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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Executive Summary

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# Introduction

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- Project background and context

Space X's Falcon 9 rocket launches are more cost-effective than others due to the ability to reuse the first stage. By determining the likelihood of a successful first stage landing, the cost of a launch can be estimated. This information can be useful for other companies looking to compete with Space X for rocket launch contracts. The aim of this project is to develop a machine learning pipeline to predict the success of first stage landings.

- Problems you want to find answers

- What factors determine if the rocket will land successfully?
- What features that determine the success rate of a successful landing.
- What conditions ensure a successful landing program.



Section 1

# Methodology

# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - Data was collected using SpaceX API and web scraping from Wikipedia.
- Perform data wrangling
  - One-hot encoding was applied to categorical features
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - How to build, tune, evaluate classification models

# Data Collection

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- The data was collected using various methods
  - Data collection was done using get request to the SpaceX API.
  - Next, we decoded the response content as a Json using `.json()` function call and turn it into a pandas dataframe using `.json_normalize()`.
  - We then cleaned the data, checked for missing values and fill in missing values where necessary.
  - In addition, we performed web scraping from Wikipedia for Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup.
  - The objective was to extract the launch records as HTML table, parse the table and convert it to a pandas dataframe for future analysis.



# Data Collection – SpaceX API

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- Used the get request to the SpaceX API to collect data, clean the requested data and did some basic data wrangling and formatting.

The link to the notebook is  
<https://github.com/zhead/AppliedDataScience-Capstone/blob/main/Data%20Collection%20API.ipynb>

## Task 1: Request and parse the SpaceX launch data using the GET request

To make the requested JSON results more consistent, we will use the following static response object for this project:

```
static_json_url="https://cf-courses-data.s3.us.cloud-object-storage.appdomain.cloud/IBM-DS0321EN-SkillsNetwo
```

[9] ✓ 0.3s Python

We should see that the request was successful with the 200 status response code

```
response.status_code
```

[10] ✓ 0.4s Python

... 200

Now we decode the response content as a Json using `.json()` and turn it into a Pandas dataframe using `.json_normalize()`

```
# Use json_normalize meethod to convert the json result into a dataframe  
data = pd.json_normalize(response.json())
```

[11] ✓ 0.7s Python



# Data Collection - Scraping

- We applied web scrapping to webscrap Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup
- We parsed the table and converted it into a pandas dataframe.
- The link to the notebook is <https://github.com/zhead/AppliedDataScience-Capstone/blob/main/Data%20Collection%20with%20Web%20Scraping.ipynb>

```
First, let's perform an HTTP GET method to request the Falcon9 Launch HTML page, as an HTTP response.
```

```
# use requests.get() method with the provided static_url
# assign the response to a object
html_data = requests.get(static_url)
html_data.status_code
```

```
[5] ✓ 8.3s Python
```

```
... 200
```

```
Create a BeautifulSoup object from the HTML response
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```
# Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
soup = BeautifulSoup(html_data.text, 'html5lib')
```

```
[6] ✓ 1.4s Python
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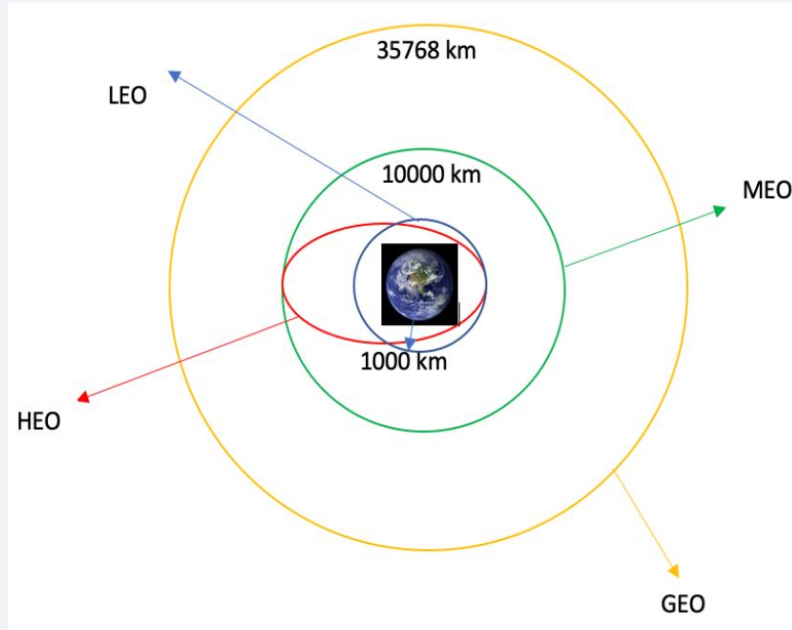
```
Print the page title to verify if the BeautifulSoup object was created properly
```

```
# Use soup.title attribute
soup.title
```

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[7] ✓ 0.3s Python
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```
... <title>List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches - Wikipedia</title>
```

