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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# Outline

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# Executive Summary

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*The idea of this work was to analyze and to find insights in the data of the SpaceX Falcon 9*

## *Summary of methodologies:*

*Following instruments and ideas were used to collect and analyze data. Machine learning techniques were used to predict the outcome*

## *Summary of all results:*

*The presentation will show the results and outcomes in different explanation ways: Visualizations of the outcome, predictive models by using machine learning techniques and different advanced algorithms and interactive dashboards*

# Introduction

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## *Project background and context*

- *Privat sector recently has been invested a lot of money and contributed to the Space travel industry. However, the space business is still capital intensive, technological difficult but already exciting data give an opportunity for data scientist make an impact to the industry*

## *Problems you want to find answers*

- *To find answers if the first stage of SpaceX Falcon will land successfully*
  - *Correlations between launch sites and success rates*
- *To find the methods which are contributing to the landing outcomes*



Section 1

# Methodology

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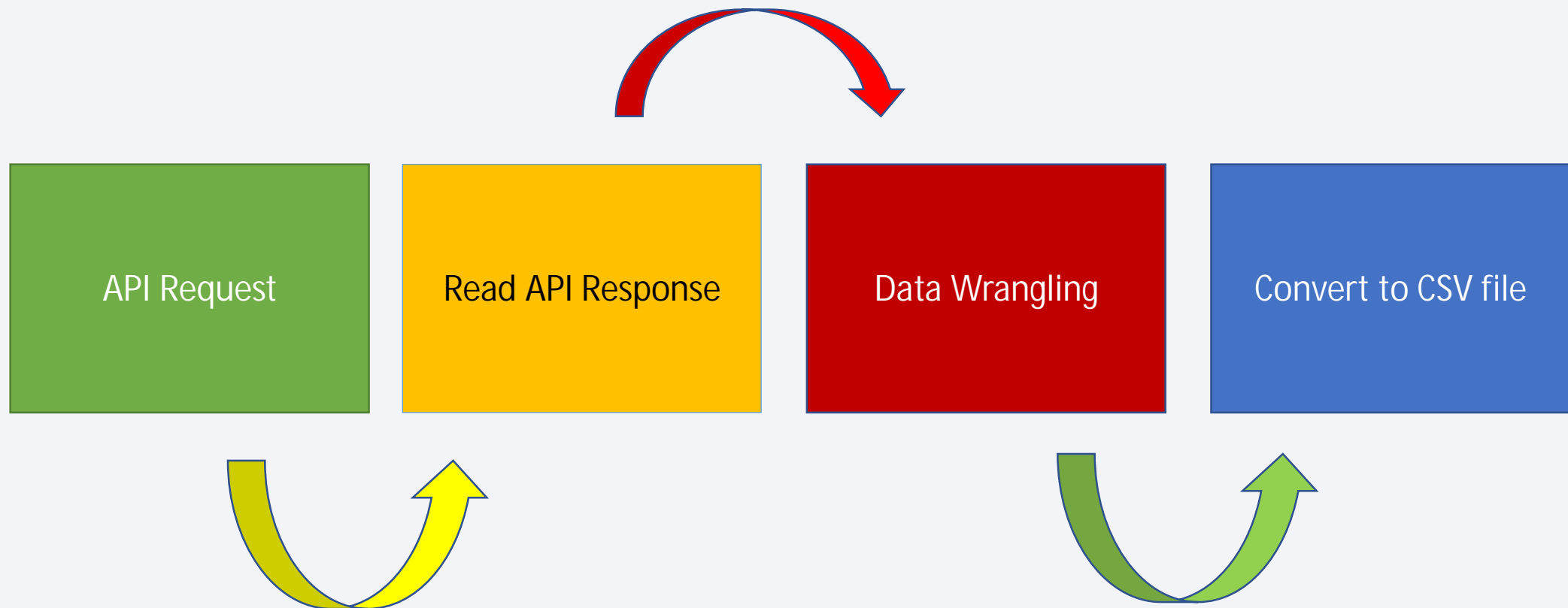
## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - SpaceX API
  - Web scrap (Wikipedia)
- Perform data wrangling
  - Using the supervised models (machine learning techniques) the outcomes was determined as 0-unsuccessful, 1 - successful
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - Find best Hyperparameter for SVM, Classification Trees and Logistic Regression

# Data Collection

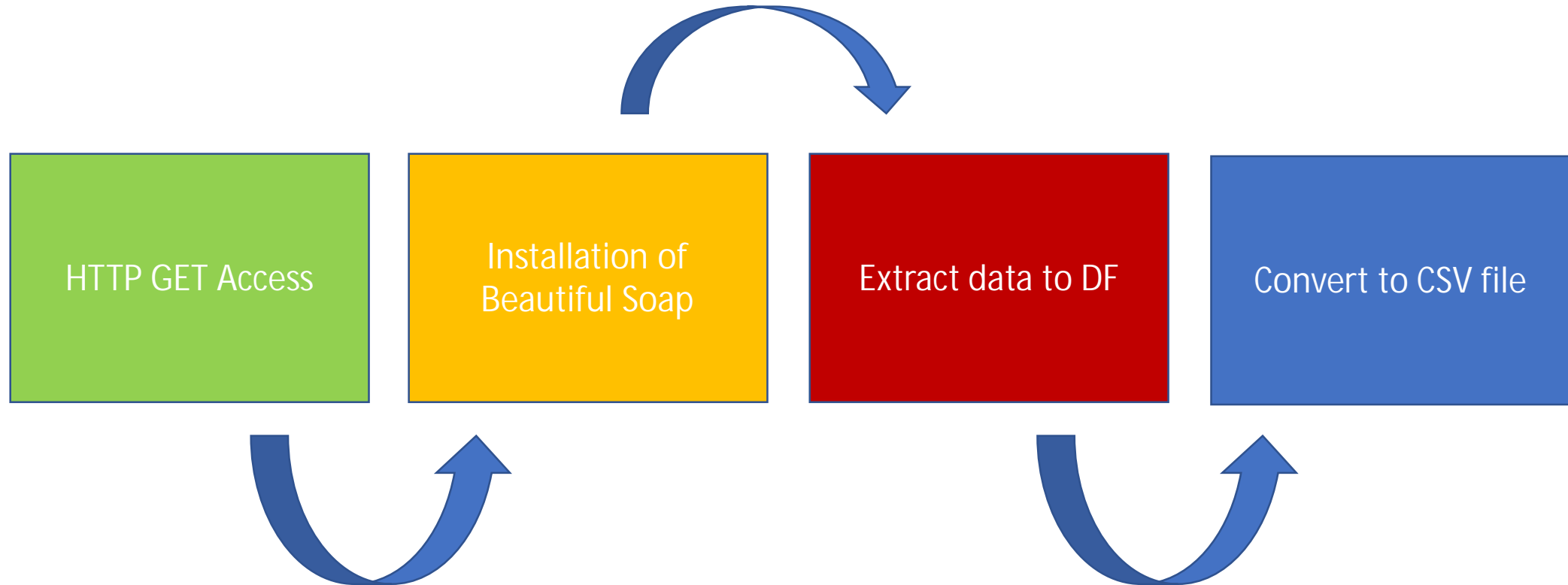
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- Data sets for the analysis were collecting through different sources like SpaceX API and Web scrapping. See below a SPACEX API approach and Web scrapping from Wiki



# Data Collection

Web scraping method





# Data Collection – SpaceX API

## 1. Getting request from API

```
In [6]: spacex_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
```

```
In [7]: response = requests.get(spacex_url)
```

## 2. Converting request to a .json file

```
In [11]: # Use json_normalize meethod to convert the json result into a dataframe
data = pd.json_normalize(response.json())
```

## 3. work with a custom tunction to clean a data

- `getBoosterVersion`
- `getLaunchSite(data)`
- `getPayloadData(data)`
- `getCoreData(data)`

