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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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- Data Collection is done using SpaceX API and Webscrapping
- Exploratory Data Analysis is done with Visualization and SQL
- Launch sites are located on map and launch outcomes at each site are marked
- Interactive plots are generated using Plotly dash
- Classifier models, log Regression, SVM, Decision Tree and KNN are built and tested for best prediction accuracy

# Introduction

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## **Project background and context**

- This Project uses data analysis to determine if the first stage of Falcon-9 launched by SpaceX will safely land. The successful landing of the first stage enables reusing the launcher and can end up cutting launch cost to half or even more.

## **Problems to answer**

- What factors are capable of affecting the landing outcome?
- Does individual site location has any effect on landing outcome?
- What is the best classifier model to predict the landing outcome of Falcon9 first stage?



Section 1

# Methodology

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## Data collection

- SpaceX API
- [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Falcon\\_9\\_and\\_Falcon\\_Heavy\\_launches](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Falcon_9_and_Falcon_Heavy_launches)

## Data Wrangling

- Convert data into meaningful and understanding form
- Taking care of missing data

# Methodology

## **Exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL**

### **Interactive visual analytics using Folium**

- Understanding geographical patterns about launch sites.

### **Interactive visual analytics using Plotly Dash**

- Interactive visual analytics on SpaceX launch data in real-time.
- Pie chart and Payload mass Slider to visualize success and failure data of all sites or for individual site

### **Predictive analysis using classification models**

- Logarithmic Regression
- Support Vector Machine
- Decision Tree
- K Nearest Neighbour

# Data Collection

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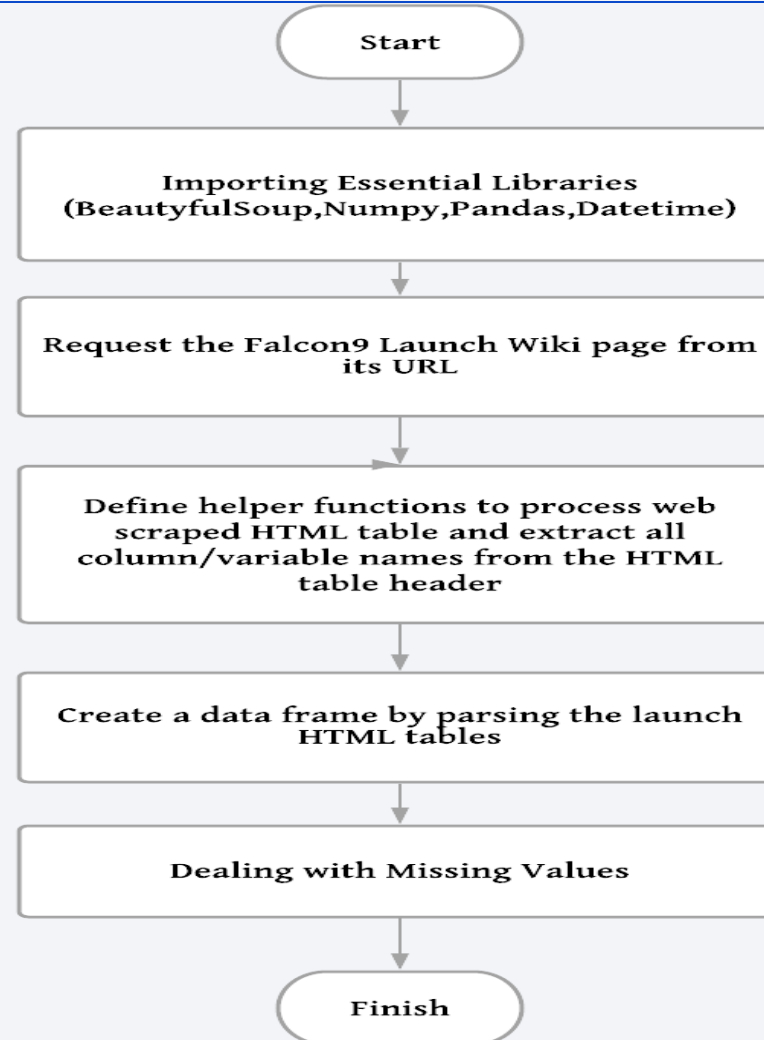
- Request to the SpaceX API
- Webscraping the wikipedia page:
  - [https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List\\_of\\_Falcon\\_9\\_and\\_Falcon\\_Heavy\\_launches](https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/List_of_Falcon_9_and_Falcon_Heavy_launches)
- SpaceX API requests are used to get information on rocket, payloads, launchpad, and cores to make data consistent.
- Collected data is filtered for only Falcon 9 launches
- Missing values of Payload masses are replaced by mean of all payload masses