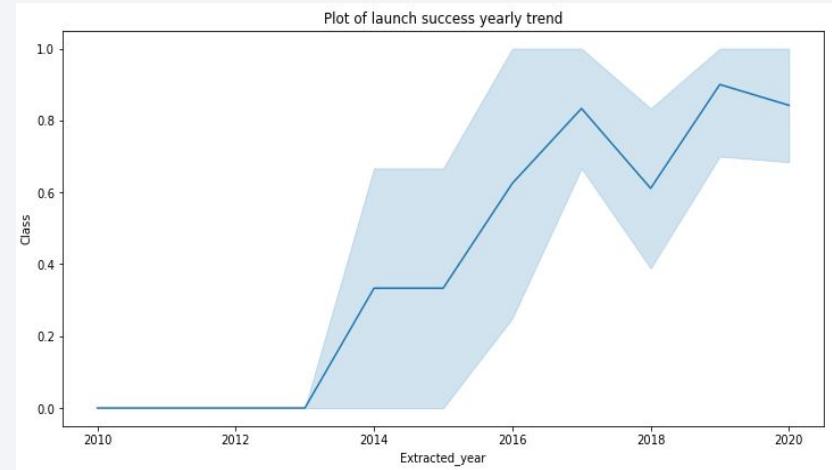
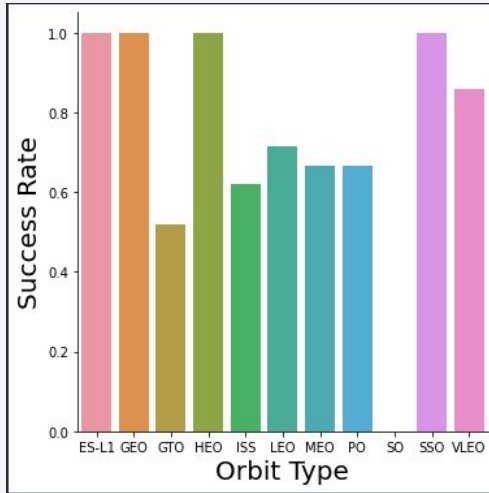
# Data Wrangling



- Performed exploratory data analysis and determined the training labels.
- Calculated the number of launches at each site, and the number and occurrence of each orbits
- Created landing outcome label from outcome column and exported the results to csv.
- The link to the notebook is <https://github.com/zhead/AppliedDataScience-Capstone/blob/main/Data%20Wrangling.ipynb>

# EDA with Data Visualization

- Explored the data by visualizing the relationship between flight number and launch Site, payload and launch site, success rate of each orbit type, flight number and orbit type, the launch success yearly trend.



- The link to the notebook is <https://github.com/zhead/AppliedDataScience-Capstone/blob/main/EDA%20with%20Data%20Visualization.ipynb>

# EDA with SQL

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- Loaded the SpaceX dataset into a PostgreSQL database without leaving the jupyter notebook.
- Applied EDA with SQL to get insight from the data. We wrote queries to find out for instance:
  - The names of unique launch sites in the space mission.
  - The total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
  - The average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
  - The total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
  - The failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster version and launch site names.
- The link to the notebook is  
<https://github.com/zhead/AppliedDataScience-Capstone/blob/main/EDA%20with%20SQL.ipynb>

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- Marked all launch sites, and added map objects such as markers, circles, lines to mark the success or failure of launches for each site on the folium map.
- Assigned the feature launch outcomes (failure or success) to class 0 and 1.i.e., 0 for failure, and 1 for success.
- Using the color-labeled marker clusters, we identified which launch sites have relatively high success rate.
- Calculated the distances between a launch site to its proximities. We answered some question for instance:
  - Are launch sites near railways, highways and coastlines.
  - Do launch sites keep certain distance away from cities.

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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- Built an interactive dashboard with Plotly dash
- Plotted pie charts showing the total launches by a certain sites
- Plotted scatter graph showing the relationship with Outcome and Payload Mass (Kg) for the different booster version.
- The link to the notebook is  
[https://github.com/zhead/AppliedDataScience-Capstone/blob/main/space\\_x\\_dash\\_app.py](https://github.com/zhead/AppliedDataScience-Capstone/blob/main/space_x_dash_app.py)

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- Loaded the data using numpy and pandas, transformed the data, split our data into training and testing.
- Built different machine learning models and tune different hyperparameters using GridSearchCV.
- Used accuracy as the metric for our model, improved the model using feature engineering and algorithm tuning.
- Found the best performing classification model.

The link to the notebook is

<https://github.com/zhead/AppliedDataScience-Capstone/blob/main/Machine%20Learning%20Prediction.ipynb>



# Results

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

The background of the slide is an abstract composition. It features a solid blue area on the left side, which transitions into a dark, almost black, central region. Overlaid on this are numerous bright, diagonal streaks in shades of red and cyan. These streaks vary in thickness and intensity, creating a sense of motion and depth. A faint, white grid pattern is visible across the entire image, particularly prominent in the blue and red areas.