## 4. Assign global variable lists to dictionary to get a relevant data

```
In [14]: #Global variables
BoosterVersion = []
PayloadMass = []
Orbit = []
LaunchSite = []
Outcome = []
Flights = []
GridFins = []
Reused = []
Legs = []
LandingPad = []
Block = []
ReusedCount = []
Serial = []
Longitude = []
Latitude = []
```

```
In [21]: launch_dict = {'FlightNumber': list(data['flight_number']),
'Date': list(data['date']),
'BoosterVersion':BoosterVersion,
'PayloadMass':PayloadMass,
'Orbit':Orbit,
'LaunchSite':LaunchSite,
'Outcome':Outcome,
'Flights':Flights,
'GridFins':GridFins,
'Reused':Reused,
'Legs':Legs,
'LandingPad':LandingPad,
'Block':Block,
'ReusedCount':ReusedCount,
'Serial':Serial,
'Longitude': Longitude,
'Latitude': Latitude}
```

## 5. Filter a dataframe and convert to CSV file

```
In [22]: # Create a data from launch_dict
df_launch = pd.DataFrame(launch_dict)
```

```
In [25]: # Hint data['BoosterVersion']!='Falcon 1'
data_falcon9 = df_launch[df_launch['BoosterVersion']!='Falcon 1']
```

Now that we have removed some values we should reset the FlightNumber column

```
In [26]: data_falcon9.loc[:, 'FlightNumber'] = list(range(1, data_falcon9.shape[0]+1))
data_falcon9
```

[GitHub Link](#)  
(code)

# Data Collection - Scraping

## 1. Getting request from HTML

```
In [5]: # use requests.get() method with the provided static_url
# assign the response to a object
html_data = requests.get(static_url).text
```

## 2. Creating BeautifulSoup function

```
In [6]: # Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
soup = BeautifulSoup(html_data,"html.parser")
```

## 3. Looking for all tables

```
In [8]: # Use the find_all function in the BeautifulSoup object
# Assign the result to a list called 'html_tables'
html_tables = soup.find_all ('table')
```

## 4. Getting column names

```
In [ ]: launch_dict= dict.fromkeys(column_names)

# Remove an irrelevant column
del launch_dict['Date and time ( )']

# Let's initial the launch_dict with each
launch_dict['Flight No.'] = []
launch_dict['Launch site'] = []
launch_dict['Payload'] = []
launch_dict['Payload mass'] = []
launch_dict['Orbit'] = []
launch_dict['Customer'] = []
launch_dict['Launch outcome'] = []
# Added some new columns
launch_dict['Version Booster']=[]
launch_dict['Booster landing']=[]
launch_dict['Date']=[]
launch_dict['Time']=[]
```

## 5. Creation of dictionary

```
In [ ]: extracted_row = 0
#Extract each table
for table_number,table in enumerate(soup.find_all('table',"wikitable plainrowheader")):
    # get table row
    for rows in table.find_all("tr"):
        #check to see if first table heading is as number corresponding to launch
        if rows.th:
            if rows.th.string:
                flight_number=rows.th.string.strip()
                flag=flight_number.isdigit()
            else:
                flag=False
        #get table element
        row=rows.find_all('td')
```

## 6. Converting launch to dataframe

```
In [ ]: df=pd.DataFrame(launch_dict)
```

We can now export it to a **CSV** for the next section, but to mal

Following labs will be using a provided dataset to make each l

```
df.to_csv('spacex_web_scraped.csv', index=False)
```

[GitHub Link \(code\)](#)

# Data Wrangling

## *Process of Data Wrangling*

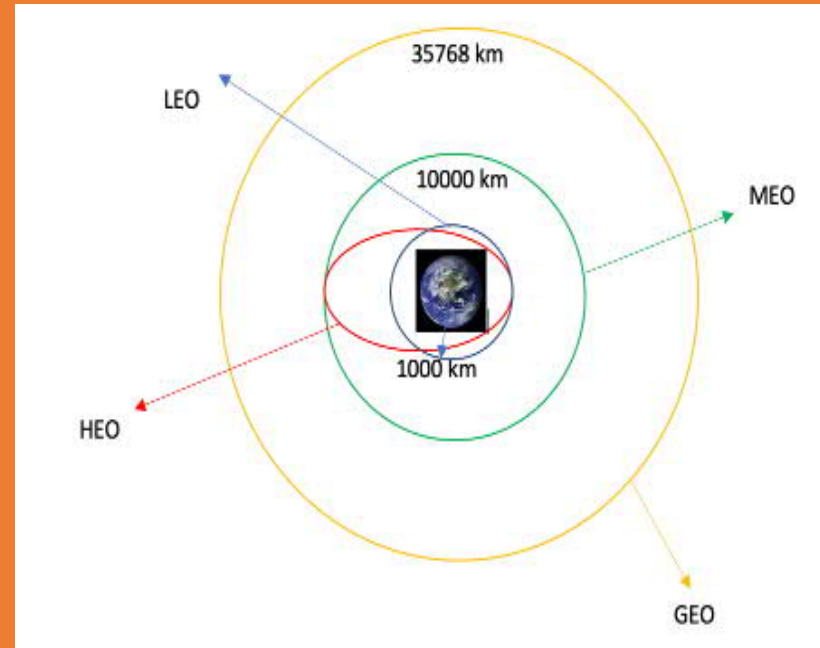
Exploratory Data Analysis(EDA) using to find some patterns in the data and determine the label for training supervised models

Do calculation of launches at each site

To calculation and occurrence of mission outcome per orbit type

Do calculation and occurrence of each orbit

Create a landing outcome label from Outcome column



[GitHub Link \(code\)](#)

# EDA with Data Visualization

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*For the Exploratory data analysis, following charts were used to gain more insights of the dataset and get a better outcome:*

## **1. Scatter Graphs**

*the relationship between Flight Number and Launch Site*

*the relationship between Payload and Launch Site*

*the relationship between FlightNumber and Orbit type*

*the relationship between Payload and Orbit type*

## **2. Bar Graph**

*the relationship between success rate of each orbit type*

*Success Rate of each orbit type*

## **3. Line Graph**

*the launch success yearly trend*

[GitHub Link \(code\)](#)

# EDA with SQL

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***By analyzing the SpaceX data set following task and questions were used to get better understanding the data***

- 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 successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved.
- 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 failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for 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

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***Interactive Map with Folium is helpful if you need to analyse geospatial data to perform and understand the impact of location close to the rocket launch***

- The following dataset with the name `spacex_launch_geo.csv` is an augmented dataset with latitude and longitude added for each site.
  - Dataframe `launch_outcomes` to classes 0 and 1 with **Green** and **Red** markers on the map in a `MarkerCluster` was added
  - Calculated distances between a launch site to its proximities or to various landmarks to find several trends and patterns.

*The Interactive Map with Folium helped the project to answer following questions:*

- Are launch sites in close proximity to railways? **YES**
- Are launch sites in close proximity to highways? **YES**
- Are launch sites in close proximity to coastline? **YES**
- Do launch sites keep certain distance away from cities? **YES**

[GitHub Link \(code\)](#)

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

*PIE CHART – showing the total success for all sites/by certain launch site*

- Percentage of success in relation to launch site

*SCATTER GRAPH – showing a correlation between Payload and success for all sites/by certain launch site*

- It shows the relationship between success rate and booster version category
- It is a good method to show a non-linear pattern
- The range of data flow, i.e. maximum and minimum value would be determined

*Dashboard was created to solve following tasks:*

- |  |                                       |
|--|---------------------------------------|
| ➤ Which site has the largest successful launches ?         | Result: KSC LC-39A with 10            |
| ➤ Which site has the highest launch success rate?          | Result: KSC LC-39A with 76.9% success |
| ➤ Which payload range has the highest launch success rate? | Result: 2000-5000 KG                  |

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

Create a NumPy array from the column CLASS in DATA

```
In [5]: Y = data['Class'].to_numpy()
```

Standardize the data in

```
In [6]: # students get this
transform = preprocessing.StandardScaler()
X = preprocessing.StandardScaler().fit(X).transform(X)
```

Train\_Test\_Split data into training and test data sets

```
In [7]: X[0:5]
```

```
Out[7]: array([[ -1.71291154e+00, -1.94814463e-16, -6.53912840e-01,
```