# Data Collection – SpaceX API

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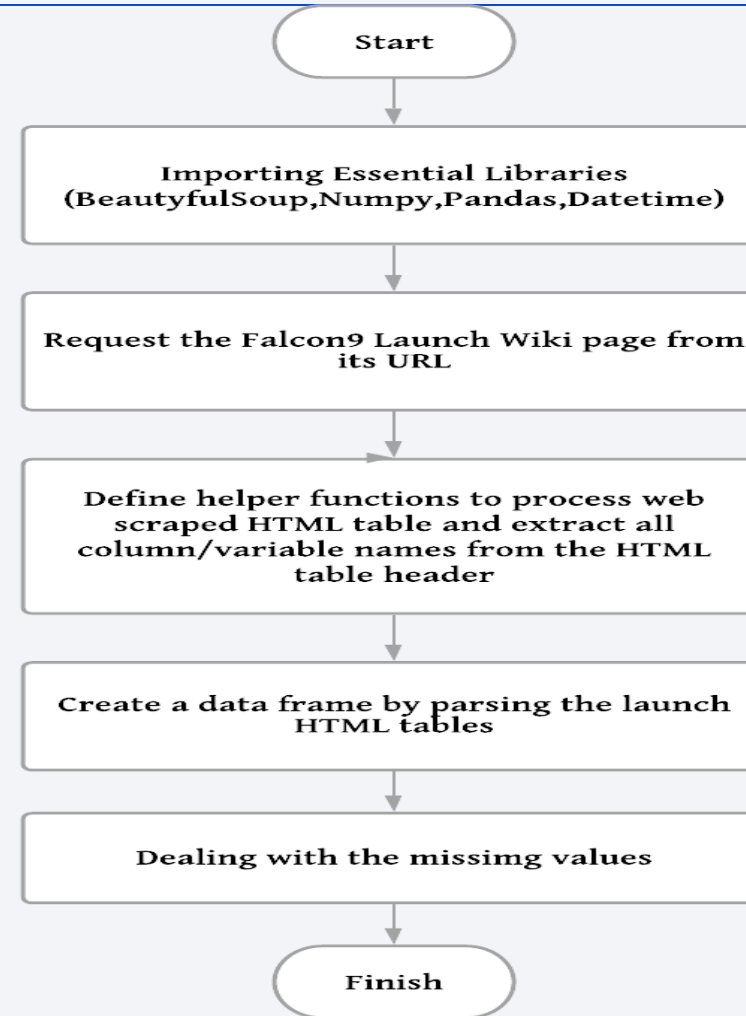
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# Data Collection - Scrapping

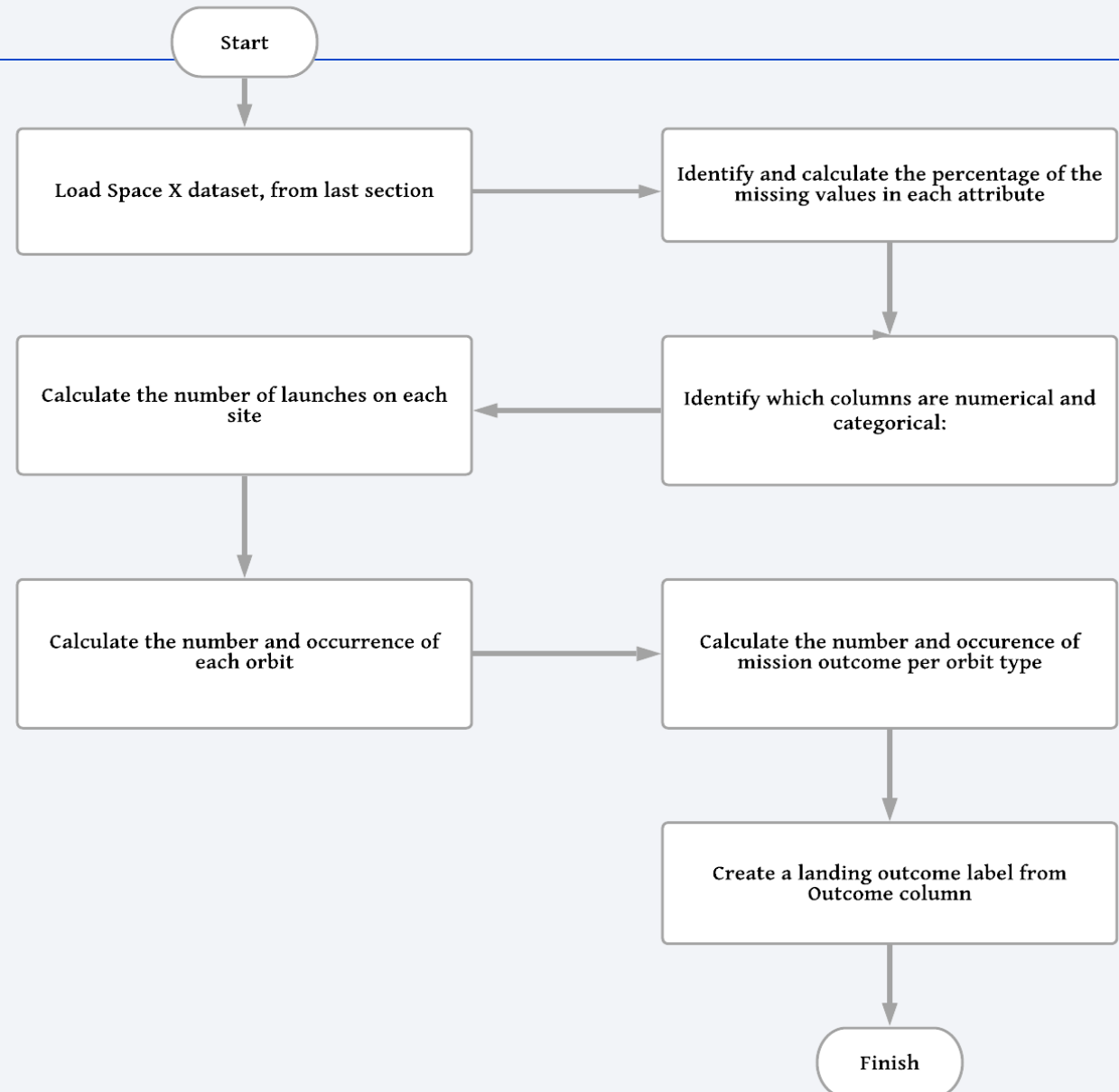
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# Data Wrangling