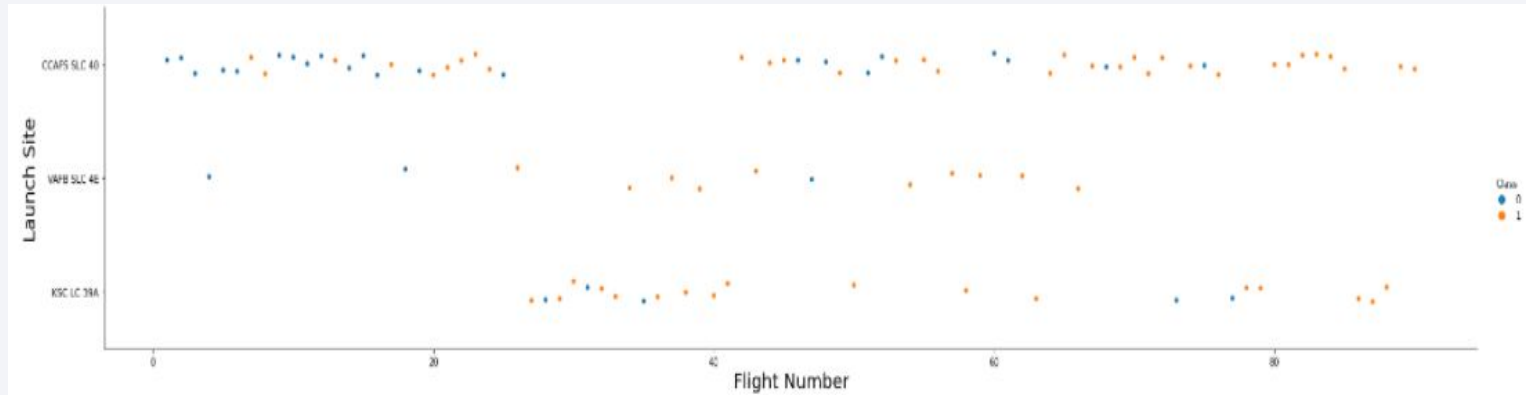
Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA

# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

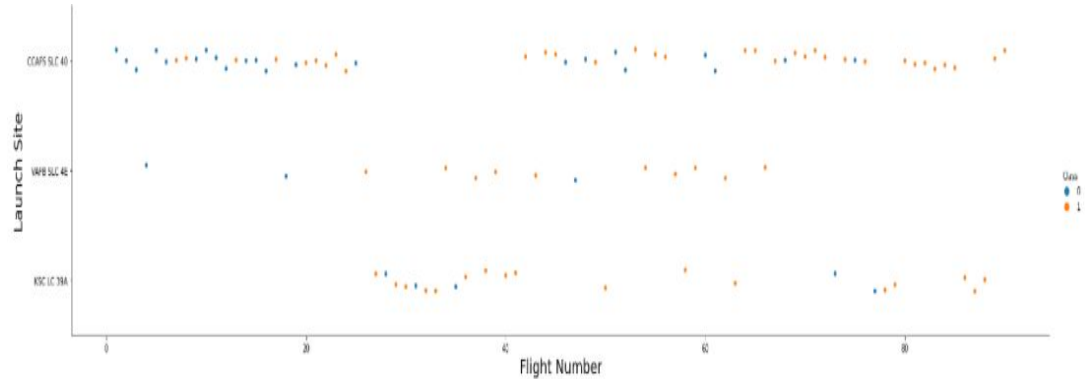
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- The earliest flights all failed while the latest flights all succeeded.
- The CCAFS SLC 40 launch site has about a half of all launches.
- VAFB SLC 4E and KSC LC 39A have higher success rates.
- It can be assumed that each new launch has a higher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



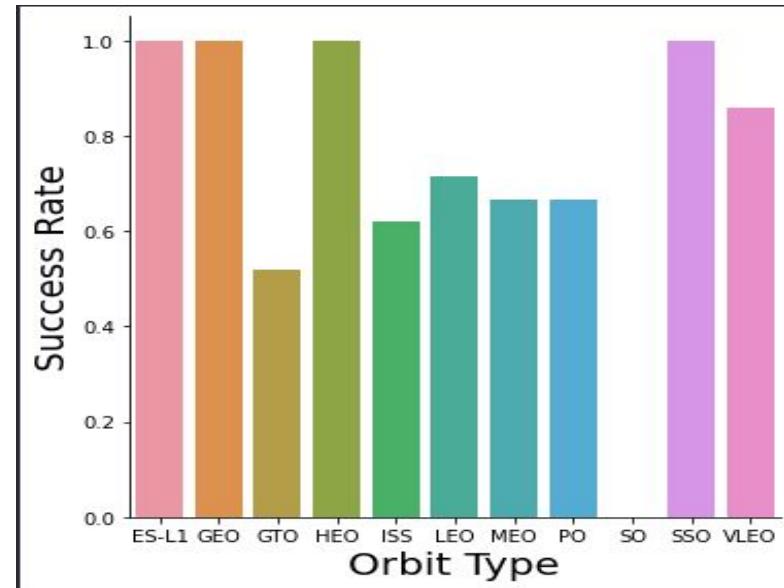
# Payload vs. Launch Site

- For every launch site the higher the payload mass, the higher the success rate.
- Most of the launches with payload mass over 7000 kg were successful.
- KSC LC 39A has a 100% success rate for payload mass under 5500 kg too.



# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

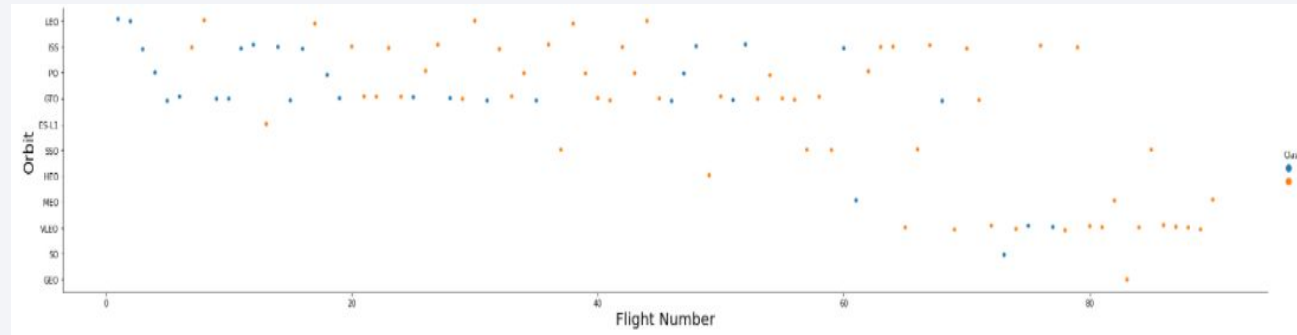
- ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate.



# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

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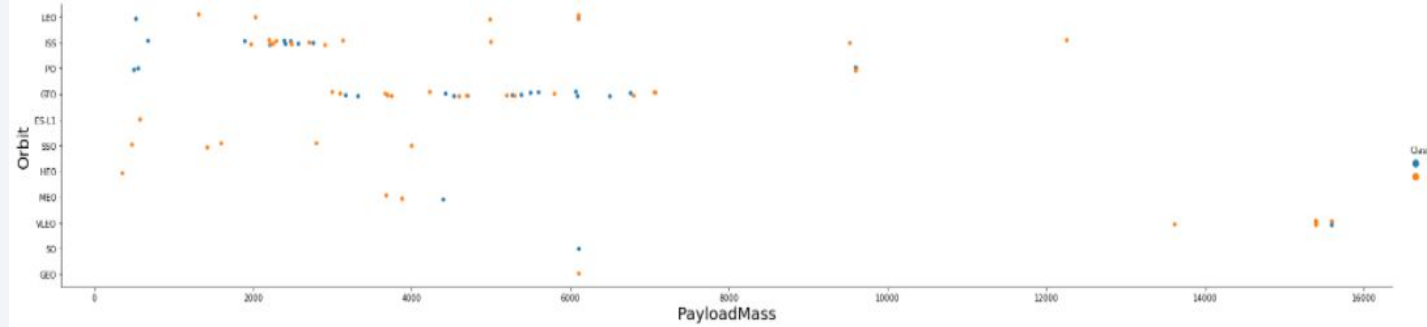
- There is no relationship between flight number and the orbit.



# Payload vs. Orbit Type

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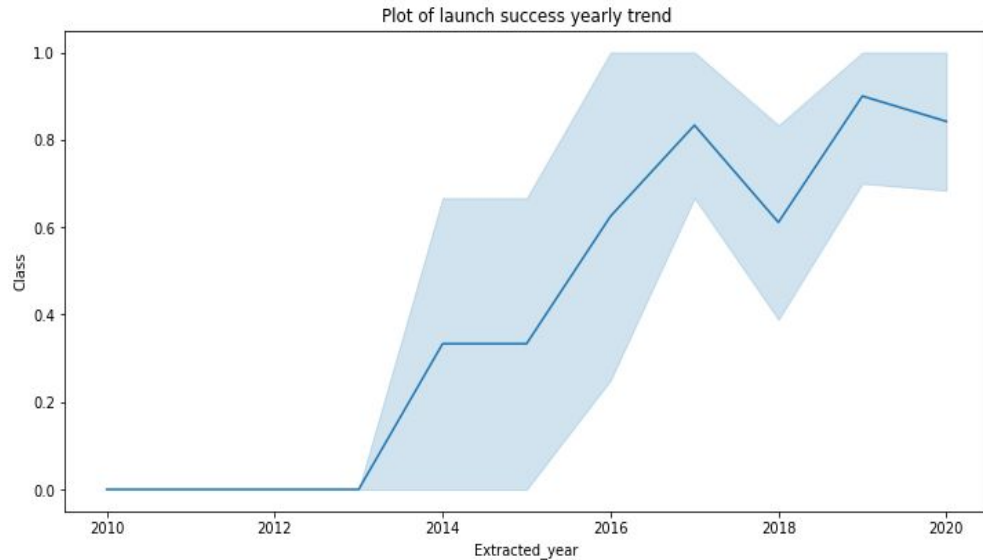
- Heavy payloads have a negative influence on GTO orbits and positive on GTO and Polar LEO (ISS) orbits.





# Launch Success Yearly Trend

- From the plot, we can observe that success rate since 2013 kept on increasing till 2020.



# All Launch Site Names

- Used key word **DISTINCT** to show only unique launch sites from the SpaceX data.

