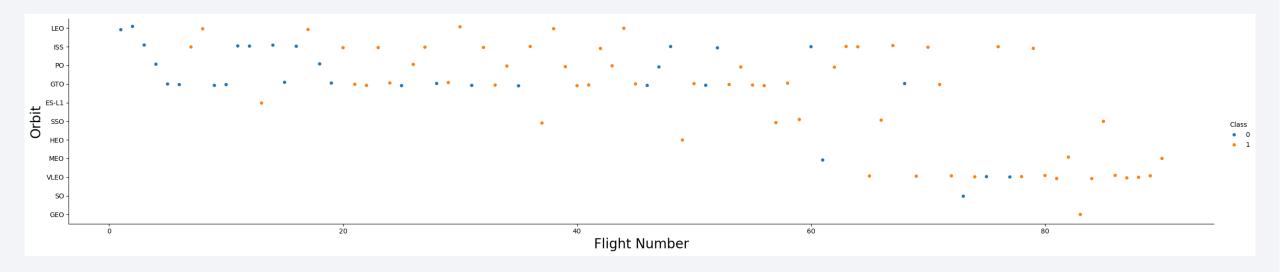
- Majority of launches with payload mass over 9000kg were successful
- Launches with payload mass over 12000kg only happened at CCAFS SLC 40 and KSC LC 39A launch sites

Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



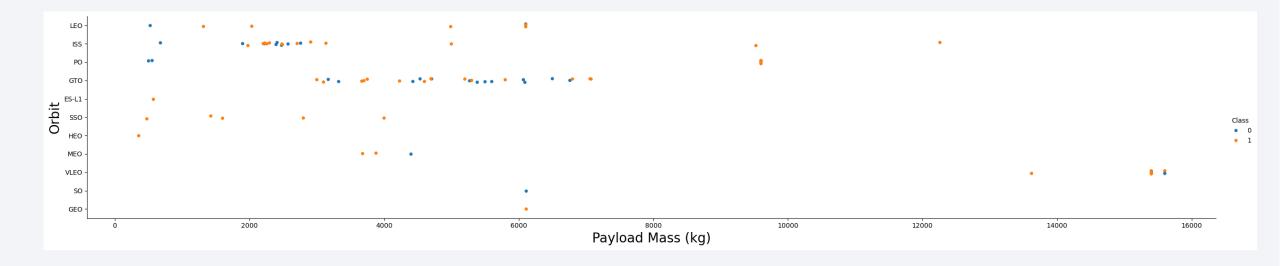
- Orbits with 100% success rate: ES-L1, GEO, HEO, and SSO
- Orbit with 0% success rate: SO

Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



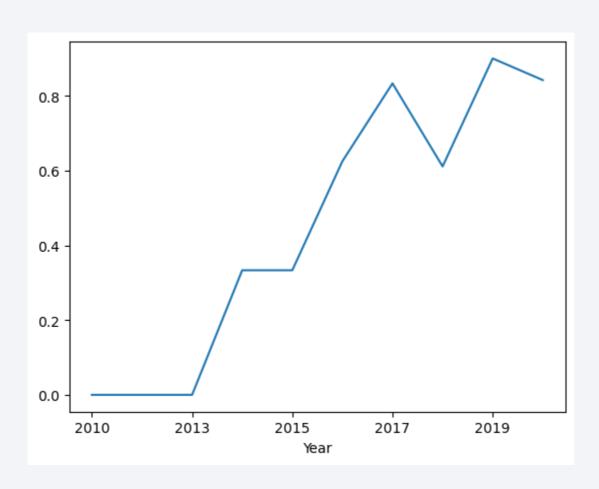
- Success rate improved over time for all orbits
- In the LEO orbit the Success appears related to the number of flights; on the other hand, there seems to be no relationship between flight number when in GTO orbit

Payload vs. Orbit Type



- With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for PO, VLEO and ISS
- There were much less launches for SO and GEO

Launch Success Yearly Trend



Explanation:

 Success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2017 (stable in 2014) and after 2015 it started increasing.