Create a logistic regression

Calculate the accuracy on the test data

Create a support vector machine

Calculate the accuracy on the test data

Create a decision tree

Calculate the accuracy of decision tree algorithm

Create a k nearest neighbors

Find the algorithm performs best

```
In [8]: # Split data for training and testing data sets
from sklearn.model_selection import train_test_split
X_train, X_test, Y_train, Y_test = train_test_split(X, Y, test_size=0.2, random_state=2)
print('Train set:', X_train.shape, Y_train.shape)
print('Test set:', X_test.shape, Y_test.shape)
```

```
Train set: (72, 83) (72,)
```

```
Test set: (18, 83) (18,)
```

we can see we only have 18 test samples.

```
In [9]: Y_test.shape
```

```
Out[9]: (18,)
```

```
Out[32]:
```

	Algo Type	Accuracy Score	Test Data Accuracy Score
2	Decision Tree	0.876786	0.833333
3	KNN	0.848214	0.833333
1	SVM	0.848214	0.833333
0	Logistic Regression	0.846429	0.833333

```
In [33]: i = Model_Performance_df['Accuracy Score'].idxmax()
print('The best performing alogrithm is ' + Model_Performance_df['Algo Type'][i]
+ ' with score ' + str(Model_Performance_df['Accuracy Score'][i]))
```

```
The best performing alogrithm is Decision Tree with score 0.8767857142857143
```

# Results

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



Out[32]:

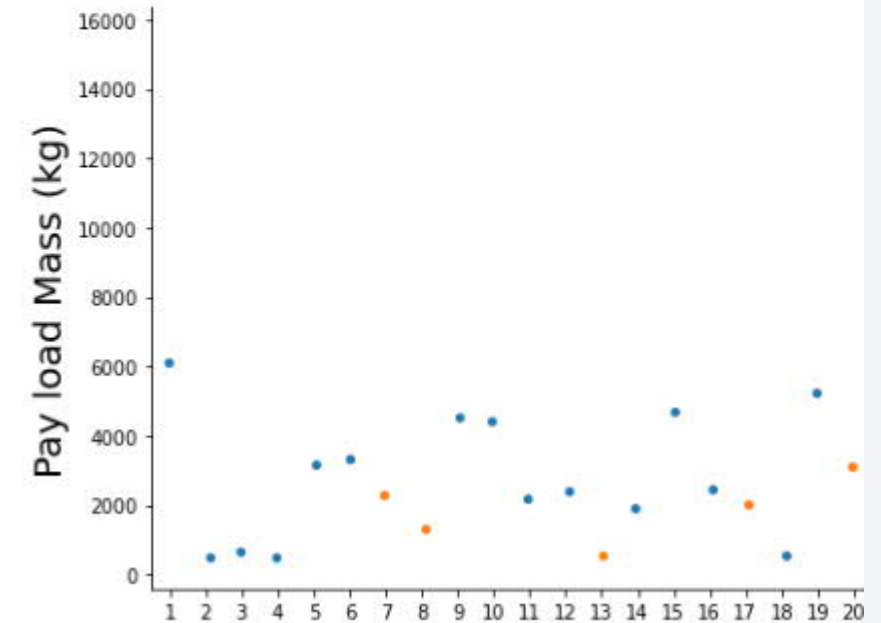
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```
: sns.catplot(y="PayloadMass", x="FlightNumber", hue="C")
plt.xlabel("Flight Number",fontsize=20)
plt.ylabel("Pay load Mass (kg)",fontsize=20)
plt.show()
```





The background of the slide is a complex, abstract composition. It features a dark blue base color. Overlaid on this are numerous diagonal streaks and bands of lighter blue and vibrant red. These streaks vary in thickness and intensity, creating a sense of motion and depth. A faint, white grid pattern is also visible, particularly in the upper right quadrant, where it intersects with the colored streaks. The overall effect is a high-tech, digital aesthetic.

Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA

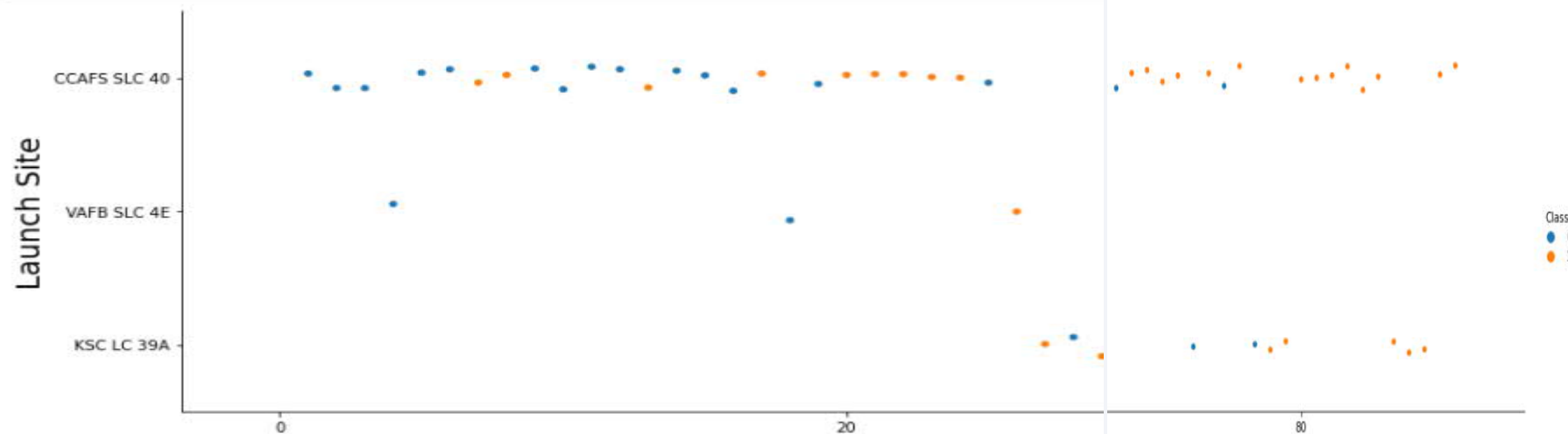


# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

## Conclusion:

- With higher flights numbers the success rate for the rocket is increasing
- For launch site KSC LC 39 A it takes at least 30 launches before a first successful launch

```
In [4]: # Plot a scatter point chart with x axis to be Flight Number and y axis to be t
sns.catplot(y="LaunchSite", x="FlightNumber", hue="Class", data=df, aspect = 5)
plt.xlabel("Flight Number", fontsize=20)
plt.ylabel("Launch Site", fontsize=20)
plt.show()
```

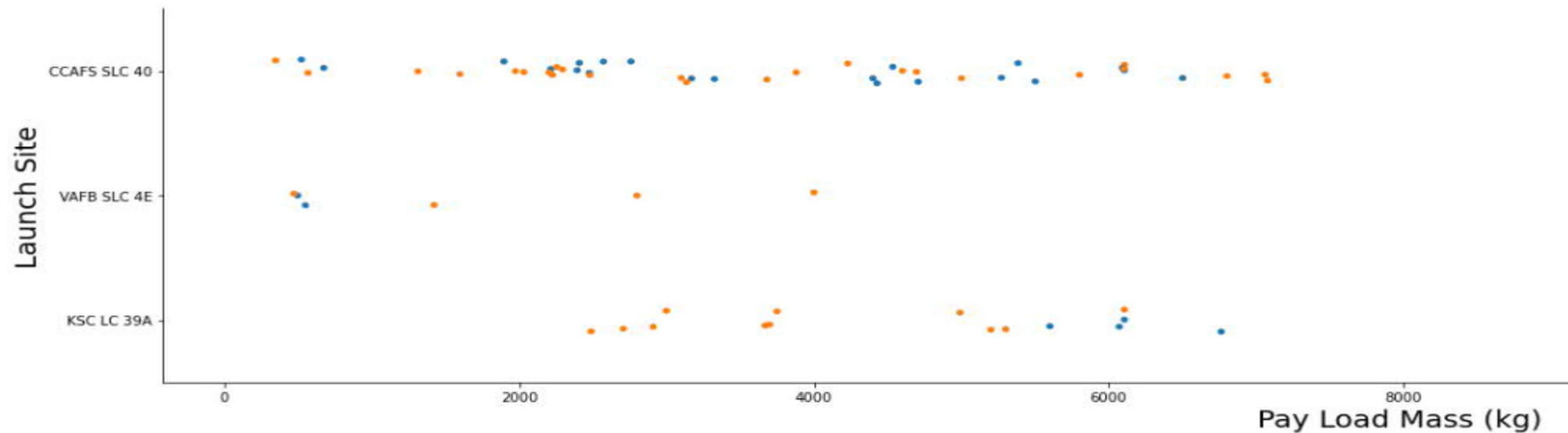


# Payload vs. Launch Site

Observation if there is any relationship between launch sites and their payload mass:

- for launch site, there are no rockets launched for payload greater than 10 000KG
- no correlation between launch site and payload mass