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

```
In [10]: task_1 = '''
          SELECT DISTINCT LaunchSite
          FROM SpaceX
          ...
          create_pandas_df(task_1, database=conn)
```

```
Out[10]:
```

	launchsite
0	KSC LC-39A
1	CCAFS LC-40
2	CCAFS SLC-40
3	VAFB SLC-4E

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

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

In [11]:

```
task_2 = '''
SELECT *
FROM SpaceX
WHERE LaunchSite LIKE 'CCA%'
LIMIT 5
'''

create_pandas_df(task_2, database=conn)
```

Out[11]:

	date	time	boosterversion	launchsite	payload	payloadmasskg	orbit	customer	missionoutcome	landingoutcome
0	2010-04-06	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
1	2010-08-12	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of...	0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	Failure (parachute)
2	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
3	2012-08-10	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
4	2013-01-03	15:10:00	F9 v1.0 B0007	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

- We used the query above to display 5 records where launch sites begin with 'CCA'

# Total Payload Mass

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- We calculated the total payload carried by boosters from NASA as 45596 using the query below

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

```
In [12]: task_3 = '''
          SELECT SUM(PayloadMassKG) AS Total_PayloadMass
          FROM SpaceX
          WHERE Customer LIKE 'NASA (CRS)'
          '''

          create_pandas_df(task_3, database=conn)
```

```
Out[12]:
```

	total_payloadmass
0	45596

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

- Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 as 2928.4

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

```
In [13]: task_4 = '''
          SELECT AVG(PayloadMassKG) AS Avg_PayloadMass
          FROM SpaceX
          WHERE BoosterVersion = 'F9 v1.1'
          '''

          create_pandas_df(task_4, database=conn)
```

```
Out[13]:
```

	avg_payloadmass
0	2928.4

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

- We observed that the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad was 22<sup>nd</sup> December 2015

In [14]:

```
task_5 = '''
    SELECT MIN(Date) AS FirstSuccessfull_landing_date
    FROM SpaceX
    WHERE LandingOutcome LIKE 'Success (ground pad)'
    '''

create_pandas_df(task_5, database=conn)
```

Out[14]:

	firstsuccessfull_landing_date
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0	2015-12-22
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# Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

```
In [15]: task_6 = '''
          SELECT BoosterVersion
          FROM SpaceX
          WHERE LandingOutcome = 'Success (drone ship)'
             AND PayloadMassKG > 4000
             AND PayloadMassKG < 6000
          ...

          create_pandas_df(task_6, database=conn)
```

```
Out[15]:
```

	boosterversion
0	F9 FT B1022
1	F9 FT B1026
2	F9 FT B1021.2
3	F9 FT B1031.2

- **WHERE** clause filters boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship. Applied the **AND** condition to determine successful landing with payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000



# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes

```
In [16]: task_7a = '''
          SELECT COUNT(MissionOutcome) AS SuccessOutcome
          FROM SpaceX
          WHERE MissionOutcome LIKE 'Success%'
          '''

task_7b = '''
          SELECT COUNT(MissionOutcome) AS FailureOutcome
          FROM SpaceX
          WHERE MissionOutcome LIKE 'Failure%'
          '''

print('The total number of successful mission outcome is:')
display(create_pandas_df(task_7a, database=conn))
print()
print('The total number of failed mission outcome is:')
create_pandas_df(task_7b, database=conn)
```

The total number of successful mission outcome is:

	successoutcome
0	100

The total number of failed mission outcome is:

```
Out[16]:
```

	failureoutcome
0	1

- Wildcard like '%' to filter for **WHERE** MissionOutcome was a success or a failure.

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

Subquery in the **WHERE** clause and the **MAX()** function returns the booster that have carried the maximum payload

List the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery

```
In [17]: task_8 = '''
          SELECT BoosterVersion, PayloadMassKG
          FROM SpaceX
          WHERE PayloadMassKG = (
                                SELECT MAX(PayloadMassKG)
                                FROM SpaceX
                                )
          ORDER BY BoosterVersion
          '''
          create_pandas_df(task_8, database=conn)
```

```
Out[17]:
```

	boosterversion	payloadmasskg
0	F9 B5 B1048.4	15600
1	F9 B5 B1048.5	15600
2	F9 B5 B1049.4	15600
3	F9 B5 B1049.5	15600
4	F9 B5 B1049.7	15600
5	F9 B5 B1051.3	15600
6	F9 B5 B1051.4	15600
7	F9 B5 B1051.6	15600
8	F9 B5 B1056.4	15600
9	F9 B5 B1058.3	15600
10	F9 B5 B1060.2	15600
11	F9 B5 B1060.3	15600

# 2015 Launch Records

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- Filter for failed landing outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for year 2015

```
List the failed landing_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015
```

```
In [18]: task_9 = '''
          SELECT BoosterVersion, LaunchSite, LandingOutcome
          FROM SpaceX
          WHERE LandingOutcome LIKE 'Failure (drone ship)'
             AND Date BETWEEN '2015-01-01' AND '2015-12-31'
          '''

          create_pandas_df(task_9, database=conn)
```

```
Out[18]:
```

	boosterversion	launchsite	landingoutcome
0	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)
1	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)

# 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))

```
In [19]: task_10 = '''
        SELECT LandingOutcome, COUNT(LandingOutcome)
        FROM SpaceX
        WHERE DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20'
        GROUP BY LandingOutcome
        ORDER BY COUNT(LandingOutcome) DESC
        '''

        create_pandas_df(task_10, database=conn)
```

```
Out[19]:
```

	landingoutcome	count
0	No attempt	10
1	Success (drone ship)	6
2	Failure (drone ship)	5
3	Success (ground pad)	5
4	Controlled (ocean)	3
5	Uncontrolled (ocean)	2
6	Precluded (drone ship)	1
7	Failure (parachute)	1

Landing outcomes and the **COUNT** of landing outcomes **BETWEEN** 2010-06-04 to 2010-03-20.

