IBM Developer
SKILLS NETWORK

IBM Data Science Capstone Project – Space X

Winning Space Race with Data Science

Xiayu Xu
12/06/2024

Outline

- Executive Summary
- Introduction
- Methodology
- Results
- Conclusion
- Appendix

Executive Summary

- **Summary of methodologies**
  - Data collection
  - Data Wrangling
  - EDA with data visualization
  - EDA with SQL
  - Building an interactive map with Folium
  - Building a Dashboard with Plotty Dash
  - Predictive analysis
- **Summary of all results**
  - Exploratory data analysis
  - Interactive analytics demo
  - Predictive analysis

Introduction

- **Project background and context**

  We predicted that the Falcon 9 first stage would land successfully. SpaceX 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. This information can be used if an alternate company wants to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch.

- **Problems you want to find answers**
  - What influences if the rocket will land successfully?
  - The effect each relationship with certain rocket variables will have in determining the success rate of a successful landing.
  - What conditions does SpaceX have to achieve to get the best results and ensure the best rocket success landing rate?

Section 1

Methodology

Methodology

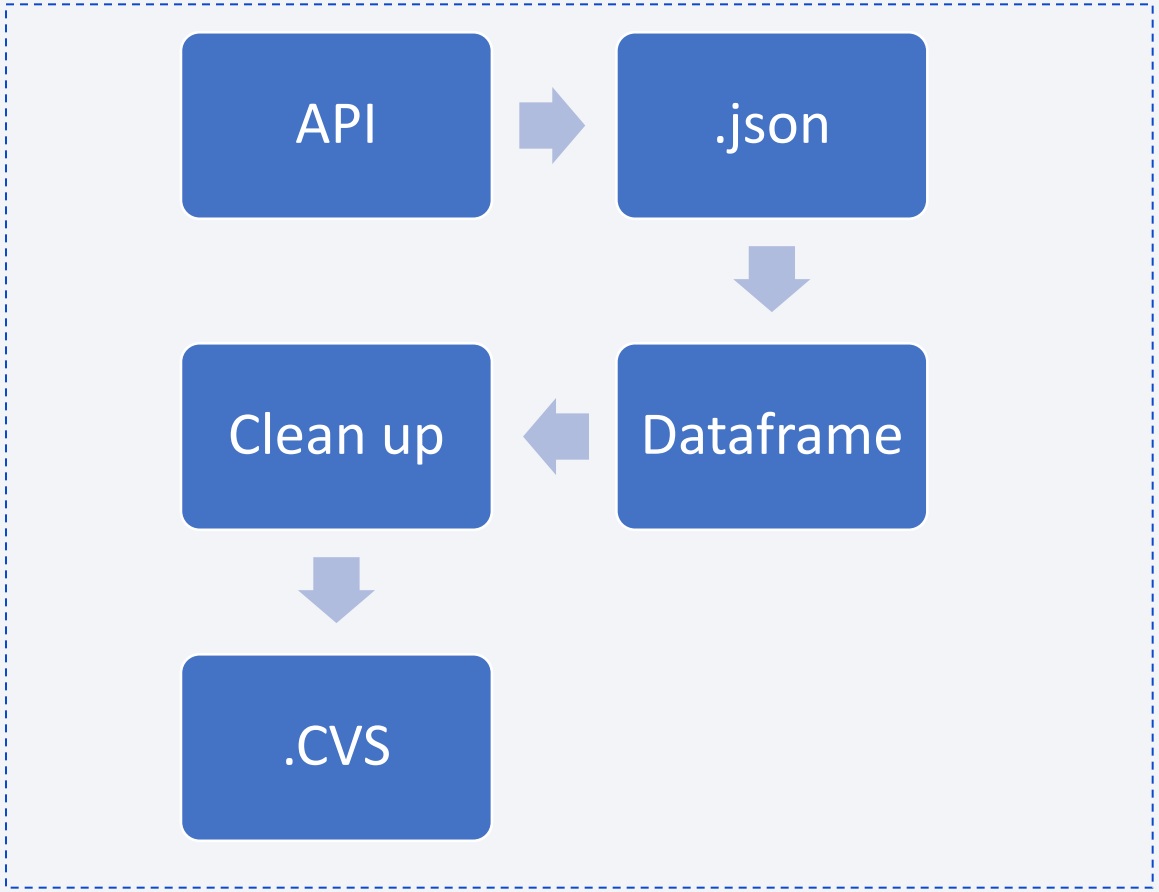
Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - SpaceX REST API
- Perform data wrangling
  - Web scrapping Wikipedia using BeautifulSoup
- 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 Collection – SpaceX API

1. Getting Response from API
2. Converting Response to .json file
3. Apply custom functions to clean up data
4. Assign list to dictionary and then dataframe
5. Filter dataframe and export to .CSV file

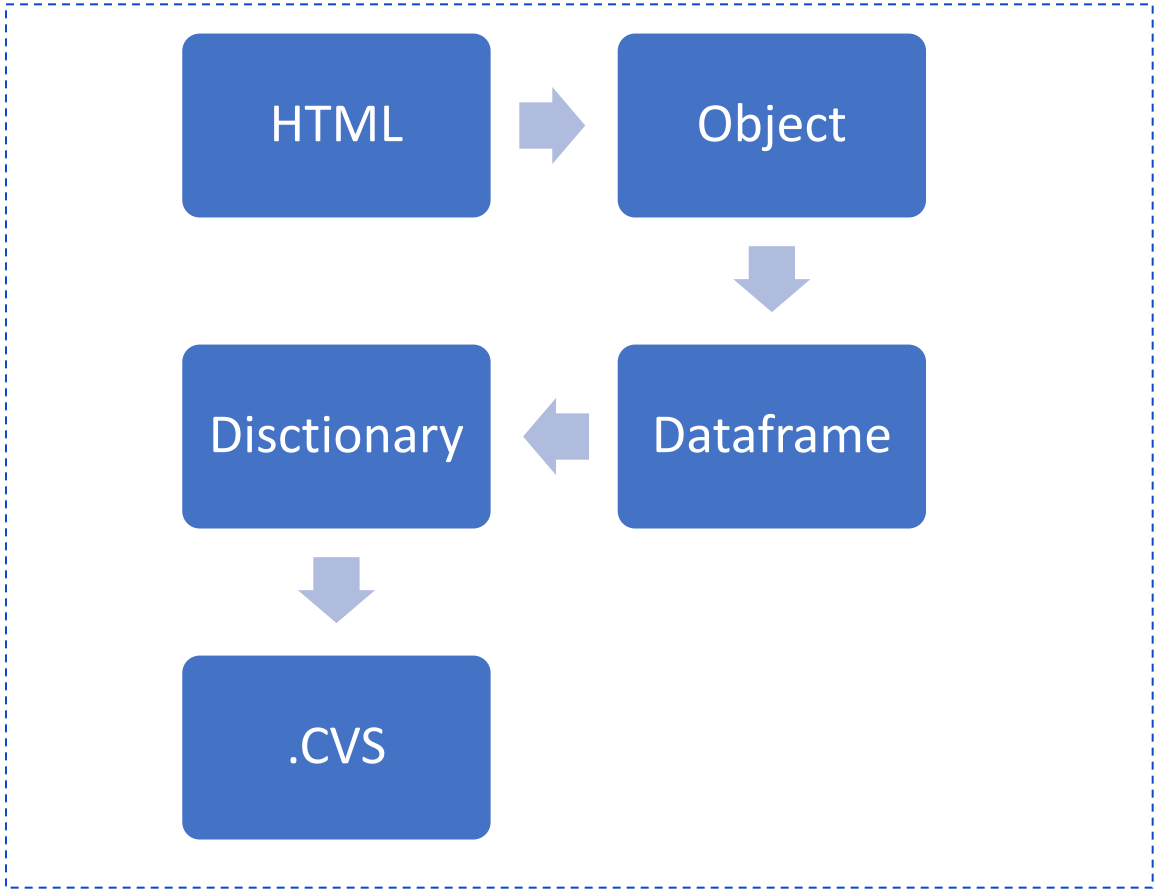
GitHub URL



Data Collection – Scraping

1. Getting Response from HTML
2. Creating BeautifulSoup Object
3. Find table and create dictionary
4. Disctionary to dataframe
5. Dataframe to .CSV