```
In [5]: # Plot a scatter point chart with x axis to be Pay Load Mass (kg) and y axis to be the launch site, and hue to be the class val
sns.catplot(y="LaunchSite", x="PayloadMass", hue="Class", data=df, aspect = 5)
plt.xlabel("Pay Load Mass (kg)", fontsize=20)
plt.ylabel("Launch Site", fontsize=20)
plt.show()
```



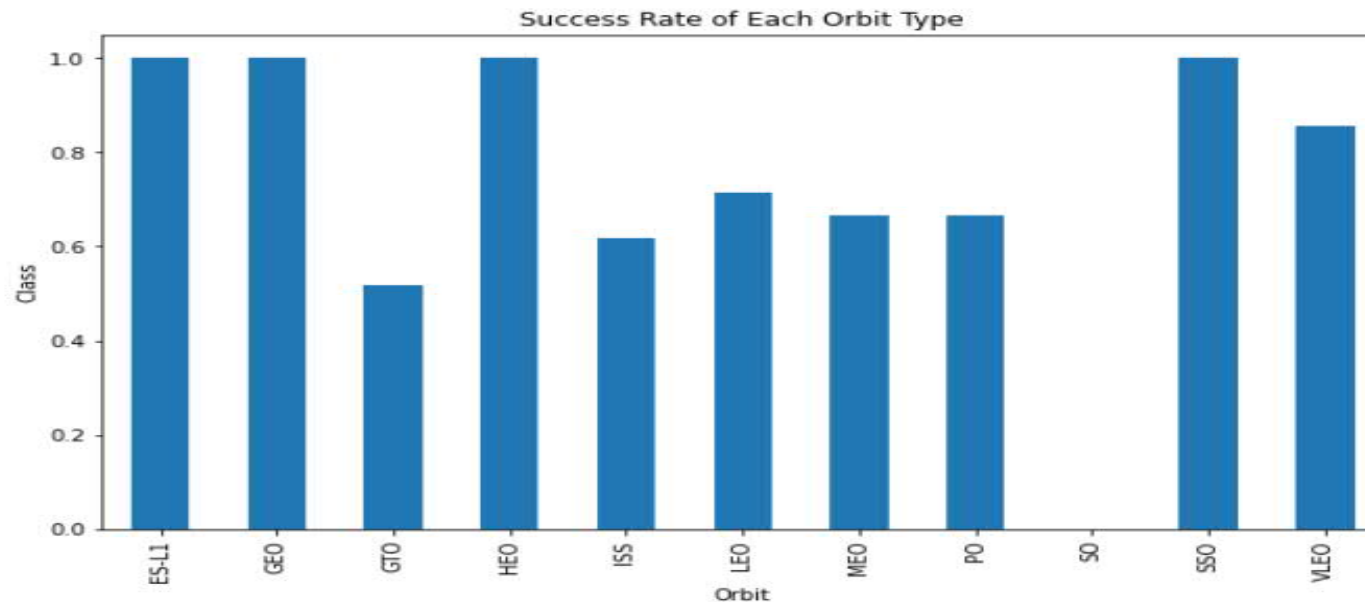
# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

- ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO has highest success rate
- GTO orbit has the lowest success rate

```
In [6]: # HINT use groupby method on Orbit column and get the mean of Class column
df_bar = df.groupby(['Orbit'])['Class'].mean()
df_bar.plot(kind='bar', figsize=(10, 6))

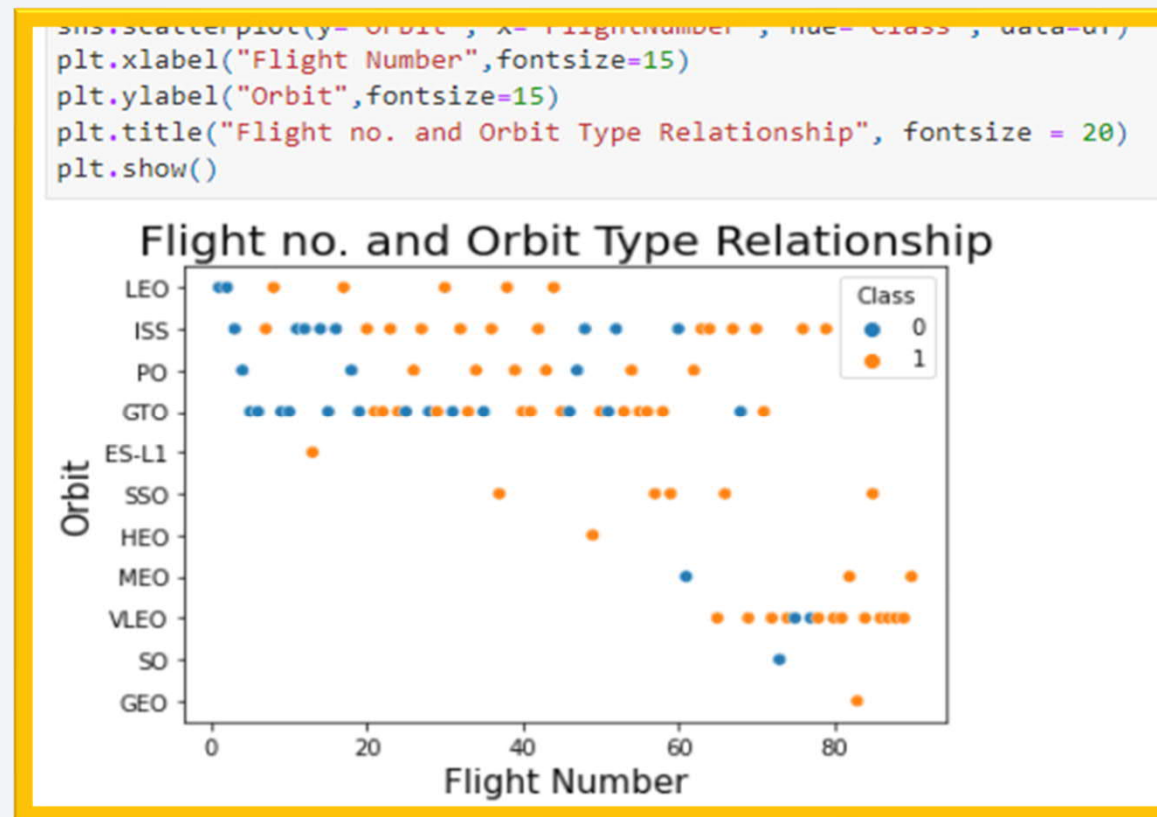
plt.xlabel('Orbit') # add to x-label to the plot
plt.ylabel('Class') # add y-label to the plot
plt.title('Success Rate of Each Orbit Type') # add title to the plot