All Launch Site Names

```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT LAUNCH_SITE FROM SPACEXTBL ORDER BY 1;

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
    Launch_Site
    CCAFS LC-40
    CCAFS SLC-40
    KSC LC-39A
    VAFB SLC-4E
```

Explanation:

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

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

* sqlite:///my_data1.db									
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-	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

Explanation:

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

Total Payload Mass

```
%sql SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS TOTAL_PAYLOAD FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE customer = 'NASA (CRS)';

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.

TOTAL_PAYLOAD

45596
```

Explanation:

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

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

```
%sql SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) AS AVG_PAYLOAD FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE Booster_Version = "F9 v1.1";

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.

AVG_PAYLOAD

2928.4
```

Explanation:

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

First Successful Ground Landing Date

```
%sql SELECT MIN(DATE) AS FIRST_SUCCESS_LAND FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE LANDING_OUTCOME = "Success (ground pad)";

* sqlite://my_data1.db
Done.

FIRST_SUCCESS_LAND
2015-12-22
```

Explanation:

• List the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved.

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000



Explanation:

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

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes



Explanation:

• List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload



Explanation:

• List the names of the booster_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass.

2015 Launch Records



Explanation:

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

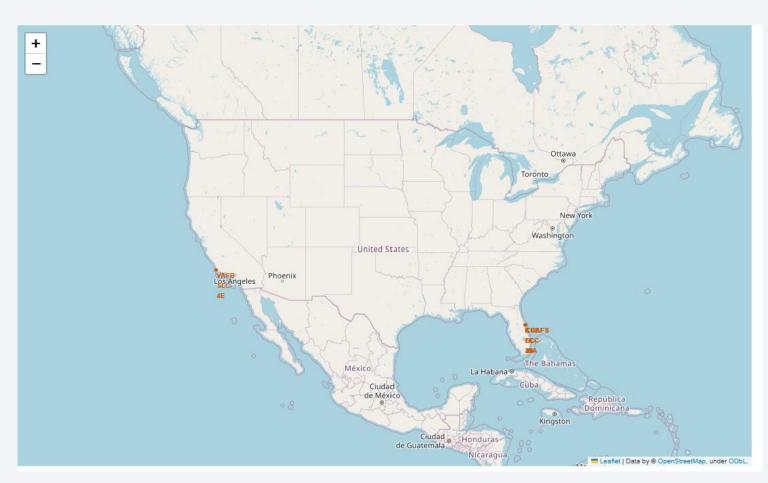


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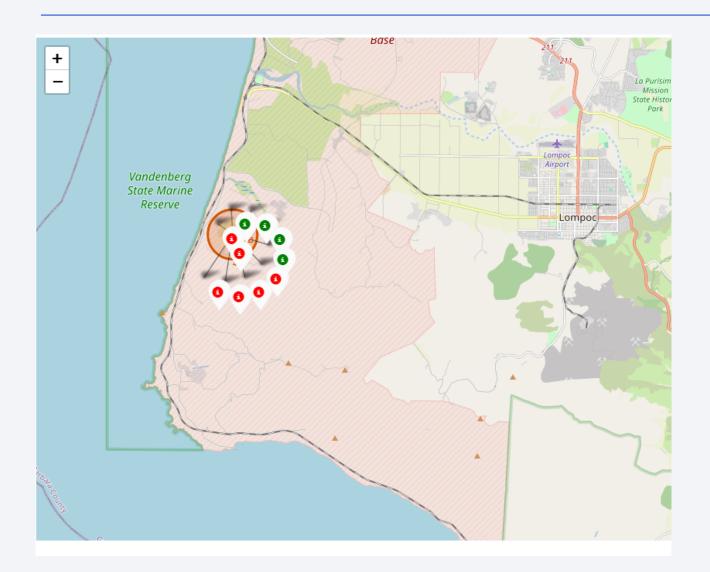