GitHub URL

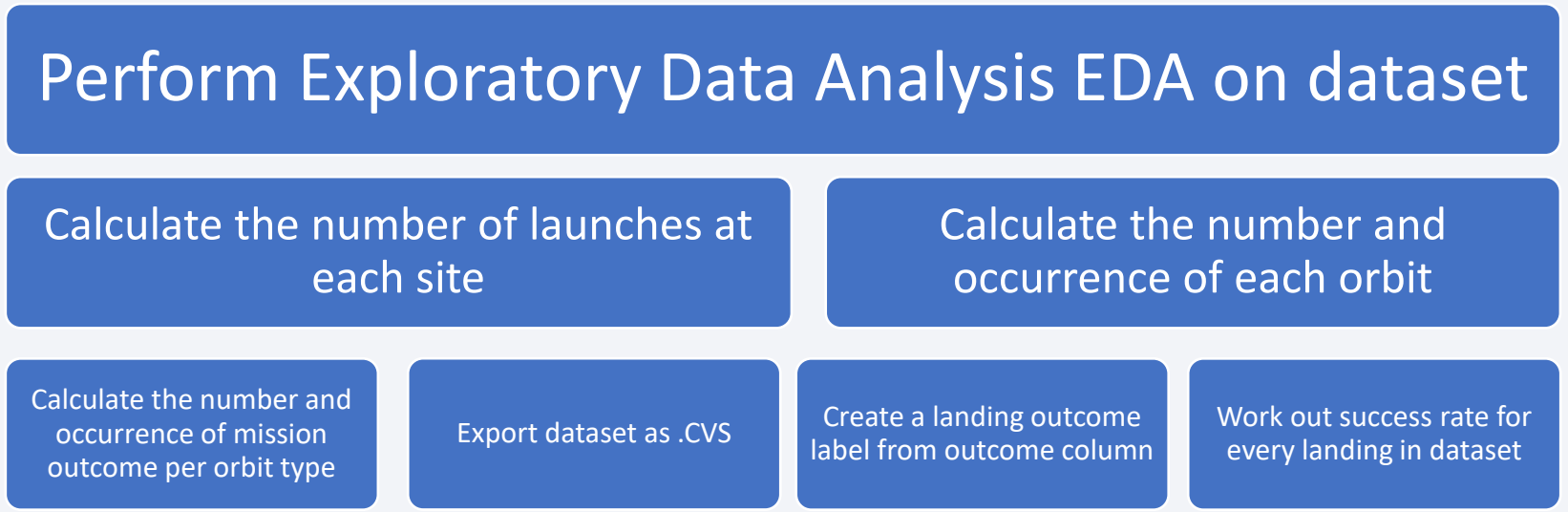


Data Wrangling

- Introduction

In the data set, there are several different cases where the booster did not land successfully. Sometimes a landing was attempted but failed due to an accident; for example, True Ocean means the mission outcome was successfully landed to a specific region of the ocean while False Ocean means the mission outcome was unsuccessfully landed to a specific region of the ocean. True RTLS means the mission outcome was successfully landed to a ground pad False RTLS means the mission outcome was unsuccessfully landed to a ground pad.True ASDS means the mission outcome was successfully landed on a drone ship False ASDS means the mission outcome was unsuccessfully landed on a drone ship.

- Process



- GitHub URL

EDA with Data Visualization

Scatter Graphs being drawn:

Flight Number VS. Payload Mass Flight

Number VS. Launch Site Payload VS.

Launch Site

Orbit VS. Flight Number Payload

VS. Orbit Type Orbit VS.

Payload Mass

Scatter plots show how much one variable is affected by another. The relationship between two variables is called their correlation. Scatter plots usually consist of a large body of data.

Bar Graph being drawn:

Mean VS. Orbit

A bar diagram makes it easy to compare sets of data between different groups at a glance. The graph represents categories on one axis and a discrete value in the other. The goal is to show the relationship between the two axes. Bar charts can also show big changes in data over time.

Line Graph being drawn:

Success Rate VS. Year

Line graphs are useful in that they show data variables and trends very clearly and can help to make predictions about the results of data not yet recorded

GitHub URL

EDA with SQL

Performed SQL queries to gather information about the dataset.

For example of some questions we were asked about the data we needed information about. Which we are using SQL queries to get the answers in the dataset :

- Displaying the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission
- Displaying 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'KSC'
- 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 where the successful landing outcome in drone ship was achieved.
- Listing the names of the boosters which have success in ground pad 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, successful landing_outcomes in ground pad ,booster versions, launch_site for the months in year 2017
- Ranking the count of successful landing_outcomes between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20 in descending order.

GitHub URL

Build an Interactive Map with Folium

To visualize the Launch Data into an interactive map. We took the Latitude and Longitude Coordinates at each launch site and added a *Circle Marker around each launch site with a label of the name of the launch site.*

We assigned the dataframe launch_outcomes(failures, successes) to *classes 0 and 1* with Green and Red markers on the map in a MarkerCluster()

Using Haversine's formula we calculated the distance from the Launch Site to various landmarks to find various trends about what is around the Launch Site to measure patterns. **Lines** are drawn on the map to measure distance to landmarks

Example of some trends in which the Launch Site is situated in.

- 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

GitHub URL

Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Used Python Anywhere to host the website live 24/7 so your can play around with the data and view the data

- **The dashboard is built with Flask and Dash web framework.**

Graphs

- **Pie Chart showing the total launches by a certain site/all sites**
  - *display relative proportions of multiple classes of data.*
- *size of the circle can be made proportional to the total quantity it represents.*

URL Link to live website

GitHub Link to source code

Scatter Graph showing the relationship with Outcome and Payload Mass (Kg) for the different Booster Versions

- It shows the relationship between two variables.
- It is the best method to show you a non-linear pattern.
- The range of data flow, i.e. maximum and minimum value, can be determined.
- Observation and reading are straightforward.

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

BUILDING MODEL

- Load our dataset into NumPy and Pandas
- Transform Data
- Split our data into training and test data sets
- Check how many test samples we have
- Decide which type of machine learning algorithms we want to use
- Set our parameters and algorithms to GridSearchCV
- Fit our datasets into the GridSearchCV objects and train our dataset.

EVALUATING MODEL

- Check accuracy for each model
- Get tuned hyperparameters for each type of algorithms
- Plot Confusion Matrix

IMPROVING MODEL

- Feature Engineering
- Algorithm Tuning

FINDING THE BEST PERFORMING CLASSIFICATION MODEL

GitHub URL

- The model with the best accuracy score wins the best performing model
- In the notebook there is a dictionary of algorithms with scores at the bottom of the notebook.

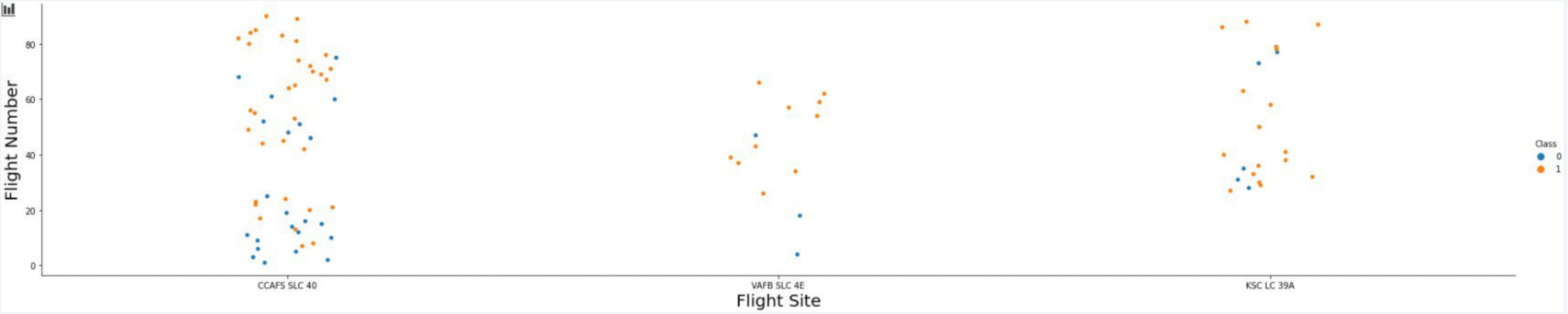
Results

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

Section 2

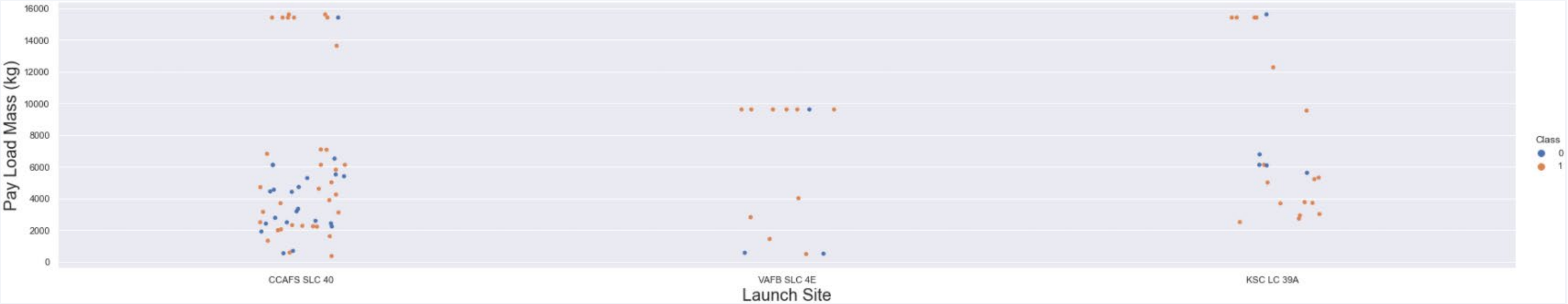
Insights drawn from EDA

Flight Number vs. Launch Site



The more amount of flights at a launch site the greater the success rate at a launch site.