plt.show()
```



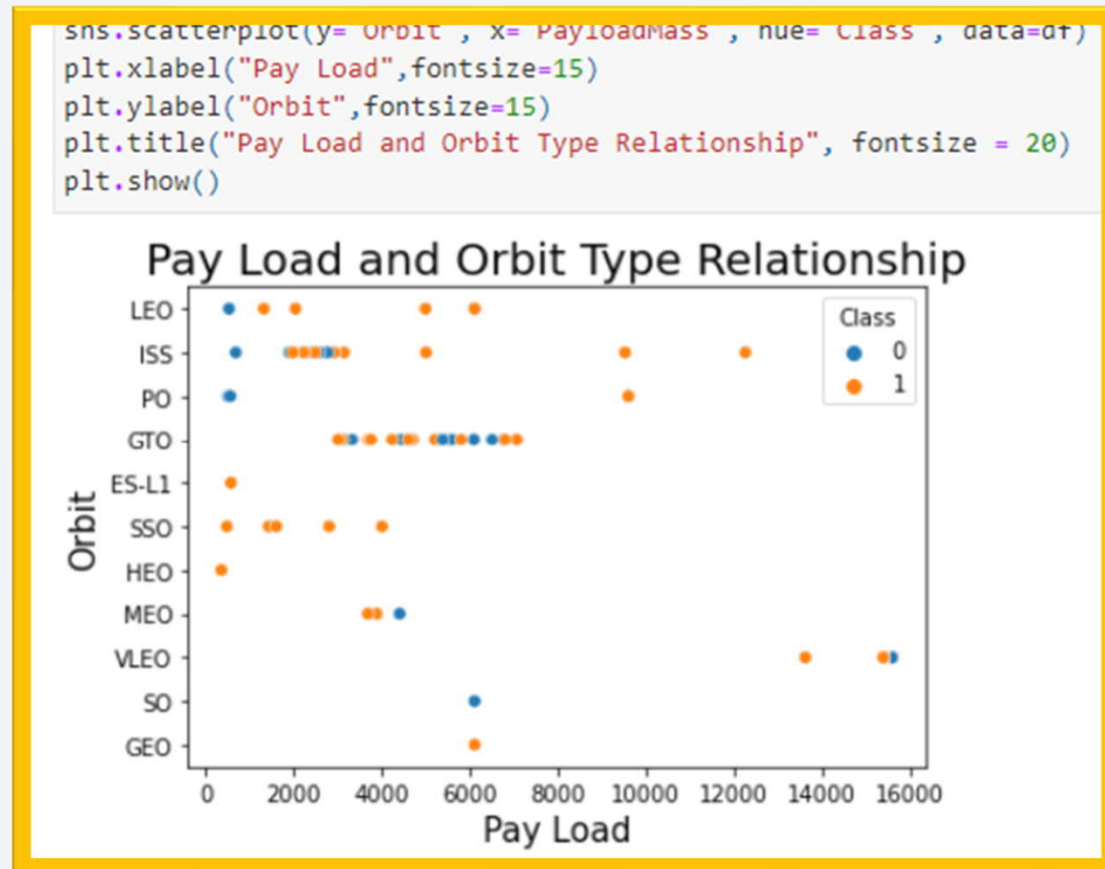
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- No relationship between flight number and orbit for GTO
- For most orbits LEO, ISS, PO, VLEO successful landing rates appear to increase with flight number



# Payload vs. Orbit Type

- GEO orbit no relationship between payload and orbit for successful landing
- Successful landing rates increasing with pay load features for following orbits  
LEO, ISS, PO, SSO

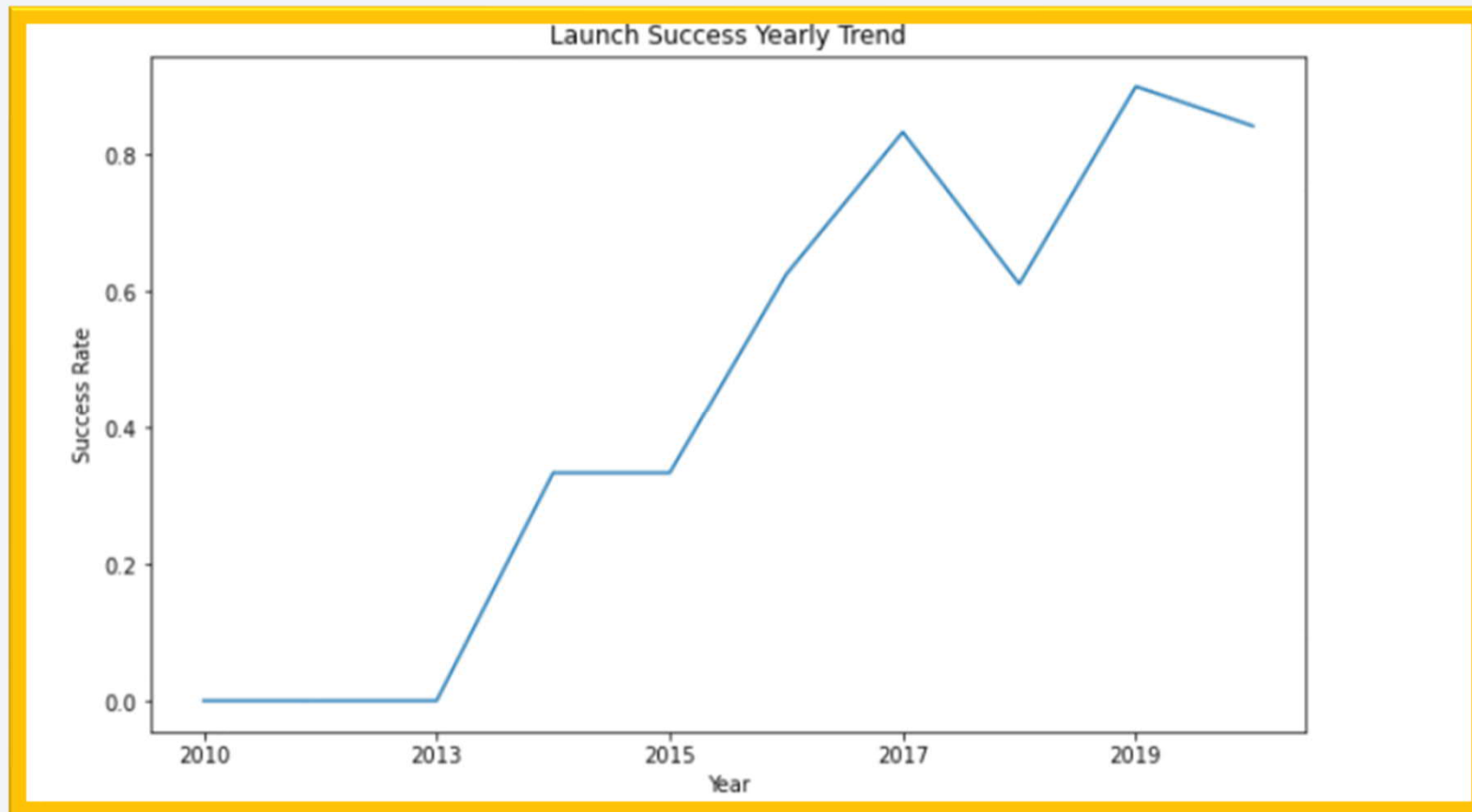




# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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- The success rate was since 2013 and 2020 about 80% kept significantly increasing
- But success rate decreases between 2017 and 2018, however 2019 and 2020 as well

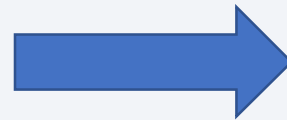


# All Launch Site Names

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*There are four unique launch sites*

```
In [5]: %%sql
select distinct Launch_Site from spacextbl
```



## Unique Launch Sites

launch\_site

CCAFS LC-40

CCAFS SLC-40

KSC LC-39A

VAFB SLC-4E

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

Query:

In [6]: %%sql

```
select * from spacextbl where Launch_Site LIKE 'CCA%' limit 5;
```

Description:

- Select top limit five, returns only five records
- `LIKE` query and format `CCA%` returns where `Launch\_Site` column beginn with CCA

launch_site	payload	payload_mass_kg	orbit	customer	mission_outcome	landing_outcome
CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of Brouere cheese	0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	Failure (parachute)
CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

# Total Payload Mass

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SQL QUERY

```
In [7]: %%sql
select sum(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) from spacextbl where Customer = 'NASA (CRS)'
```

Outcome

45596

*QUERY Explanation*

Using the function `sum` adds column PAYLOAD\_MASS\_KG

The WHERE function filters the dataset `NASA (CRS)`

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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SQL QUERY

```
In [8]: %%sql
select avg(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) from spacextbl where Booster_Version LIKE 'F9 v1.1';
```

Outcome

2928

QUERY Explanation

`avg` function returns  
the average of payload  
in the column  
PAYLOAD\_MASS\_KG



# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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*SQL QUERY*

```
In [9]: %%sql
select min(Date) as min_date from spacextbl where Landing_Outcome = 'Success (ground pad)';
```

*Outcome*

Min\_date  
2015-12-22

*QUERY Explanation*

`min` (Data) functions works by selecting the minimum date in the column DATE

# Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

## SQL QUERY