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# EDA with Data Visualization

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- [https://github.com/Megha1210/Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/Capstone%20Project\\_%20EDA%20with%20Data%20Visualization.ipynb](https://github.com/Megha1210/Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/Capstone%20Project_%20EDA%20with%20Data%20Visualization.ipynb)
- Relationship between Flight Number and Launch Site
- Relationship between Payload and Launch Site
- Relationship between success rate of each orbit type
- Relationship between Flight Number and Orbit type
- Relationship between Payload and Orbit type
- Launch success yearly trend

# EDA with SQL

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- [https://github.com/Megha1210/Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/Capstone%20Project %20EDA%20with%20SQL SOLVED.ipynb](https://github.com/Megha1210/Data-Science-Capstone-Project/blob/main/Capstone%20Project%20EDA%20with%20SQL%20SOLVED.ipynb)

## SQL queries performed

- `SELECT UNIQUE(LAUNCH_SITE) FROM SPACEXDATASET`
- `SELECT DATE, LAUNCH_SITE FROM SPACEXDATASET where LAUNCH_SITE like 'CCA%' LIMIT 5`
- `SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXDATASET where CUSTOMER='NASA (CRS)'`
- `SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXDATASET where BOOSTER_VERSION='F9 v1.1'`
- `SELECT MIN(DATE) FROM SPACEXDATASET where LANDING__OUTCOME='Success (ground pad)'`
- `SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION,PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_,LANDING__OUTCOME FROM SPACEXDATASET where LANDING__OUTCOME='Success (drone ship)' AND PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ BETWEEN 4000 AND 6000`



# EDA with SQL

- `SELECT COUNT(DATE) TOTAL, MISSION_OUTCOME FROM SPACEXDATASET  
GROUP BY MISSION_OUTCOME  
ORDER BY COUNT(DATE) DESC ;`
- `SELECT booster_version,PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ FROM SPACEXDATASET  
WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXDATASET);`
- `SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION,launch_site,LANDING__OUTCOME,DATE FROM SPACEXDATASET  
WHERE LANDING__OUTCOME='Failure (drone ship)' AND YEAR(DATE) = 2015`
- `SELECT COUNT(DATE) AS FREQUENCY, LANDING__OUTCOME FROM SPACEXDATASET  
WHERE DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20'  
GROUP BY LANDING__OUTCOME  
ORDER BY COUNT(DATE) DESC;`

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- The launch success rate may also depend on the location and proximities of a launch site, i.e., the initial position of rocket trajectories
- Following slides show launch site locations and launch outcomes for each site location.

