Applied Data Science Capstone

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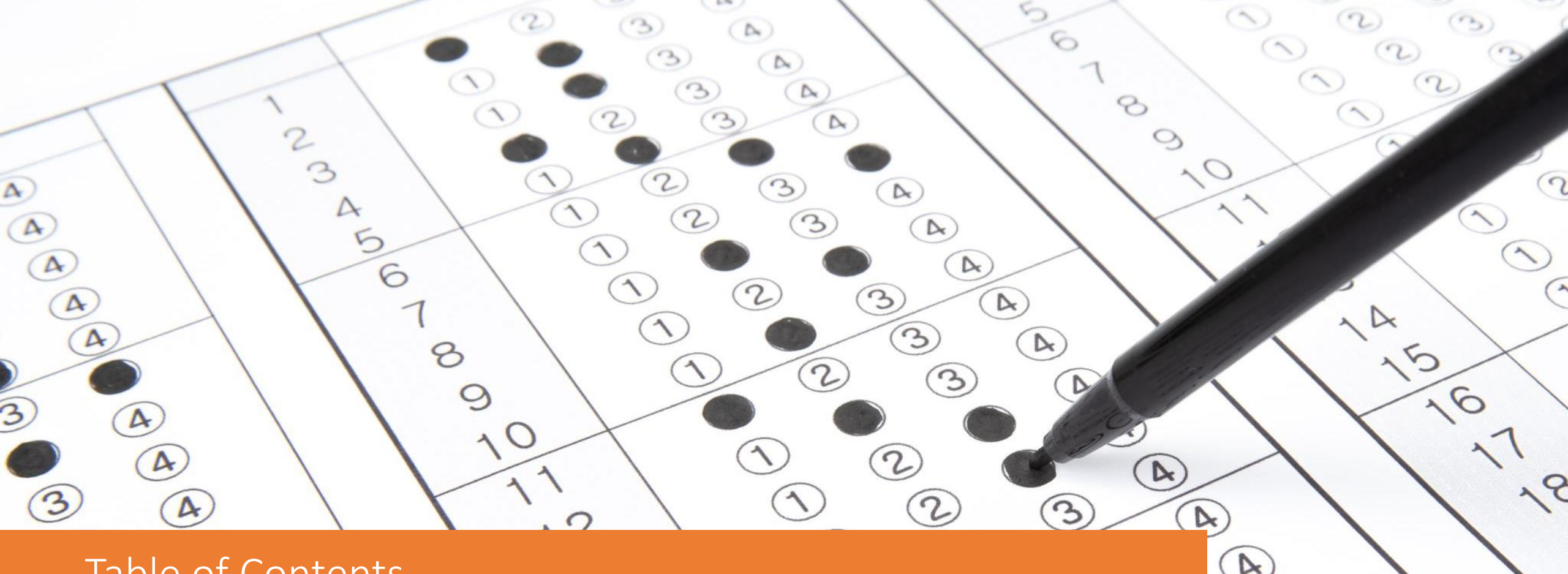
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Introduction

In this capstone we completed a lot of labs related to data analysis and visualization. In order to analyse the Falcon 9 data and determine if the Falcon 9 first stage would successfully land, we gathered data using a RESTful API and web scraping.

The data was also transformed into a dataframe, and after that, some data wrangling was done. Later, using Plotly Dash and Folium, we created a dashboard to interactively evaluate launch records and a map to assess the closeness of launch sites.

Lastly, by comparing the performance of Hyperparameter for SVM, Classifier Trees, and Logistic Regression, we utilised machine learning to predict whether the first stage of the Falcon 9 will safely land.

Data collection and data wrangling methodology

We used web scraping in these experiments to get historical Falcon 9 launch data from a Wikipedia article titled "List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches." Also, we used exploratory data analysis (EDA) to identify trends in the data and choose the label for supervised model training.

EDA and interactive visual analytics methodology

These exercises got us familiar with the Spacex DataSet, put the dataset into the appropriate table in a Db2 database, and ran SQL queries to respond to assignment questions.

We eventually predicted if the Falcon 9's first will land successfully.