**GROUP BY** clause to group the landing outcomes and the **ORDER BY** clause to order the grouped landing outcome in descending order.

A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and city lights at night. The image is a composite of a solid blue background on the left and a satellite photograph of Earth on the right. The Earth's surface is dark, with numerous bright yellow and orange lights representing cities and urban areas. The horizon of the Earth is visible as a thin, curved line separating the dark surface from the deep blue of space.

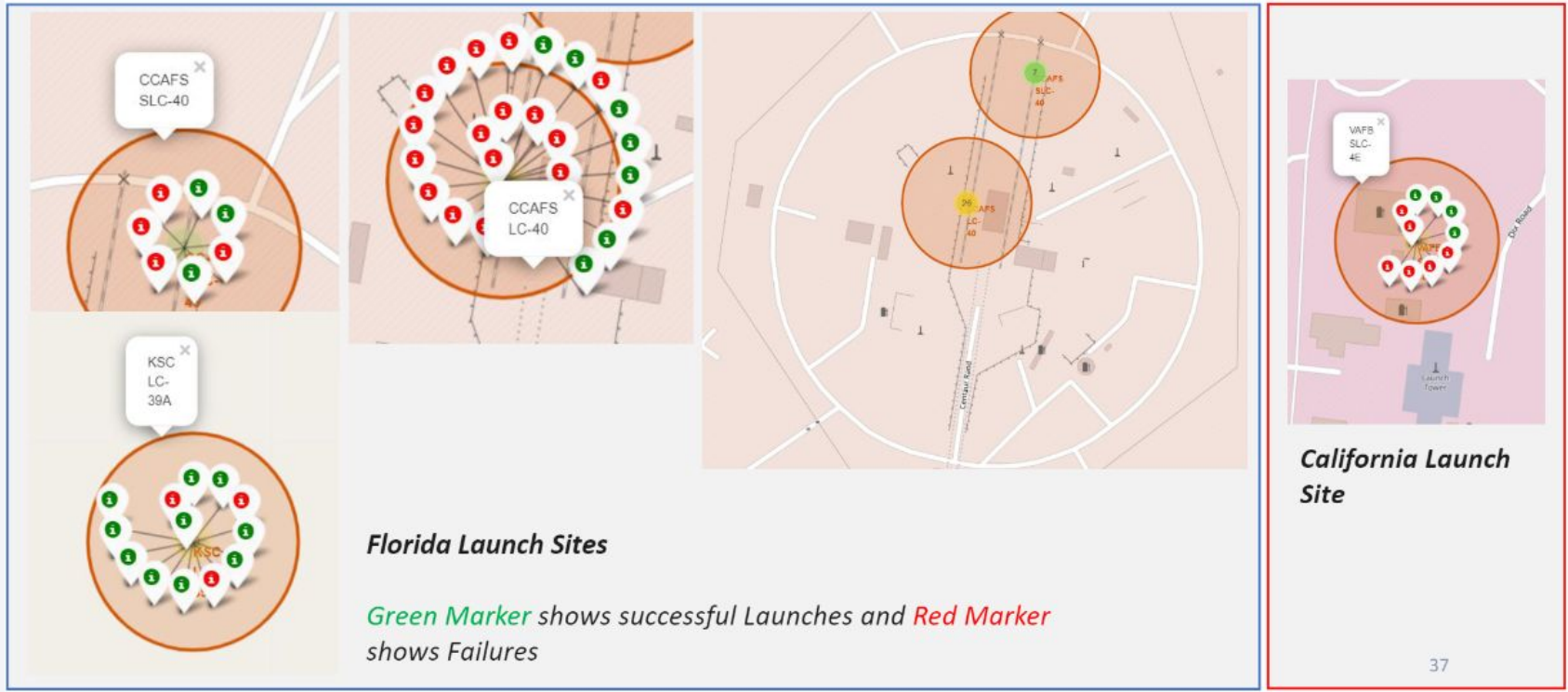
Section 4

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