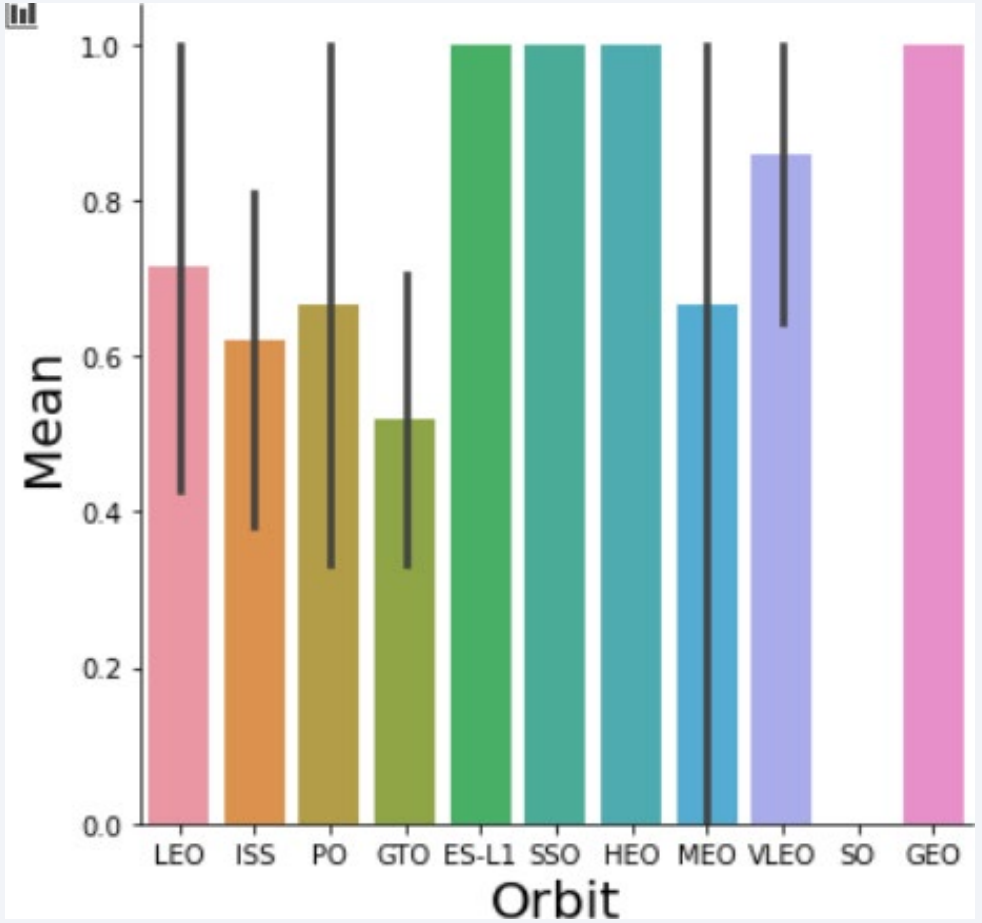
Payload vs. Launch Site



The greater the payload mass for Launch Site CCAFS SLC 40 the higher the success rate for the Rocket. There is not quite a clear pattern to be found using this visualization to make a decision if the Launch Site is dependant on Pay Load Mass for a success launch.

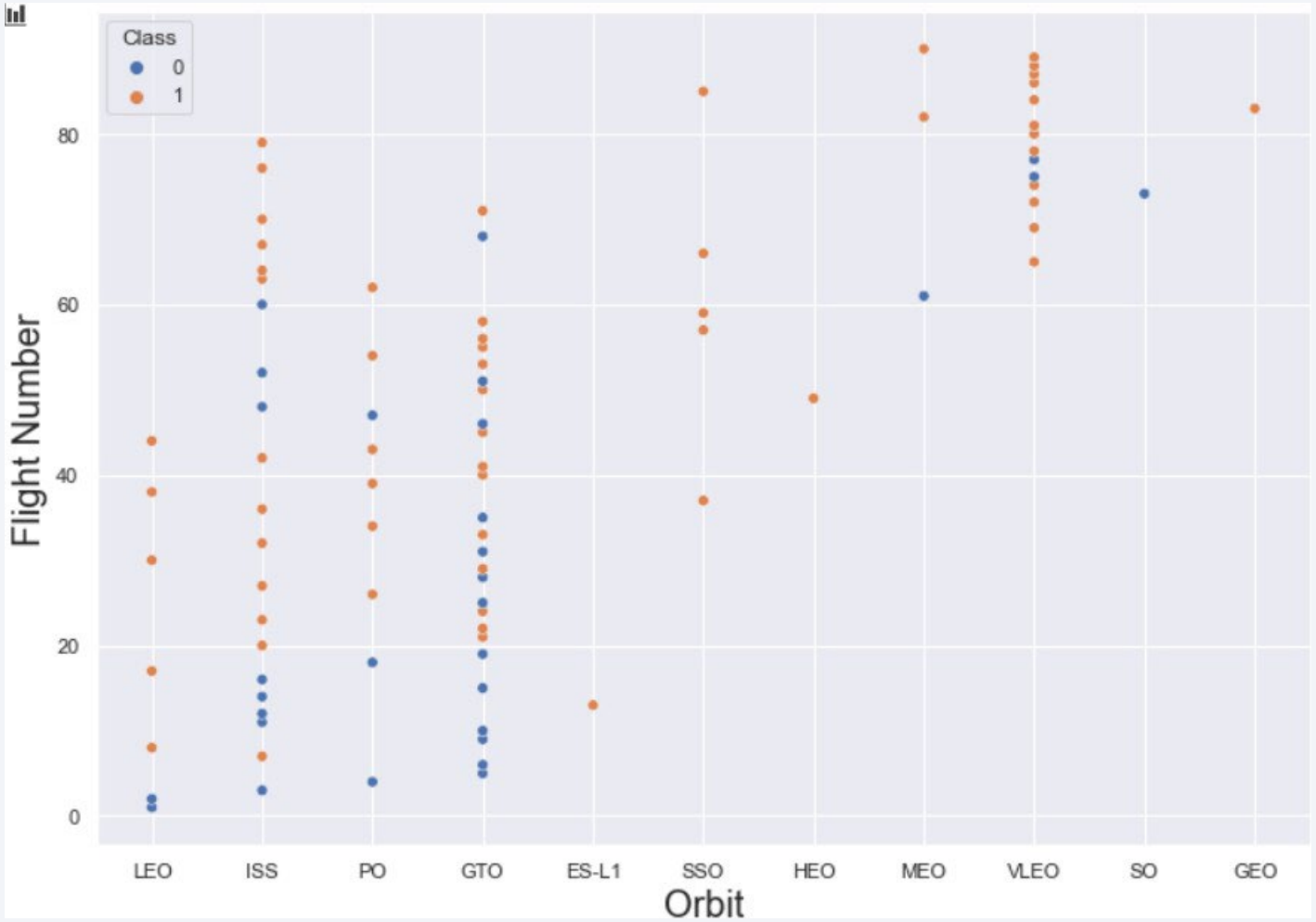
Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