```
In [10]: %%sql
select Booster_Version from spacextbl where (PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ > 4000 and PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ < 6000)
and (Landing_Outcome = 'Success (drone ship)');
```

## QUERY Explanation

Using only Booster\_Version

Where function filters the dataset from Landing\_Outcome = Success (drone ship) and both conditions are true

## Outcome

booster_version
F9 FT B1022
F9 FT B1026
F9 FT B1021.2
F9 FT B1031.2

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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SQL QUERY

```
In [11]: %%sql
select Mission_Outcome, count(Mission_Outcome) as counts from spacextbl group by Mission_Outcome;
```

Outcome

mission_outcome	counts
Failure (in flight)	1
Success	99
Success (payload status unclear)	1

*QUERY Explanation*

Group by function arranges data in a column group

Mission\_Outcome are grouped in column `counts`

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

*SQL Query*

```
In [12]: %%sql
select Booster_Version, PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ from spacextb1 where PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ = (select max(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) from spacextb1);
```

*Outcome*

booster_version	payload_mass_kg_
F9 B5 B1048.4	15600
F9 B5 B1049.4	15600
F9 B5 B1051.3	15600
F9 B5 B1056.4	15600
F9 B5 B1048.5	15600
F9 B5 B1051.4	15600
F9 B5 B1049.5	15600
F9 B5 B1060.2	15600
F9 B5 B1058.3	15600
F9 B5 B1051.6	15600
F9 B5 B1060.3	15600
F9 B5 B1049.7	15600

QUERY Explanation

By using the function `max` the query search the maximum payload mass

The function booster\_version returns mass maximum with value of 15600

# 2015 Launch Records

## SQL Query

```
In [13]: %%sql
select Landing_Outcome, Booster_Version, Launch_Site from spacextbl where Landing_Outcome = 'Failure (drone ship)' and year(Date) = '2015'
```

## Outcome

landing__outcome	booster_version	launch_site
Failure (drone ship)	F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40
Failure (drone ship)	F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40

## Query Explanation

The `year` function extracts a year from column `Date`

The function or query `landing outcome`, `booster version` and `launch site` showing where the landing outcome is failed during the period in 2015

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

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Query