# All launch sites global map markers

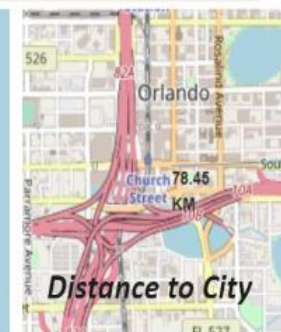
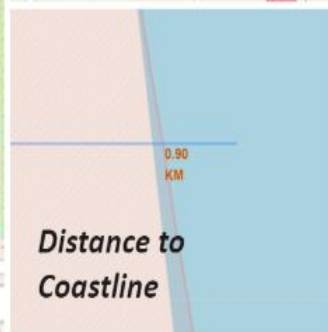
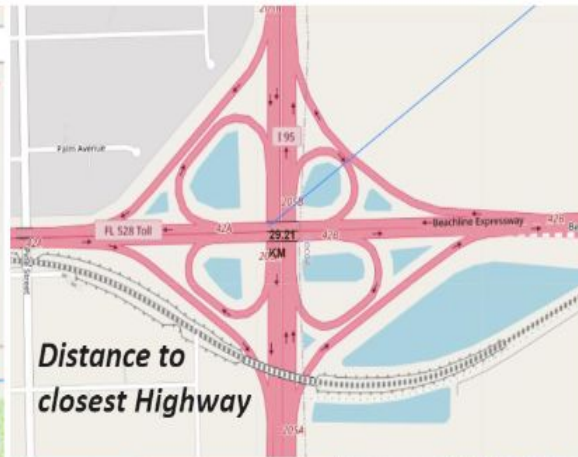


# Markers showing launch sites with color labels





# Launch Site distance to landmarks



- 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



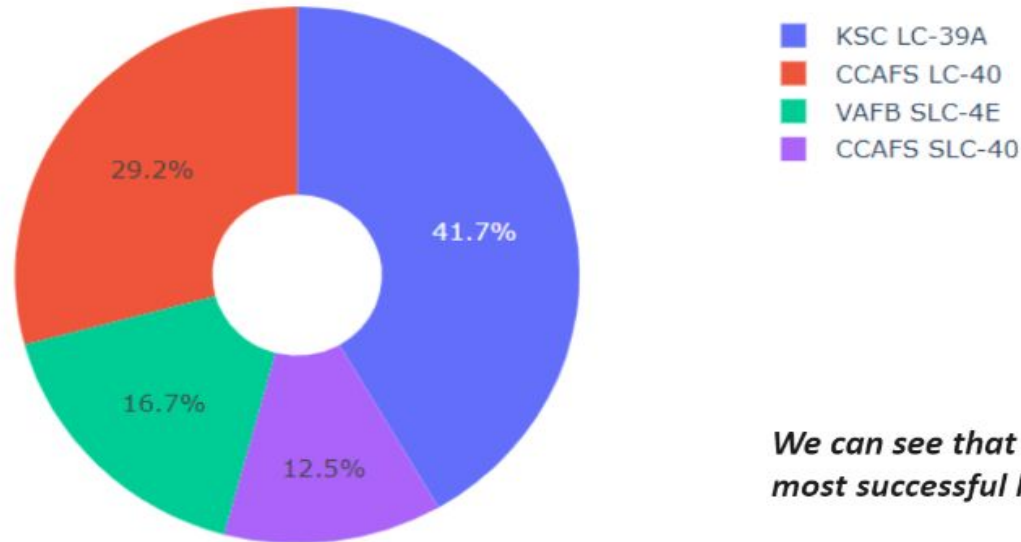
Section 5

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

## Pie chart showing the success percentage achieved by each launch site

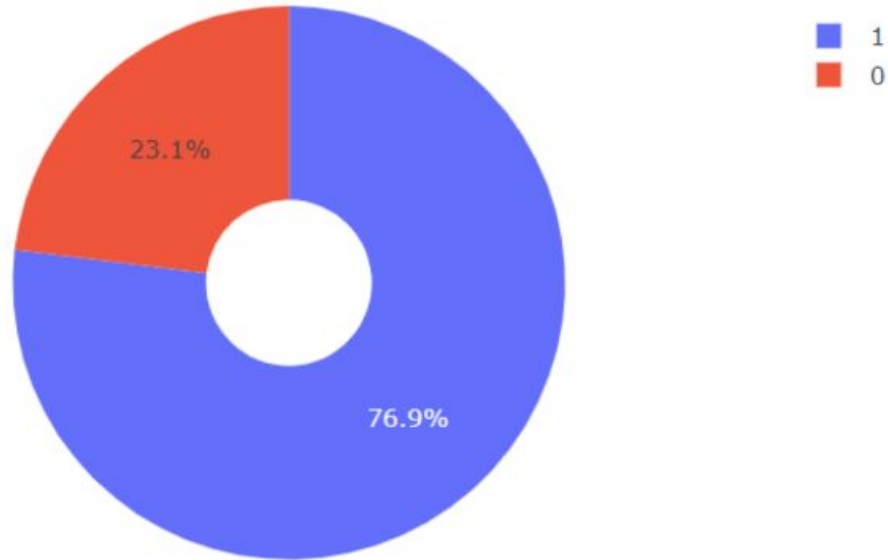
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Total Success Launches By all sites