Orbit GEO,HEO,SSO,ES-L1 has the best Success Rate



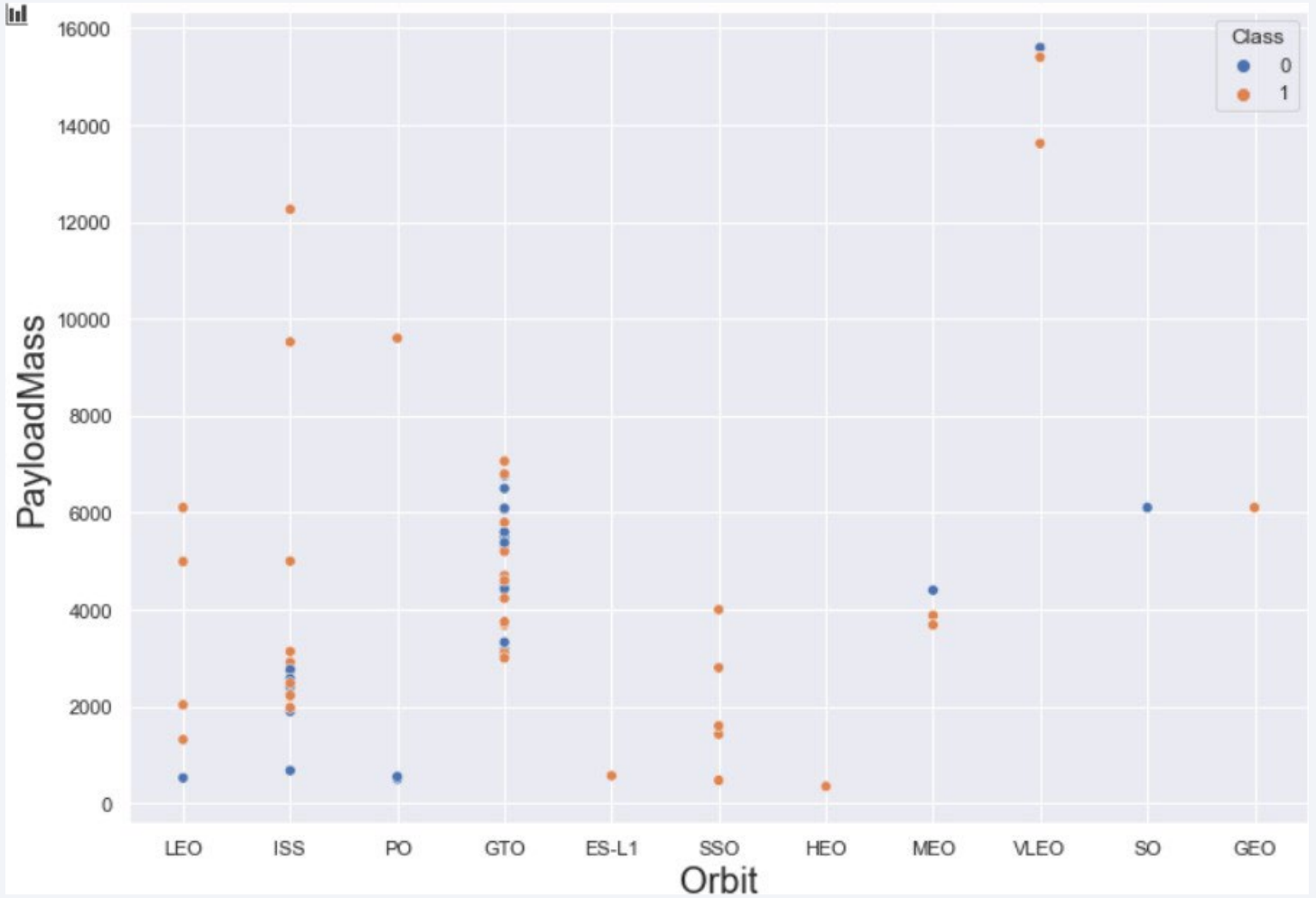
Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

You should see that 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.



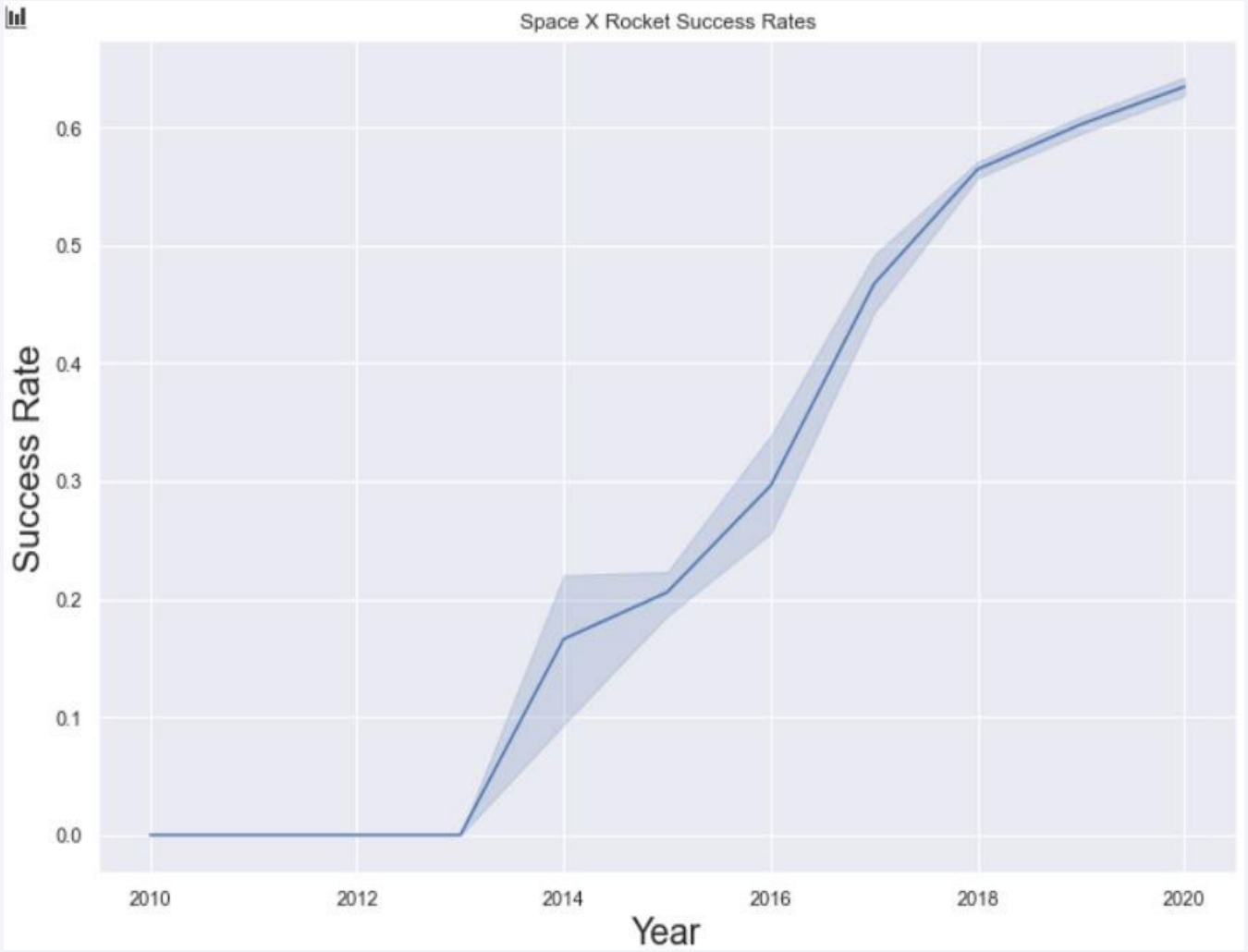
Payload vs. Orbit Type

You should observe that Heavy payloads have a negative influence on GTO orbits and positive on GTO and Polar LEO (ISS) orbits.



Launch Success Yearly Trend

You can observe that the success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020



All Launch Site Names

- Find the names of the unique launch sites
- Used ‘SELECT' DISTINCT’ statement to return only the unique launch sites from the ‘LAUNCH_SITE’ column of the SPACEXTBL table

Task 1

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

In [31]:
```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT LAUNCH_SITE as "Launch_Sites" FROM SPACEXTBL;
```

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

Out[31]:

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

Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- Find 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`

Task 2

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

In [72]:
```
%sql SELECT * FROM 'SPACEXTBL' WHERE Launch_Site LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5;
```

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

Out[72]:

Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing _Outcome
04-06-2010	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
08-12-2010	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)
22-05-2012	07:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
08-10-2012	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
01-03-2013	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

- Used 'LIKE' command with '%' wildcard in 'WHERE' clause to select and dispay a table of all records where **launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'**

Total Payload Mass

- Calculate and Display the total payload carried by boosters from NASA

Task 3

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

In [17]:
```
%sql SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) as "Total Payload Mass(Kgs)", Customer FROM 'SPACEXTBL' WHERE Customer = 'NASA (CRS)';
```

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

Out[17]:

Total Payload Mass(Kgs)	Customer
45596	NASA (CRS)

- Used the 'SUM()' function to return and dispaly the total sum of '**PAYLOAD_MASS_KG**' column for Customer '**NASA(CRS**'

Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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

Task 4

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

```
%sql SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) as "Payload Mass Kgs", Customer, Booster_Version FROM 'SPACEXTBL' WHERE Booster_Version LIKE 'F9 v1.1%';
```

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

Payload Mass Kgs	Customer	Booster_Version
2534.6666666666665	MDA	F9 v1.1 B1003

- Used the 'AVG()' function to return and dispaly the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1

First Successful Ground Landing Date

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

Task 5

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)
01-05-2017

- Used the 'MIN()' function to return and dispaly the first (oldest) date when first successful landing outcome on ground pad '***Success (ground pad)***' happened.

Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

- List of Boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

Task 6

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 * FROM 'SPACEXTBL'
```

```
%sql SELECT DISTINCT Booster_Version, Payload FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE "Landing _Outcome" = "Success (drone ship)" AND PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ > 4000 AND PAYLOA
```

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

Booster_Version	Payload
F9 FT B1022	JCSAT-14
F9 FT B1026	JCSAT-16
F9 FT B1021.2	SES-10
F9 FT B1031.2	SES-11 / EchoStar 105

- Used 'Select Distinct' statement to return and list the 'unique' names of boosters with operators >4000 and <6000 to only list booster with payloads btween 4000-6000 with
  landing outcome of 'Success (drone ship)'.

Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

- Calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

Task 7

List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

```
%sql SELECT "Mission_Outcome", COUNT("Mission_Outcome") as Total FROM SPACEXTBL GROUP BY "Mission_Outcome";
```

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

Mission_Outcome	Total
Failure (in flight)	1
Success	98
Success	1
Success (payload status unclear)	1

- Used the ‘COUNT()’ together with the ‘GROUP BY’ statement to return total number of missions outcomes

Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

- List of the boosters which have carried the maximum payload mass

```
%sql SELECT "Booster_Version",Payload, "PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_" FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE "PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_" = (SELECT MAX("PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_") FROM SPACEXTBL)
```

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

Booster_Version	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_
F9 B5 B1048.4	Starlink 1 v1.0, SpaceX CRS-19	15600
F9 B5 B1049.4	Starlink 2 v1.0, Crew Dragon in-flight abort test	15600
F9 B5 B1051.3	Starlink 3 v1.0, Starlink 4 v1.0	15600
F9 B5 B1056.4	Starlink 4 v1.0, SpaceX CRS-20	15600
F9 B5 B1048.5	Starlink 5 v1.0, Starlink 6 v1.0	15600
F9 B5 B1051.4	Starlink 6 v1.0, Crew Dragon Demo-2	15600
F9 B5 B1049.5	Starlink 7 v1.0, Starlink 8 v1.0	15600
F9 B5 B1060.2	Starlink 11 v1.0, Starlink 12 v1.0	15600
F9 B5 B1058.3	Starlink 12 v1.0, Starlink 13 v1.0	15600
F9 B5 B1051.6	Starlink 13 v1.0, Starlink 14 v1.0	15600
F9 B5 B1060.3	Starlink 14 v1.0, GPS III-04	15600
F9 B5 B1049.7	Starlink 15 v1.0, SpaceX CRS-21	15600

- Using a Subquerry to return and pass the Max payload and used it list all the boosters that have carried the Max payload of 15600kgs

2015 Launch Records

- List of failed landing outcomes in drone ship, with their booster versions, and launch site names in 2015

Task 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.