```
In [14]: %%sql
select Landing__Outcome, count(*) as LandingCounts from spacextbl where Date between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20'
group by Landing__Outcome
order by count(*) desc;
```

Outcome



landing__outcome	landingcounts
No attempt	10
Failure (drone ship)	5
Success (drone ship)	5
Success (ground pad)	5
Controlled (ocean)	3
Uncontrolled (ocean)	2
Failure (parachute)	1
Precluded (drone ship)	1

Query explanation

*Count* - function counts records in column

*Group by* – arranges the data into groups

*AND* - conditions

*Order by* – arranges in descending order

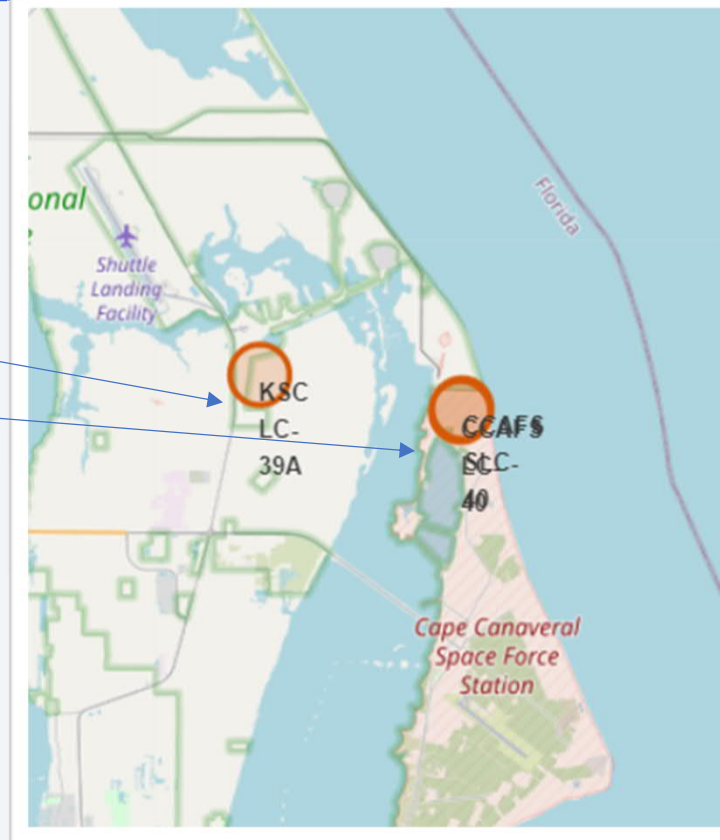
A satellite view of Earth from space, showing the curvature of the planet and city lights at night. The image is a composite of a dark blue sky and a view of the Earth's surface, which is covered in a dense network of city lights and clouds. The lights are concentrated in the lower right portion of the image, while the upper left portion shows a clear blue sky.

Section 3

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis



# SITE\_MAP



- Figures shows the Global map where Falcon 9 launch sites are located in USA. By the way all launch sites are close to the coast
- Another Figures shows zoomed the launch sites:

VAFB SLC-4E

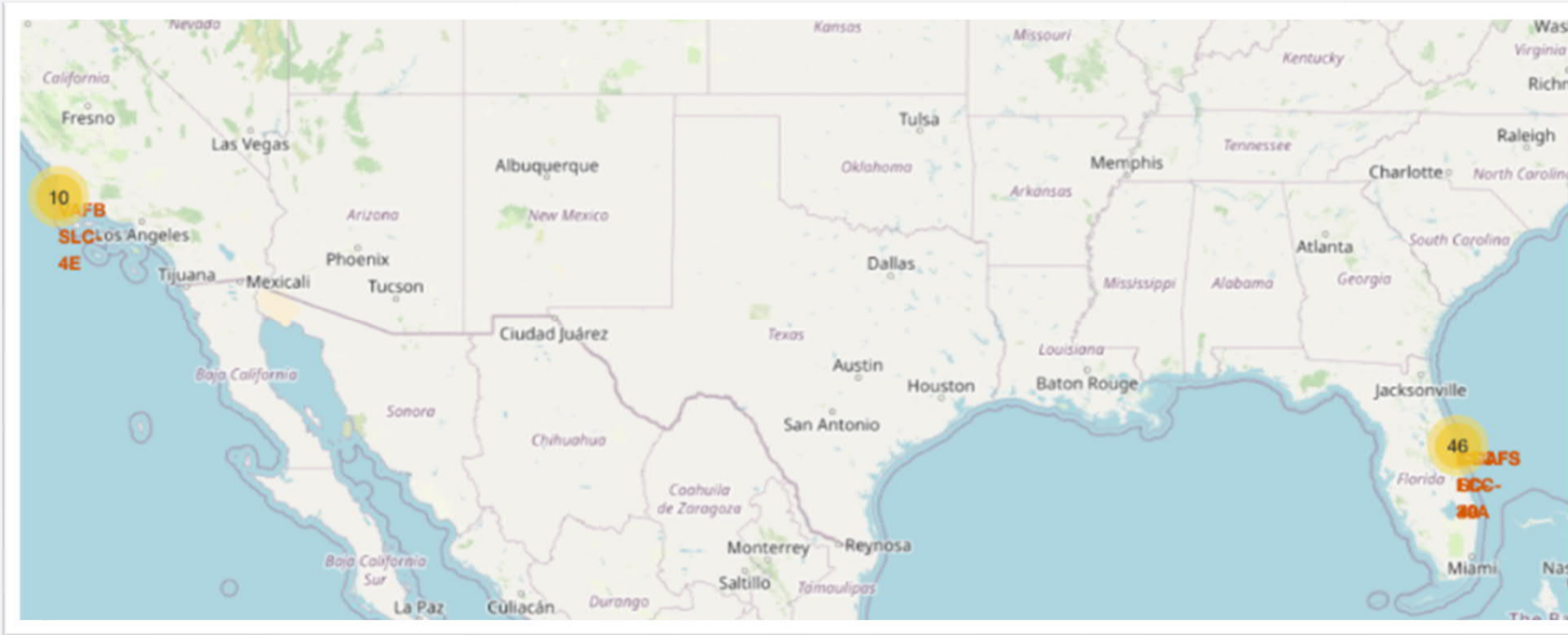
CCAFS LC-40

KSC LC-39A

CCAFS SLC-40

# All launch sites in USA

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*All launch sites are in USA, Florida and California*

# SpaceX Falcon9-Success and Failed launch sites labelled markers

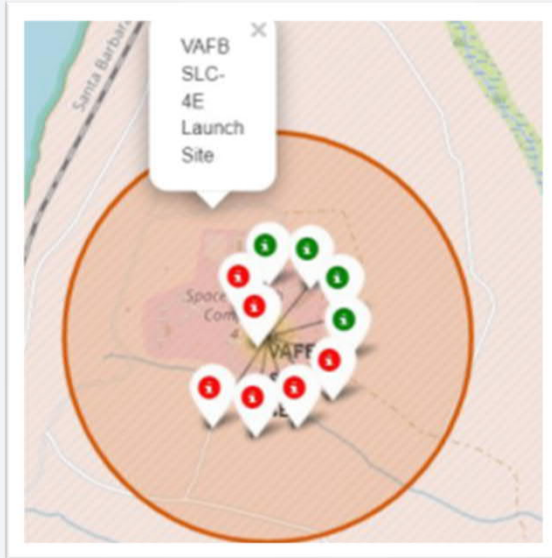


Figure 1

Shows successful (green marker) and failed (red markers) launches of the VAFB SLC-4E launch site CALIFORNIA

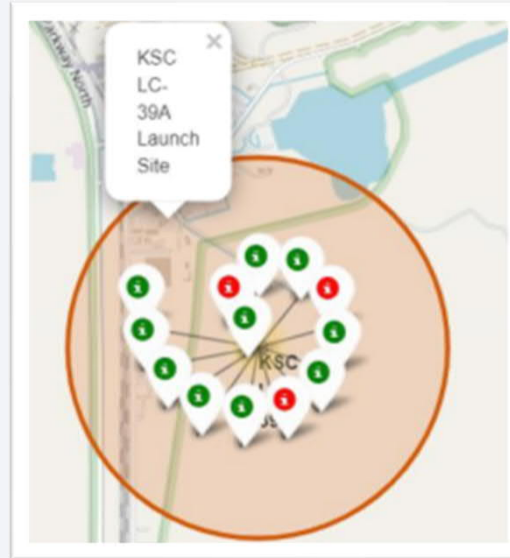


Figure 2

Shows successful (green marker) and failed (red markers) launches of the KSC-LC-39A launch site FLORIDA

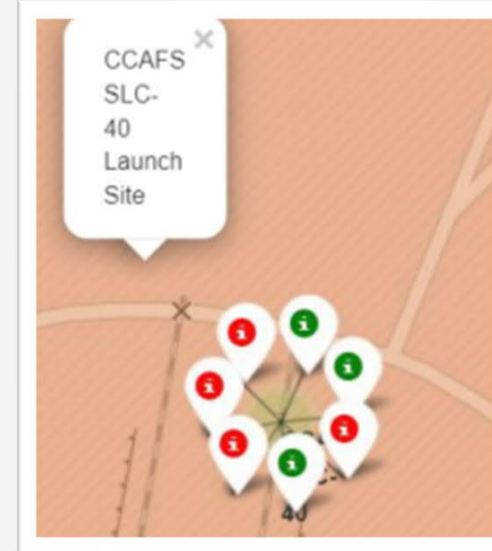


Figure 3

Shows successful (green marker) and failed (red markers) launches of the CCAFS-SLC-40 launch site FLORIDA

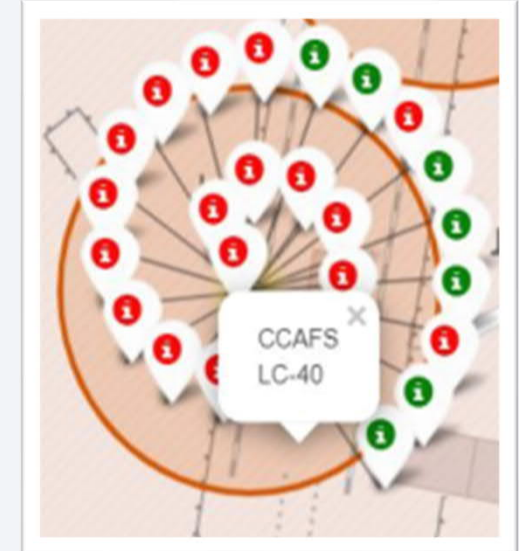


Figure 4

Shows successful (green marker) and failed (red markers) launches of the CCAFS LC-40 launch site FLORIDA



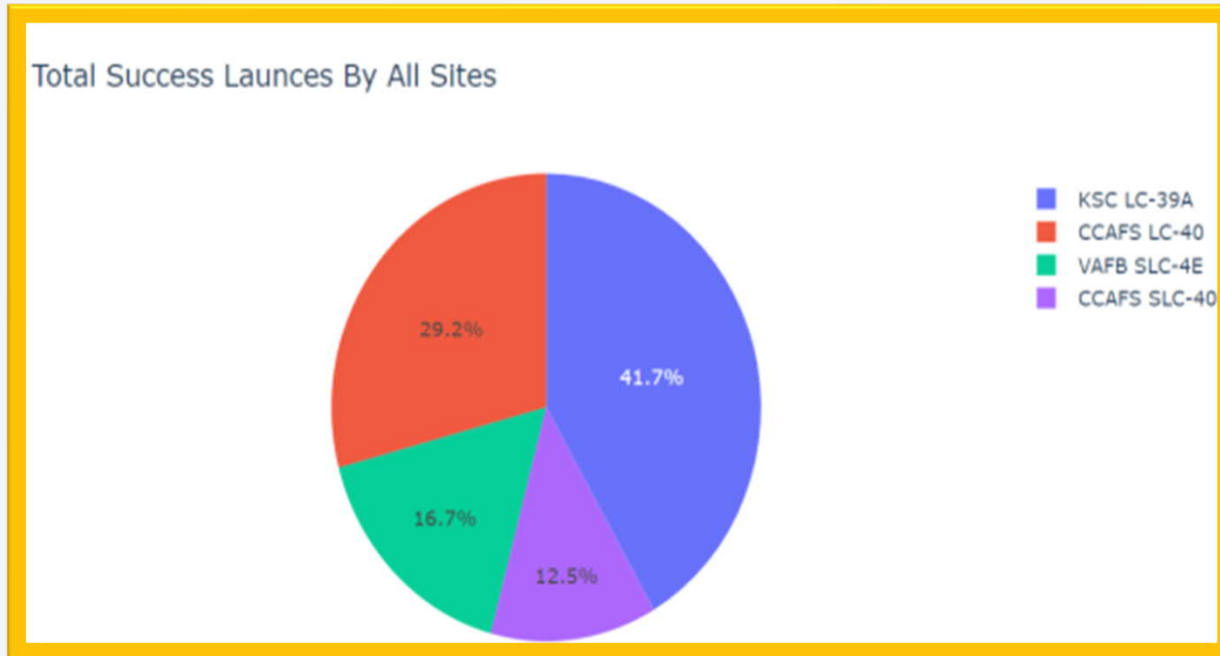


Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Dashboard showing the success of each launch site