All launch sites



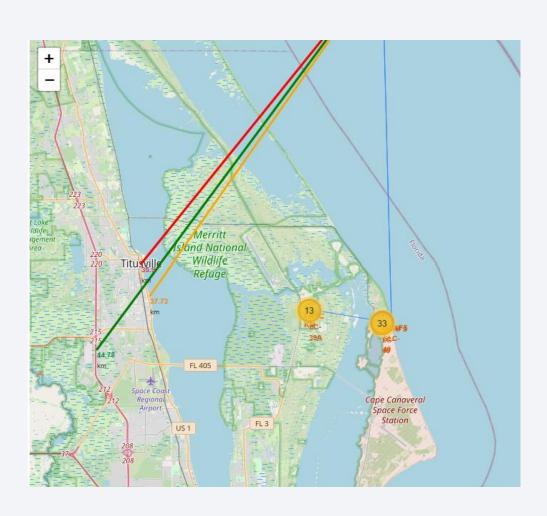
- All launch sites are in proximity to the Equator line
- All launch sites are in very close proximity to the coast

Launch Outcomes by Site



- From the color-labeled markers in marker clusters, it is easy to identify which launch sites have relatively high success rates.
 - ➤ Green Marker = Successful launch
 - Red Marker = Failed Launch

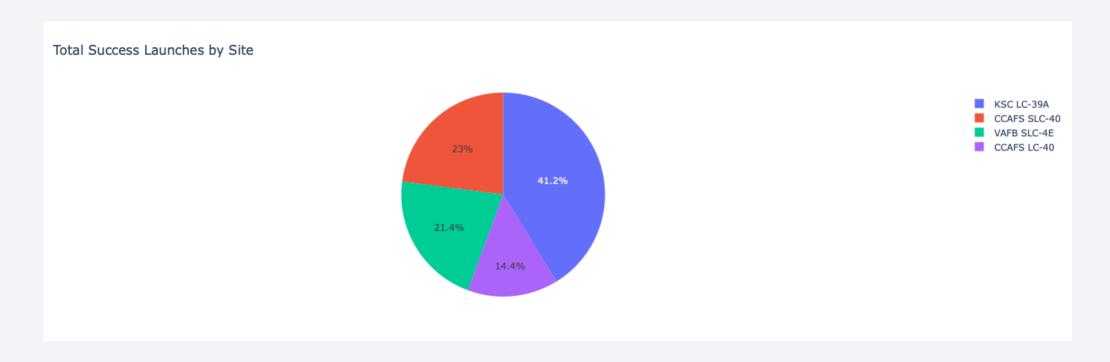
Distances between a launch site to its proximities



- Launch site KSC LC-39A is close to railway, highway and coastline
- The site is also close to Titusville



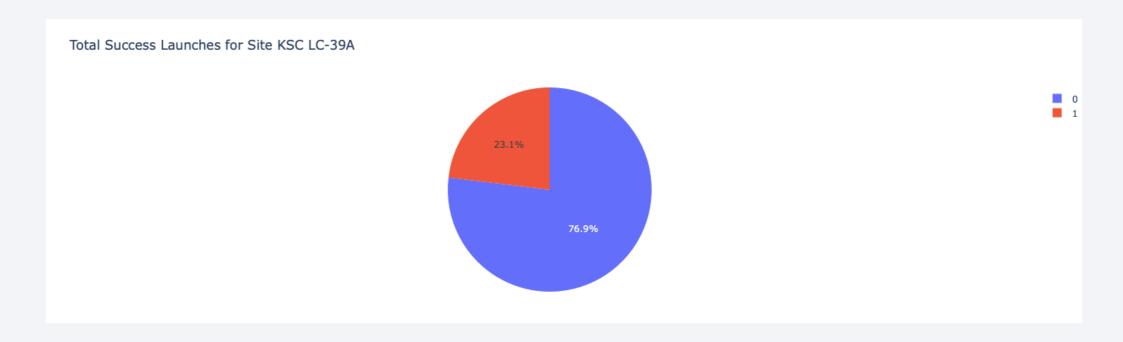
Launch success for all sites



Explanation:

• KSC LC-39A site has the most successful launches while CCAFS LC-40 has the least successful launches

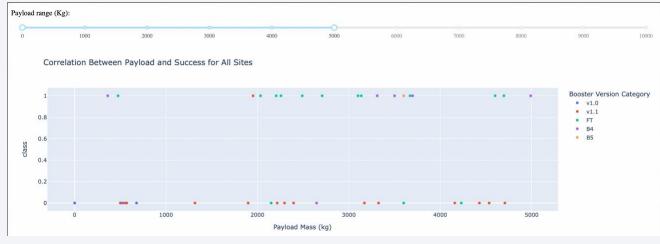
Launch Site with Highest Launch Success Ratio

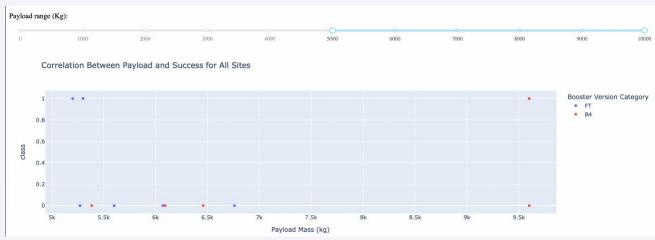


Explanation:

• KSC LC-39A site has the highest launch success ratio (76.9%).

Payload Mass vs. Launch Outcome for all sites





Explanation:

 Payloads between 2000 and 5500kg have the highest success rate



Classification Accuracy

Scores and Accuracy of Data Set

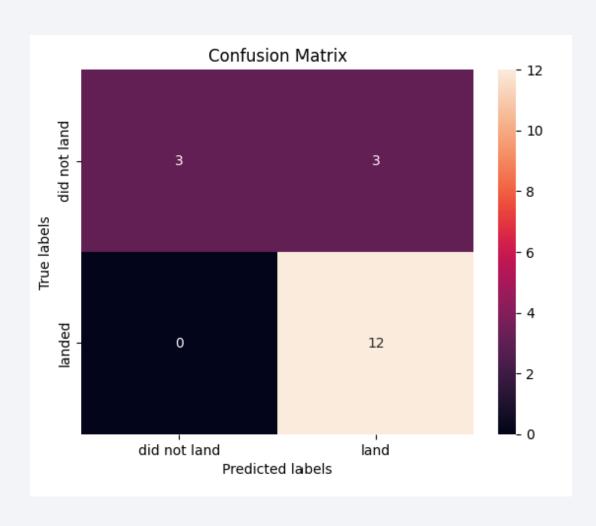
	LogReg	SVM	Tree	KNN
Jaccard_Score	0.833333	0.845070	0.903226	0.819444
F1_Score	0.909091	0.916031	0.949153	0.900763
Accuracy	0.866667	0.877778	0.933333	0.855556

Scores and Accuracy of Test Set

	LogReg	SVM	Tree	KNN
Jaccard_Score	0.800000	0.800000	0.846154	0.800000
F1_Score	0.888889	0.888889	0.916667	0.888889
Accuracy	0.833333	0.833333	0.888889	0.833333

- Based on the scores of the Test Set, we are unable to confirm the method performs best
- Based on the scores of Data set, Decision Tree Model performs the best

Confusion Matrix



Explanation:

Confusion matrix of Decision Tree
proves its accuracy by showing big
numbers of true positive and true
negative compared to the false ones.

Conclusions

- Decision Tree is the best model for this dataset
- Success rate of launches increased over time
- KSC LC-39A has the highest success rate of launches
- Launches with low payload mass show better results
- Launch sites are in proximity to the Equator line and the coast

Appendix

• Thank you to the instructors