```
%sql SELECT substr(Date,7,4), substr(Date, 4, 2),"Booster_Version", "Launch_Site", Payload, "PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_", "Mission_Outcome", "Landing _Outcome"
```

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

substr(Date,7,4)	substr(Date, 4, 2)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_	Mission_Outcome	Landing _Outcome
2015	01	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-5	2395	Success	Failure (drone ship)
2015	04	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-6	1898	Success	Failure (drone ship)

- Used the ‘subsrt()’ in the select statement to get the month and year from the date column where substr(Date,7,4)='2015' for year and Landing_outcome was ‘Failure (drone ship) and return the records nmatching the filter.

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

Task 10

Rank the count of successful landing_outcomes between the date 04-06-2010 and 20-03-2017 in descending order.

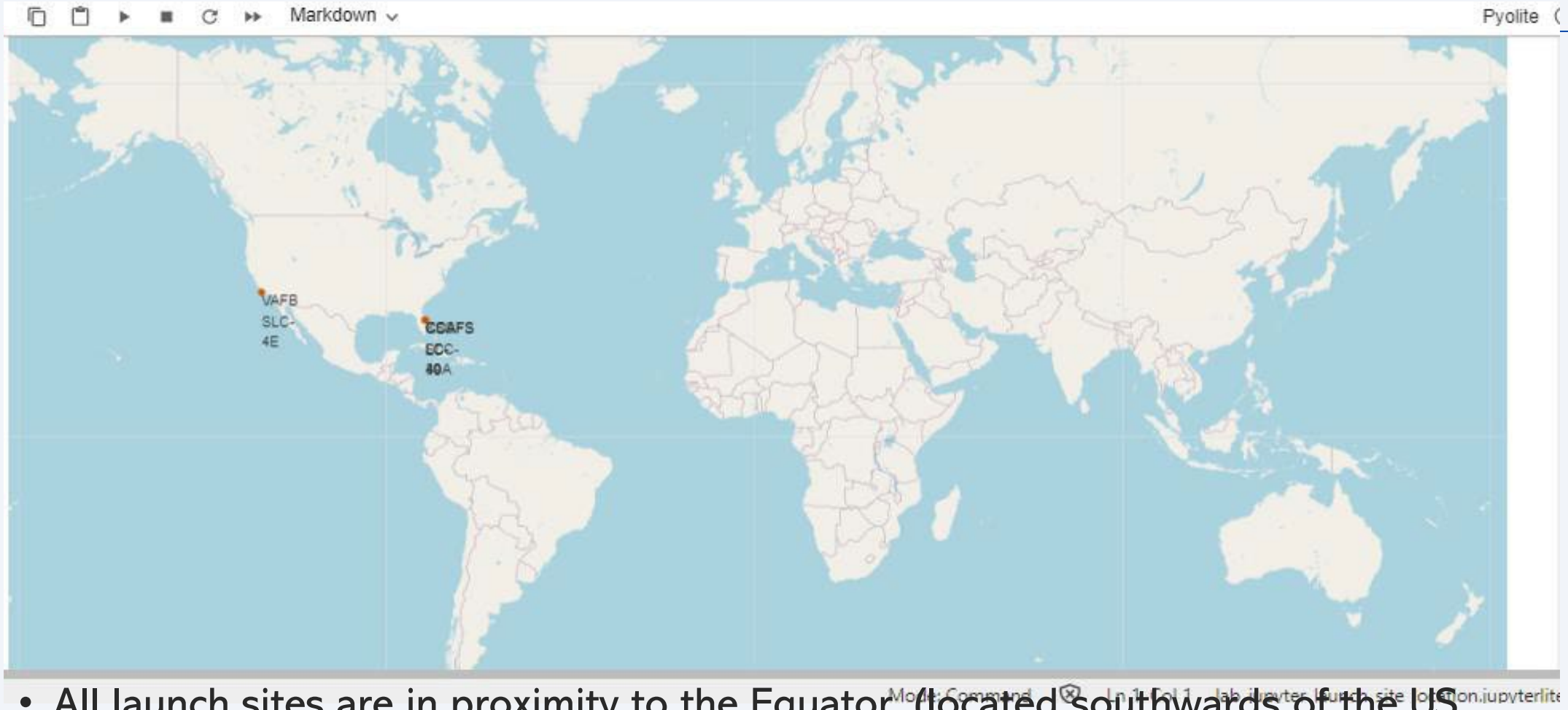
```
%sql SELECT * FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE "Landing _Outcome" LIKE 'Success%' AND (Date BETWEEN '04-06-2010' AND '20-03-2017') ORDER BY Date DESC;
```

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

Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing _Outcome
19-02-2017	14:39:00	F9 FT B1031.1	KSC LC-39A	SpaceX CRS-10	2490	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Success (ground pad)
18-10-2020	12:25:57	F9 B5 B1051.6	KSC LC-39A	Starlink 13 v1.0, Starlink 14 v1.0	15600	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Success
18-08-2020	14:31:00	F9 B5 B1049.6	CCAFS SLC-40	Starlink 10 v1.0, SkySat-19, -20, -21, SAOCOM 1B	15440	LEO	SpaceX, Planet Labs, PlanetIQ	Success	Success
18-07-2016	04:45:00	F9 FT B1025.1	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-9	2257	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	Success (ground pad)