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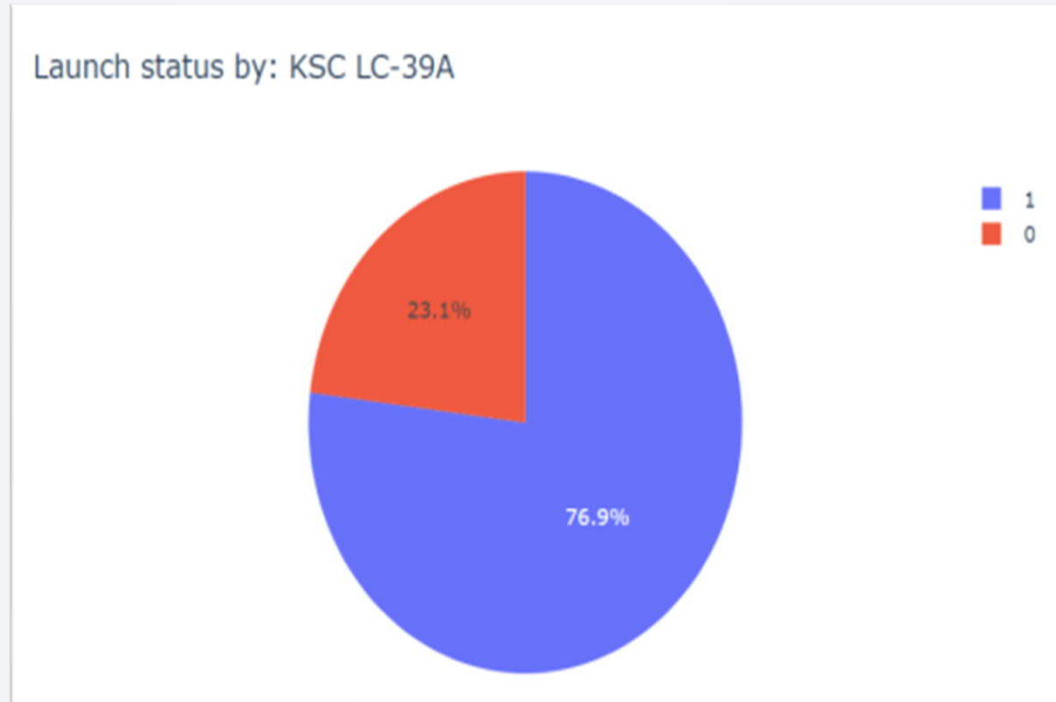


## *Results:*

KSC LC-39A has a highest succesful rate by all sites

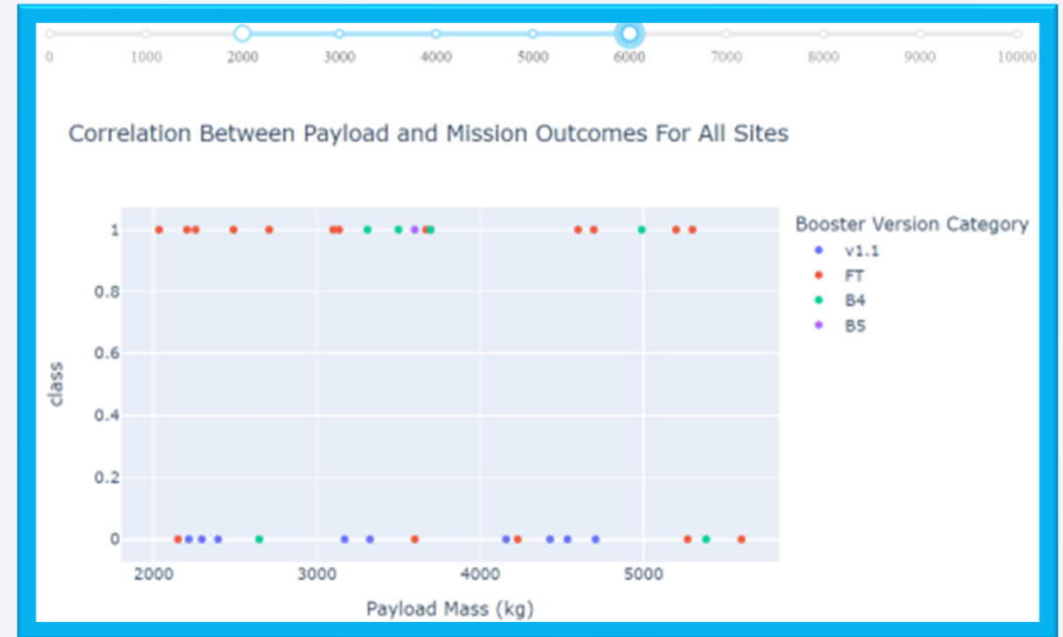
# Dashboard – Launch site with a highest launch success ratio

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KSC LC-39A has a 76.9% success rate.  
However the failure rate is by 23.1%

# Payload versus Launch Outcome Scatter Plot for all sites



## Results:

*In the payload from 2000 between 5500 range are most successful launches*

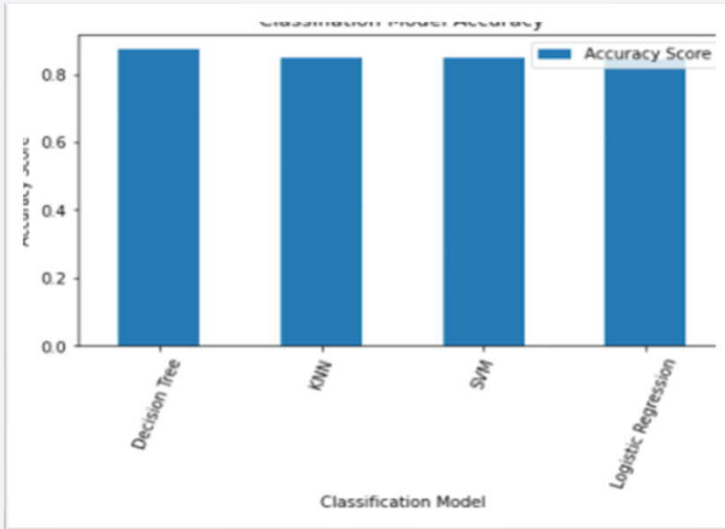




Section 5

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy



## Results:

Decision Tree machine learning algorithm has a best fit to our model accuracy score with a value of 0.87

Out[32]:

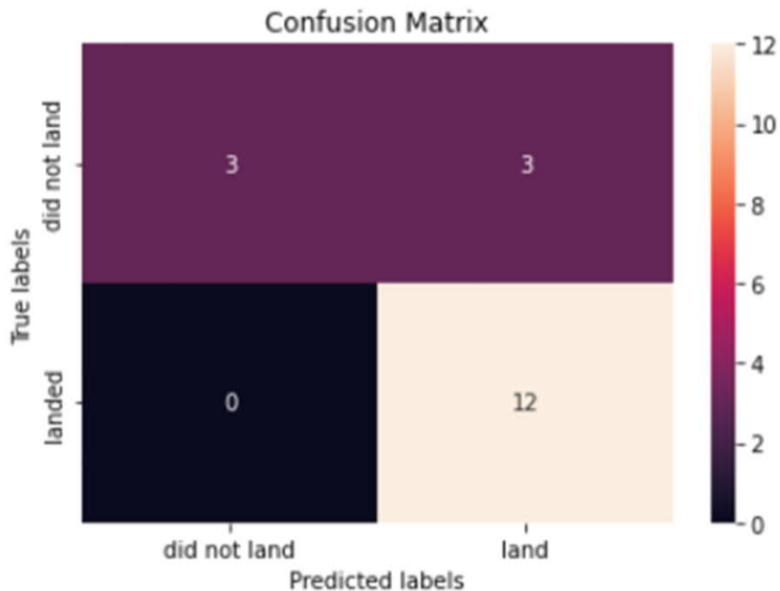
	Algo Type	Accuracy Score	Test Data Accuracy Score
2	Decision Tree	0.876786	0.833333
3	KNN	0.848214	0.833333
1	SVM	0.848214	0.833333
0	Logistic Regression	0.846429	0.833333

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In [33]: i = Model_Performance_df['Accuracy Score'].idxmax()
print('The best performing algorithm is ' + Model_Performance_df['Algo Type'][i]
      + ' with score ' + str(Model_Performance_df['Accuracy Score'][i]))
```

The best performing algorithm is Decision Tree with score 0.8767857142857143

# Confusion Matrix

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In [19]: yhat=svm_cv.predict(X_test)
plot_confusion_matrix(Y_test,yhat)
```



## *Results:*

- By analyzing the confusion matrix we can see that classifier has been made 18 predictions
- The confusion matrix has been build for models
- Three situations has been predicted NO for landing and TRUE positive
- Three situations has been predicted YES for landing, however they could not land successfully

# Conclusions

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- *The best performing algorithm Decision Tree with score 0.876 (87.5%)*
- *Lunch sites are located for a purpose close to the coast areas (avoiding public areas)*
- *Launch success rate increased during the 2013 to 2020 period by 80%*
- *Orbits ES-L 1, GEO, HEO, SSO are being the highest success rates, however orbit GTO has the lowest success rate*

# Appendix

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➤ IBM Watson Studio Notebook

➤ Python code



Thank you!