Predictive analysis methodology

On its website, Space X promotes Falcon 9 rocket launches for 62 million dollars; other suppliers charge upwards of 165 million dollars for each launch. A large portion of the savings is due to Space X's ability to reuse the first stage. Hence, if we can figure out if the first stage will land, we can figure out how much a launch will cost. If another business wishes to submit a proposal for a rocket launch against space X, they can utilise this information. Using the data from the previous labs, you will build a machine learning pipeline in this experiment to forecast whether the first stage will land.

EDA with visualization results
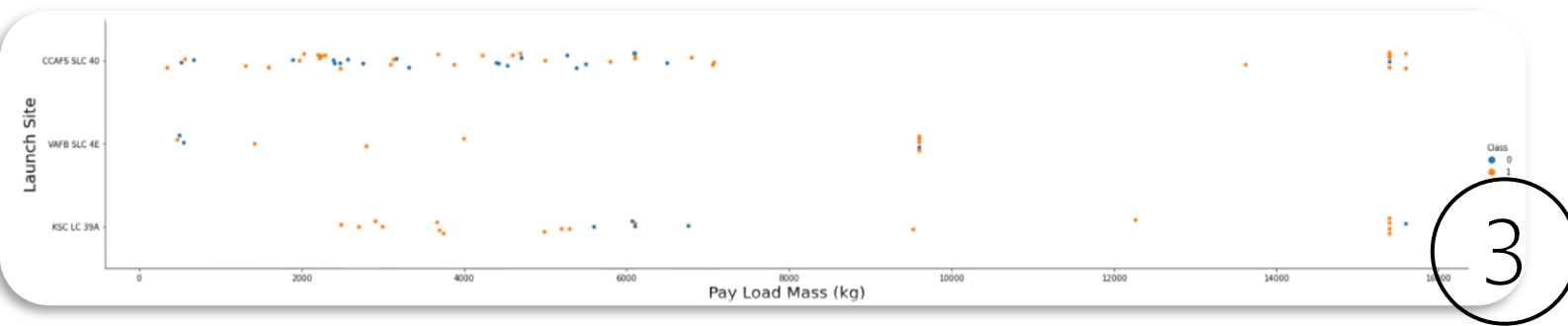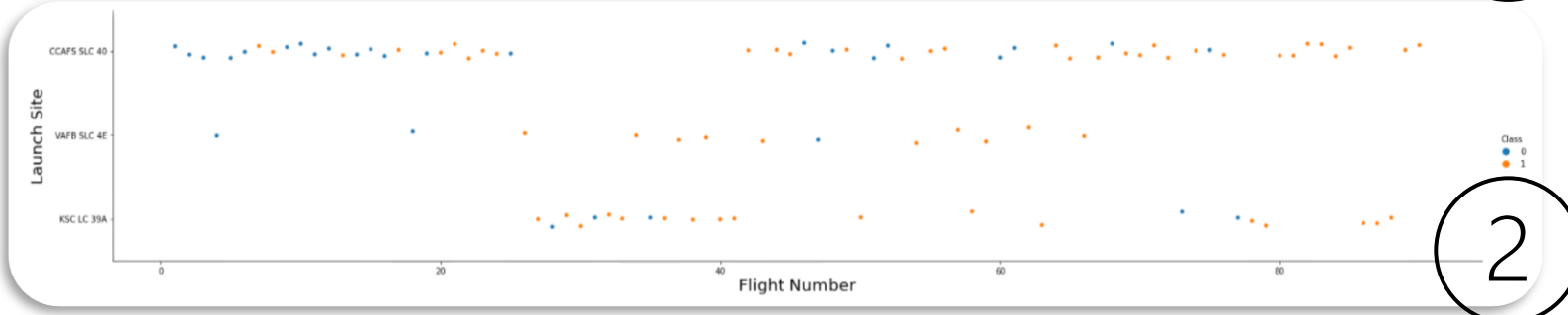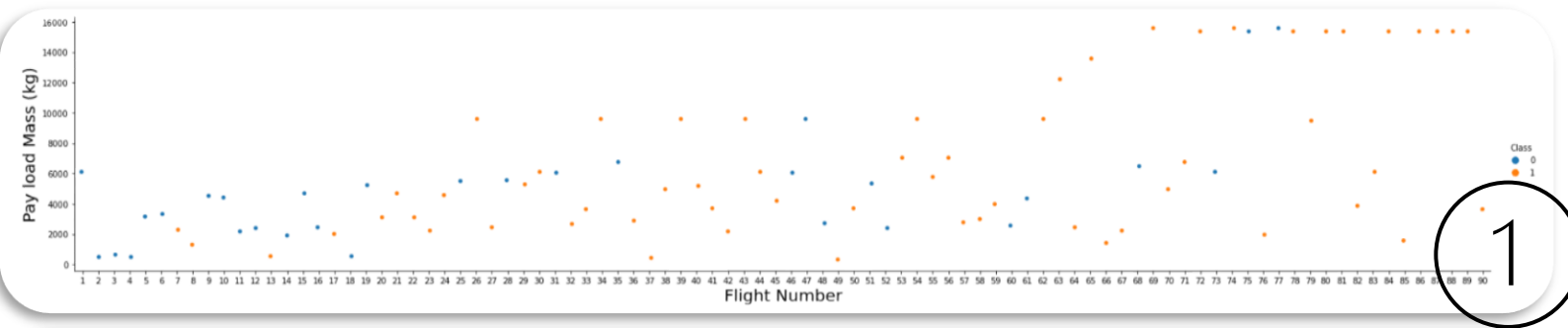
Graphs for Pay Load Mass vs Flight Number (1), Launch Site vs Flight Number (2) and Launch Site vs Pay Load Mass (3).
Finally Class vs Orbit (4).
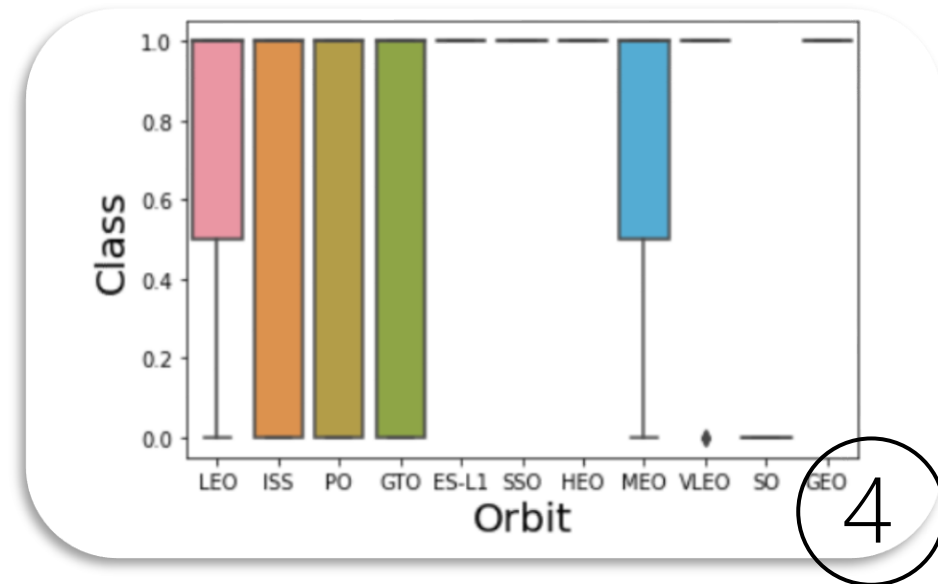
EDA with SQL results