18-04-2018	22:51:00	F9 B4 B1045.1	CCAFS SLC-40	Transiting Exoplanet Survey Satellite (TESS)	362	HEO	NASA (LSP)	Success	Success (drone ship)


Section 3
Launch Sites
Proximities Analysis

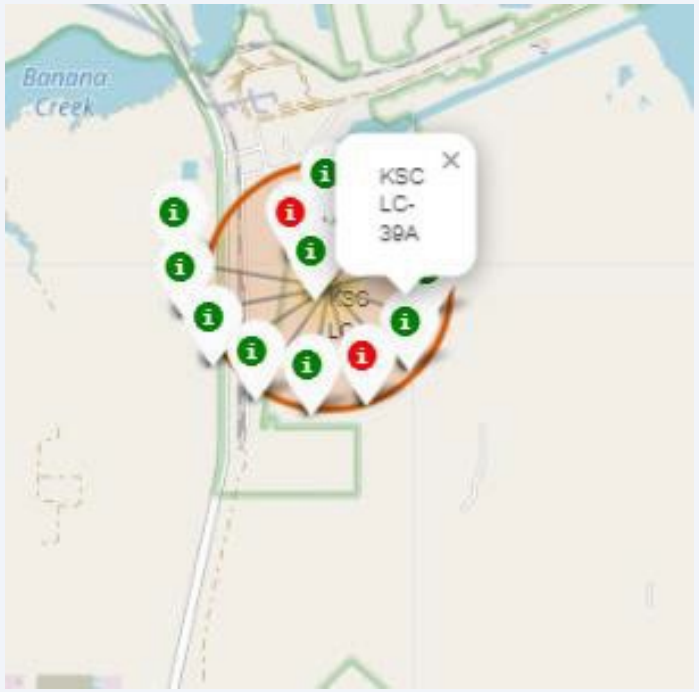
Markers of all launch sites on global map



- All launch sites are in proximity to the Equator, (located southwards of the US map). Also all the laumch sites are in very close proximity to the coast.

Launch outcomes for each site on the map With Color Markers

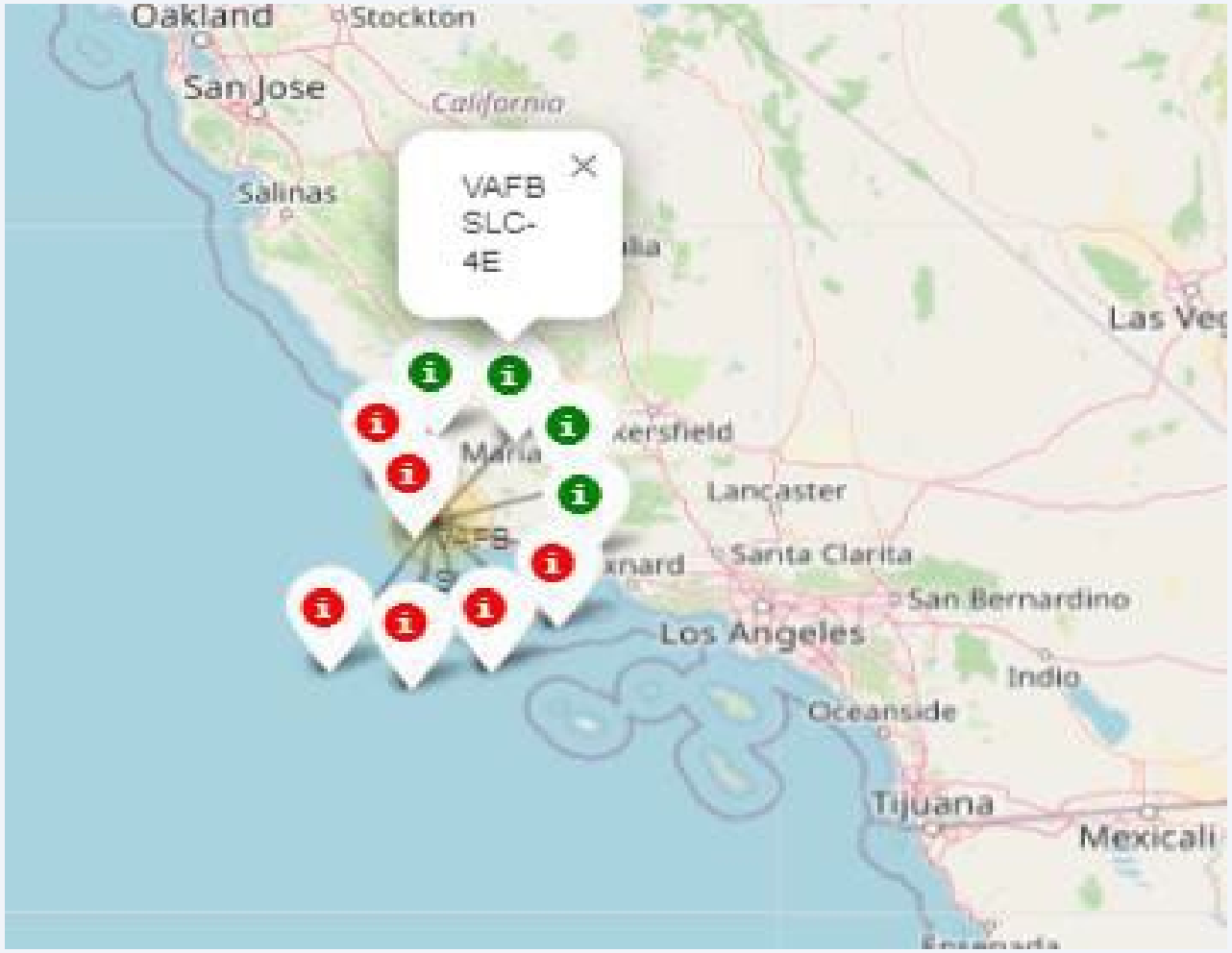
Florida Sites



- In the Eastern coast (Florida) Launch site KSC LC-39A has relatively high success rates compared to CCAFS SLC-40 & CCAFS LC-40.

Launch outcomes for each site on the map With Color Markers

West Coast/ Carlifonia

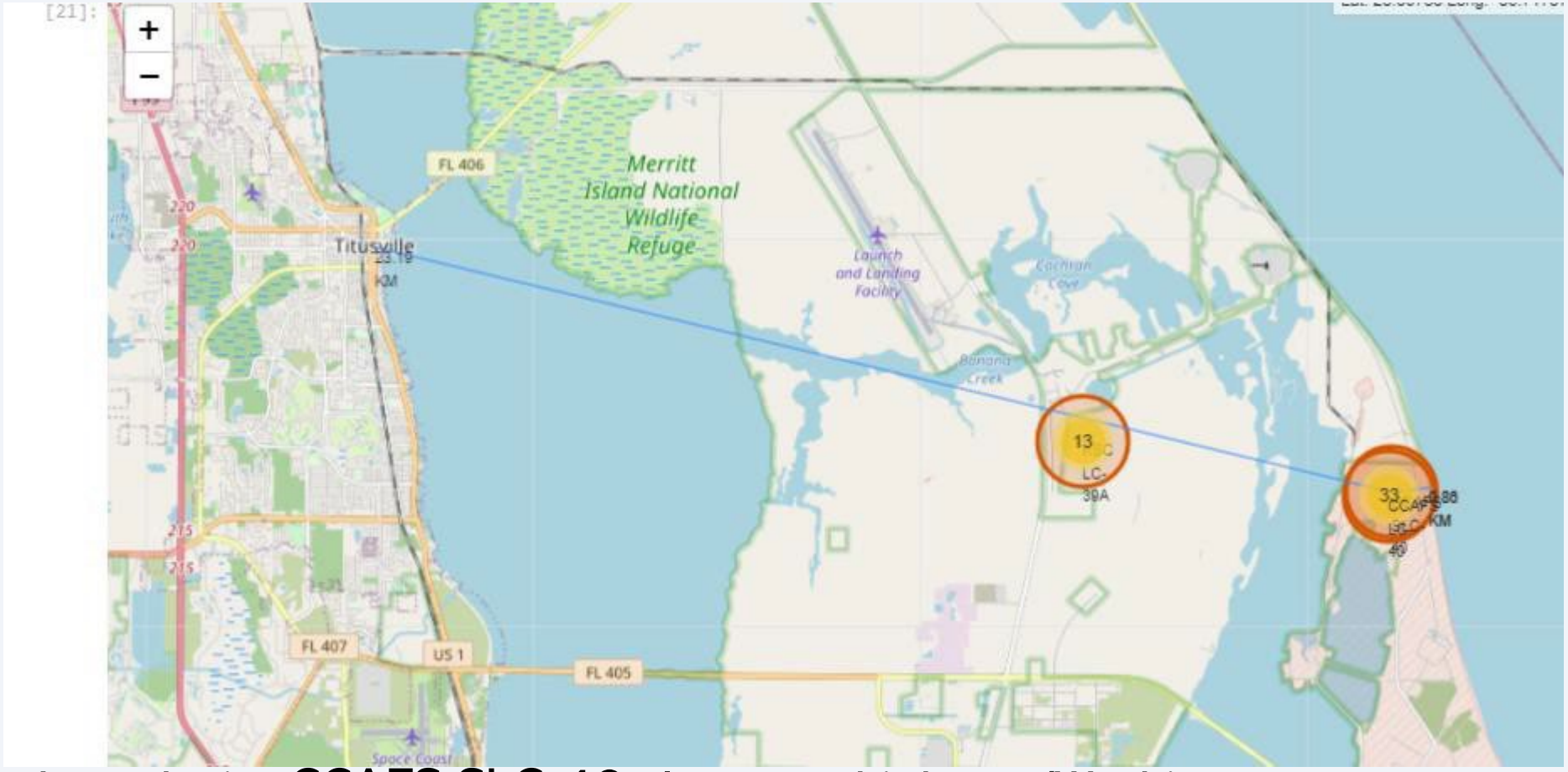


- In the West Coast (Californai) Launch site VAFB SLC-4E has relatively lower success rates 4/10 compared to KSC LC-39A launch site in the Eastern Coast of Florida.

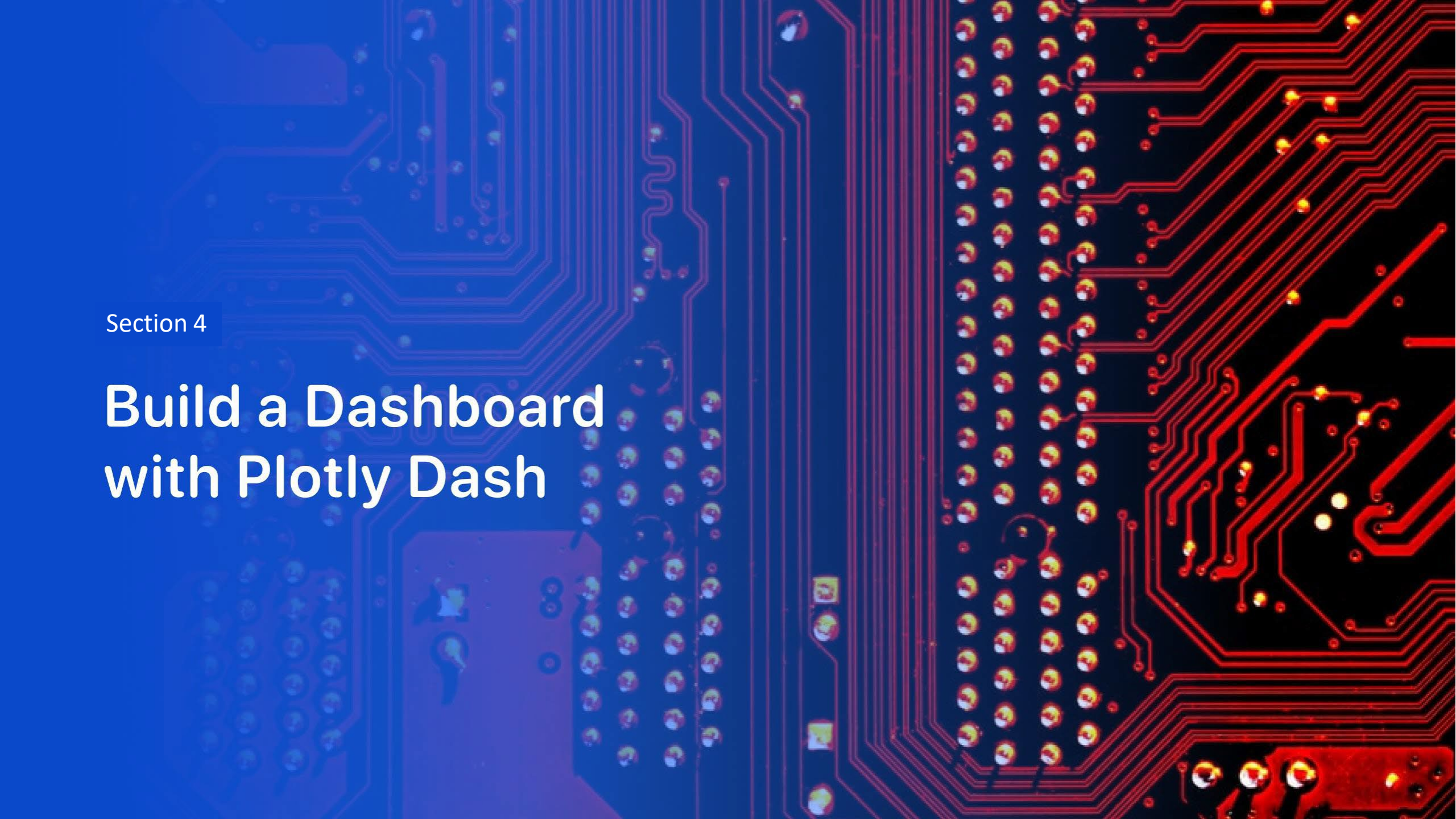
Distances between a launch site to its proximities

- Launch site CCAFS SLC-40 proximity to coastline is 0.86km

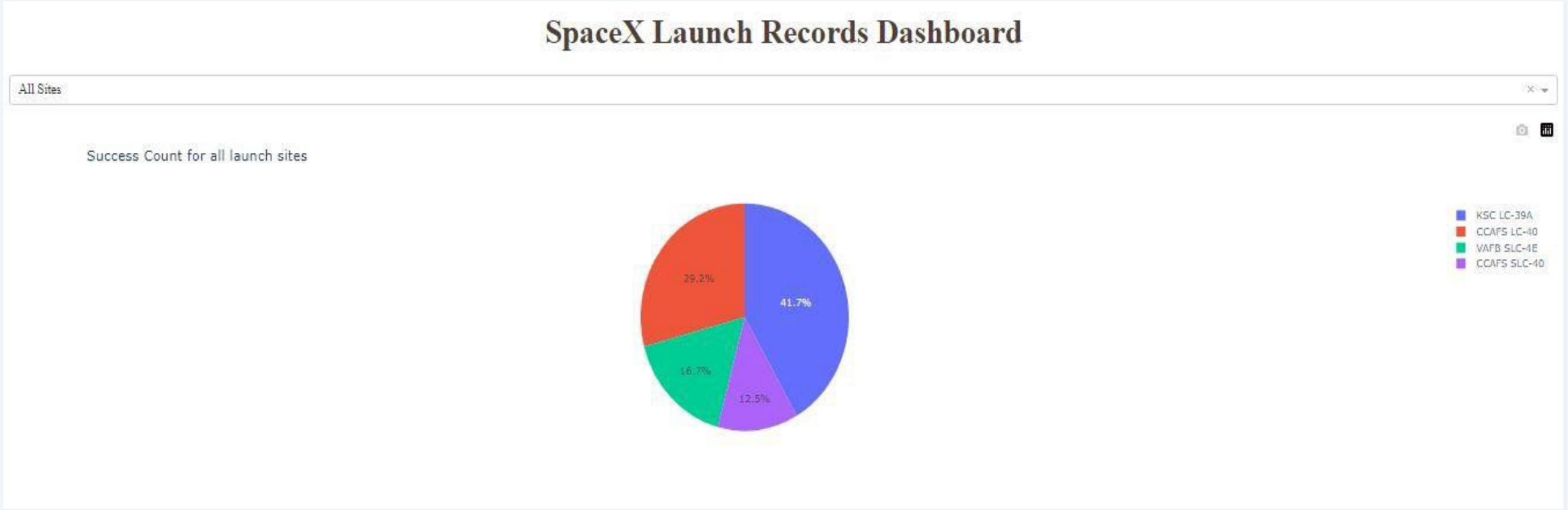
Distances between a launch site to its proximities



- Launch site CCAFS SLC-40 closest to highway (Washington Avenue) is 23.19km

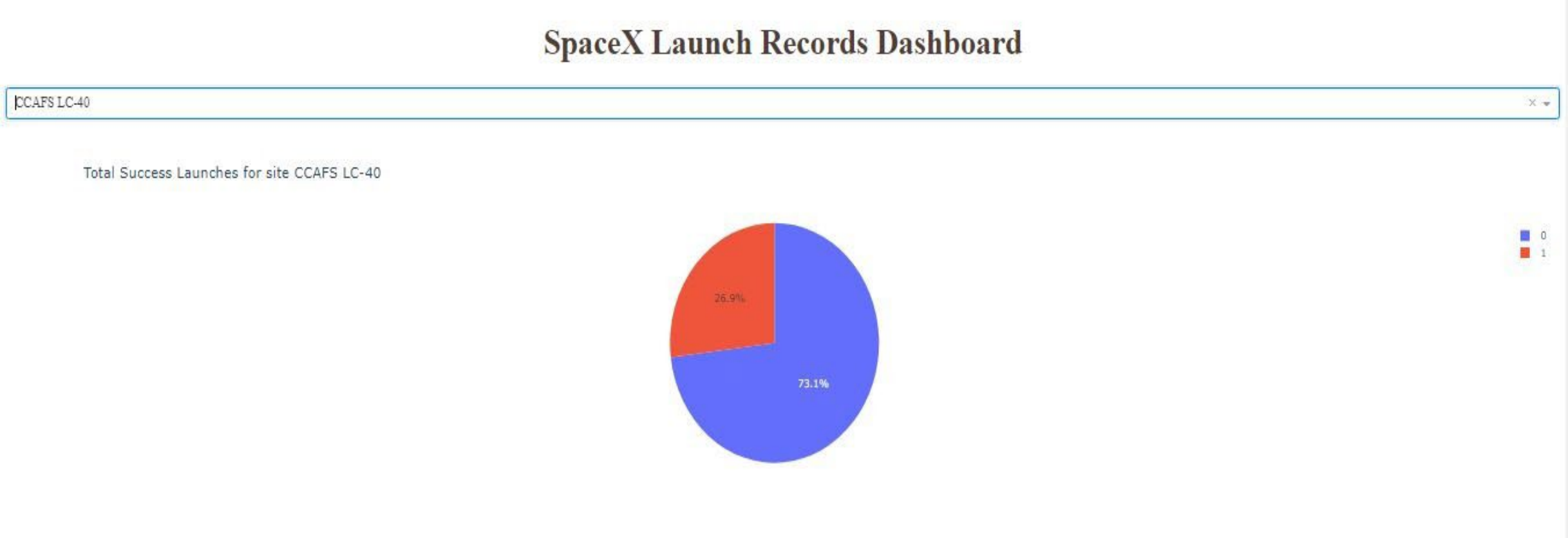

Section 4
Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

Pie-Chart for launch success count for all sites



- Launch site KSC LC-39A has the highest launch success rate at 42% followed by CCAFS LC-40 at 29%, VAFB SLC-4E at 17% and lastly launch site CCAFS SLC-40 with a success rate of 13%

Pie chart for the launch site with 2nd highest launch success ratio



- Launch site CCAFS LC-40 had the 2nd highest success ratio of 73% success against 27% failed launches

Payload vs. Launch Outcome scatter plot for all sites