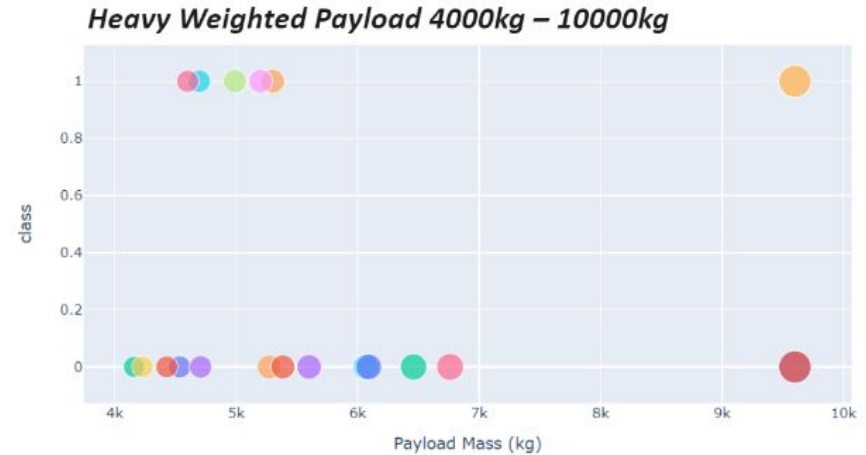
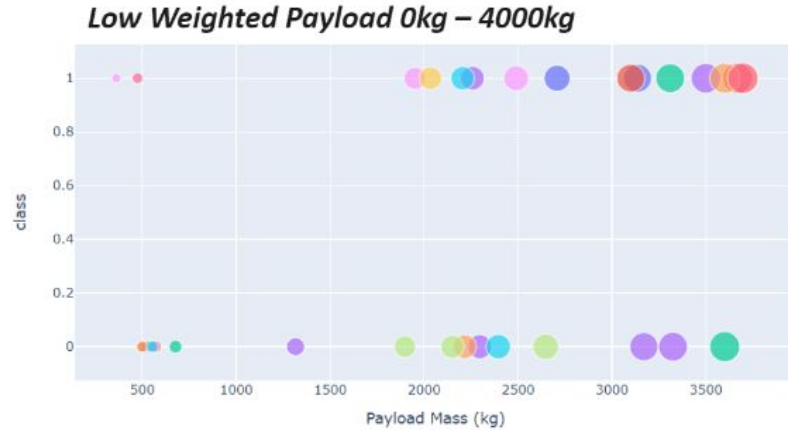
***We can see that KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches from all the sites***

Pie chart showing the Launch site with the highest launch success ratio



***KSC LC-39A achieved a 76.9% success rate while getting a 23.1% failure rate***

## Scatter plot of Payload vs Launch Outcome for all sites, with different payload selected in the range slider



*We can see the success rates for low weighted payloads is higher than the heavy weighted payloads*





Section 6

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

- The decision tree classifier is the model with the highest classification accuracy

```
# Examining the scores from the whole Dataset
jaccard_scores = [
    jaccard_score(Y, logreg_cv.predict(X), average='binary'),
    jaccard_score(Y, svm_cv.predict(X), average='binary'),
    jaccard_score(Y, tree_cv.predict(X), average='binary'),
    jaccard_score(Y, knn_cv.predict(X), average='binary'),
]

f1_scores = [
    f1_score(Y, logreg_cv.predict(X), average='binary'),
    f1_score(Y, svm_cv.predict(X), average='binary'),
    f1_score(Y, tree_cv.predict(X), average='binary'),
    f1_score(Y, knn_cv.predict(X), average='binary'),
]

accuracy = [logreg_cv.score(X, Y), svm_cv.score(X, Y), tree_cv.score(X, Y), knn_cv.score(X, Y)]

scores = pd.DataFrame(np.array([jaccard_scores, f1_scores, accuracy]),
                      index=['Jaccard_Score', 'F1_Score', 'Accuracy'],
                      columns=['LogReg', 'SVM', 'Tree', 'KNN'])

scores
```

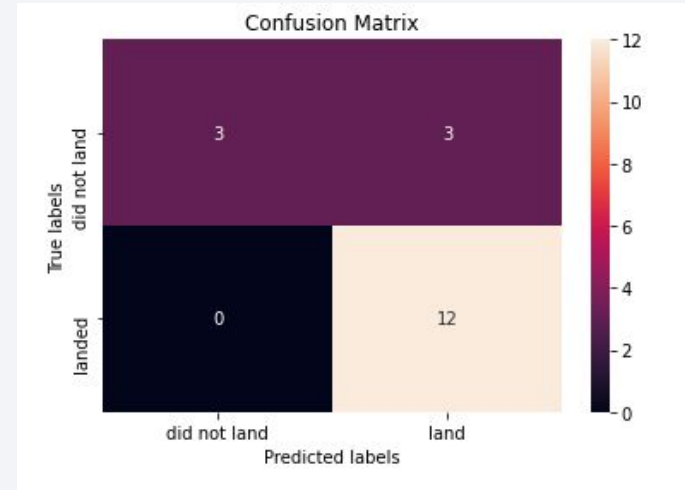
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	LogReg	SVM	Tree	KNN
Jaccard_Score	0.833333	0.845070	0.880597	0.819444
F1_Score	0.909091	0.916031	0.936508	0.900763
Accuracy	0.866667	0.877778	0.911111	0.855556

# Confusion Matrix

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- The confusion matrix for the decision tree classifier shows that the classifier can distinguish between the different classes. The major problem is the false positives .i.e., unsuccessful landing marked as successful landing by the classifier.





# Conclusions

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- The larger the flight amount at a launch site, the greater the success rate at a launch site.
- Launch success rate started to increase in 2013 till 2020.
- Orbits ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate.
- KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches of any sites.
- The Decision tree classifier is the best machine learning algorithm for this task.

Thank you!