- Displaying 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'.

Out[5]:

| 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	07:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
2012-10-08	00:35:00	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-40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

Interactive map with Folium results
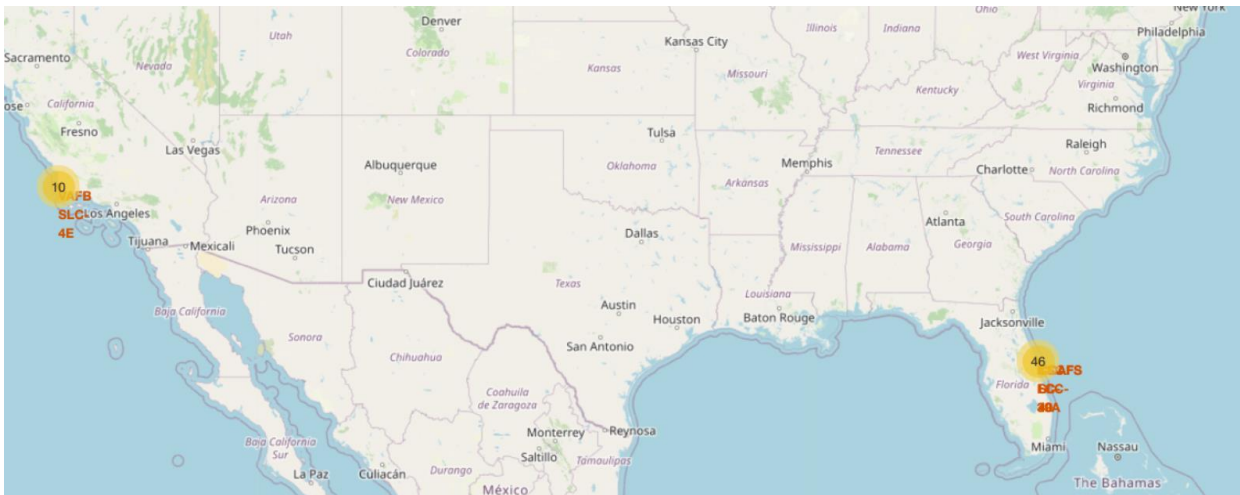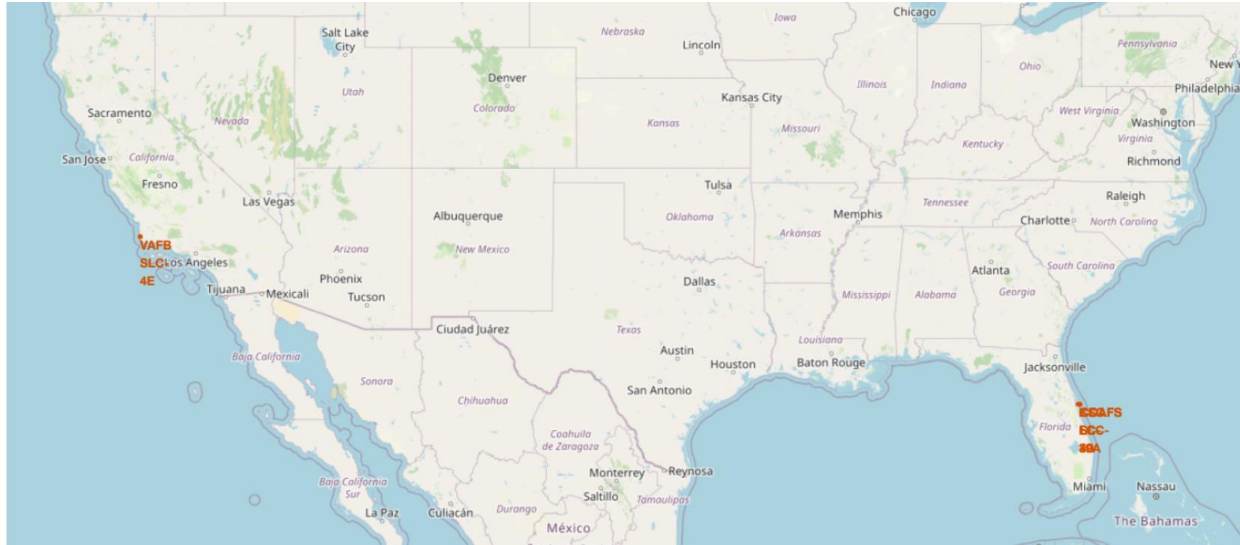
Some of the results of the interactive map are shown here.
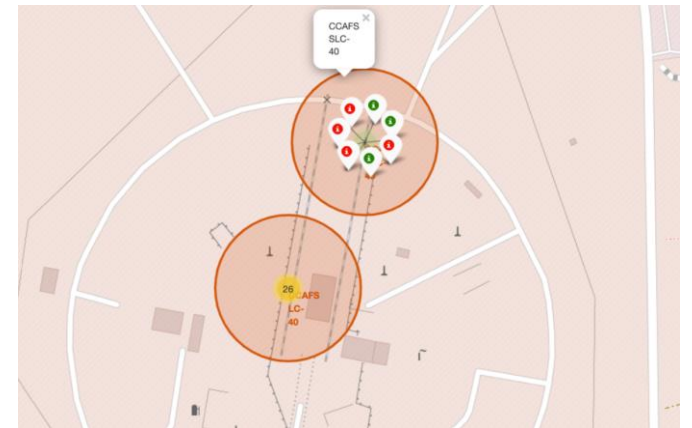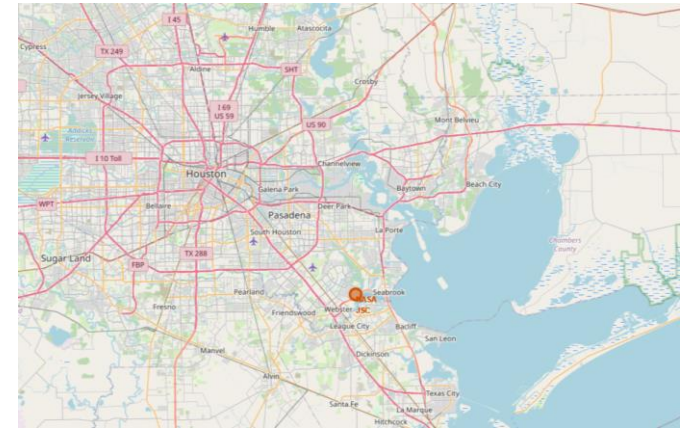
Predictive analysis (classification) results
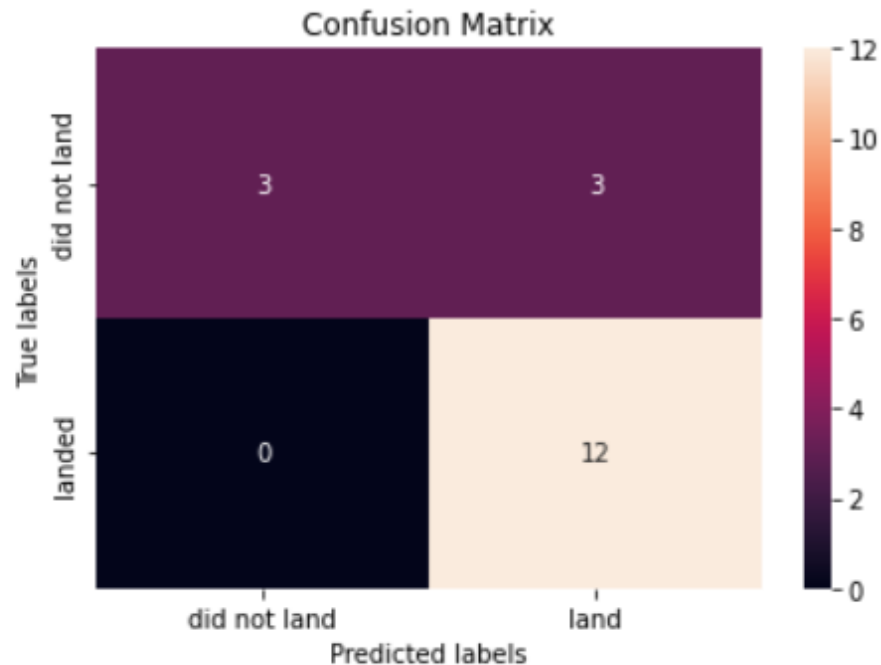
We can see that logistic regression can discriminate between the various groups by looking at the confusion matrix. We can observe that false positives are the main issue.

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

Conclusion

The most effective method for this dataset is the decision tree model. Lower payload mass rockets perform better than higher payload mass launches. The majority of launch locations are near to the equator, and every site is within a short distance of the shore. With time, launches have a higher success percentage. Among all the launch locations, KSC LC-39A has the best success rate. The success rate for the ES-L1, GEO, HEO, and SSO orbits is 100%.