- For Launch site CCAFS LC-40 the booster version FT has the largest success rate from a payload mass of >2000kg

Section 5

Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Classification Models Accuracy

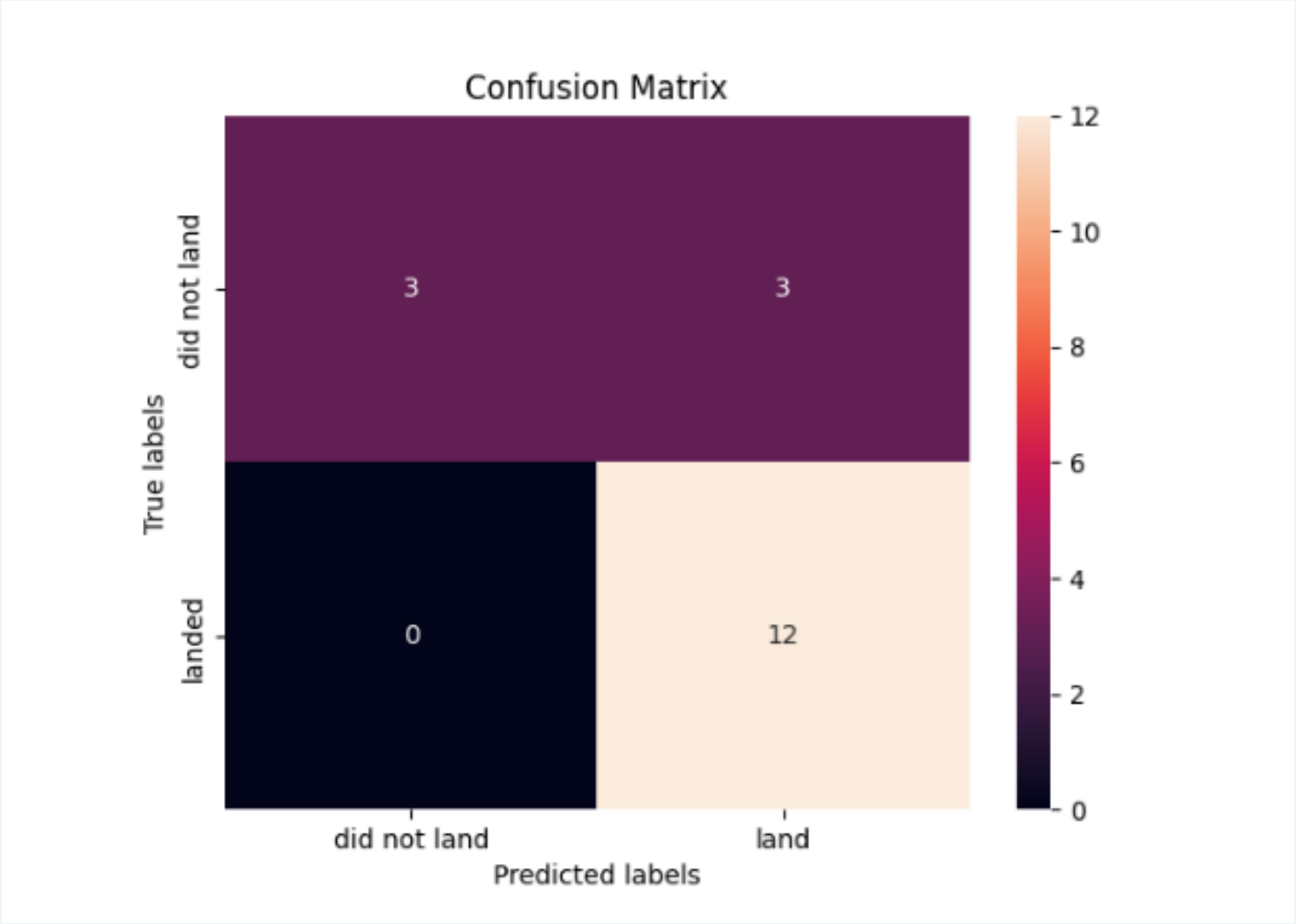
Out[68]:

	0
Method	Test Data Accuracy
Logistic_Reg	0.833333
SVM	0.833333
Decision Tree	0.833333
KNN	0.833333

All the methods perform equally on the test data: i.e. They all have the same accuracy of 0.833333 on the test Data

Confusion Matrix

- All the 4 classification model had the same confusion matrixes and were able equally distinguish between the different classes. The major problem is false positives for all the models.



Conclusions

- Different launch sites have different success rates. CCAFS LC-40, has a success rate of 60 %, while KSC LC-39A and VAFB SLC 4E has a success rate of 77%.
- We can deduce that, as the flight number increases in each of the 3 launcg sites, so does the success rate. For instance, the success rate for the VAFB SLC 4E launch site is 100% after the Flight number 50. Both KSC LC 39A and CCAFS SLC 40 have a 100% success rates after 80th flight
- If you observe Payload Vs. Launch Site scatter point chart you will find for the VAFB-SLC launchsite there are no rockets launched for heavypayload mass(greater than 10000).
- Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO & SSO have the highest success rates at 100%, with SO orbit having the lowest success rate at ~50%. Orbit SO has 0% success rate.
- 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

Conclusions Cont….

- With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Polar,LEO and ISS. However for GTO we cannot distinguish this well as both positive landing rate and negative landing(unsuccessful mission) are both there here
- Anf finally the sucess rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020.

Thank you!