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- **map objects to clearly visualize locations and proximities to Launch sites**
- **Folium object 'Circle' to point the site location** ex. for NASA Centre
  - `circle = folium.Circle(nasa_coordinate, radius=1000, color='#d35400', fill=True).add_child(folium.Popup('NASA Johnson Space Center'))`
- **Folium object 'Marker' to show name of the site location** ex. NASA Johnson Space Center's coordinate with a icon showing its name
  - `marker = folium.map.Marker(nasa_coordinate, icon=DivIcon(icon_size=(20,20), icon_anchor=(0,0), html='<div style="font-size: 12; color:#d35400;"><b>%s</b></div>' % 'NASA JSC',))`  
`site_map.add_child(circle)`  
`marker.add_to(site_map)`

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

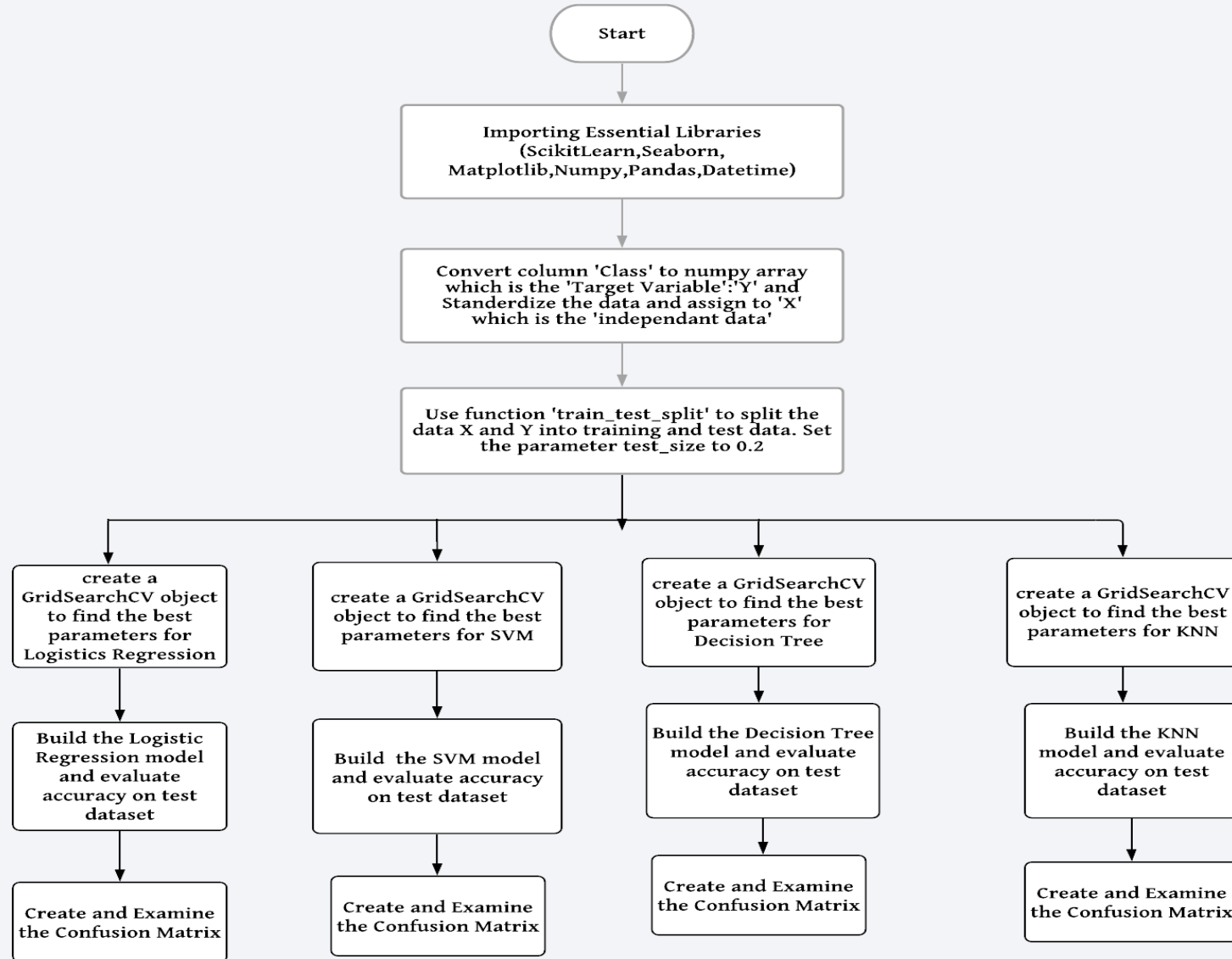
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# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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The background of the slide is an abstract composition. It features a solid blue area on the left side, which transitions into a dynamic pattern of diagonal streaks in shades of blue, red, and teal on the right. These streaks are layered over a faint, grid-like pattern, creating a sense of depth and movement.

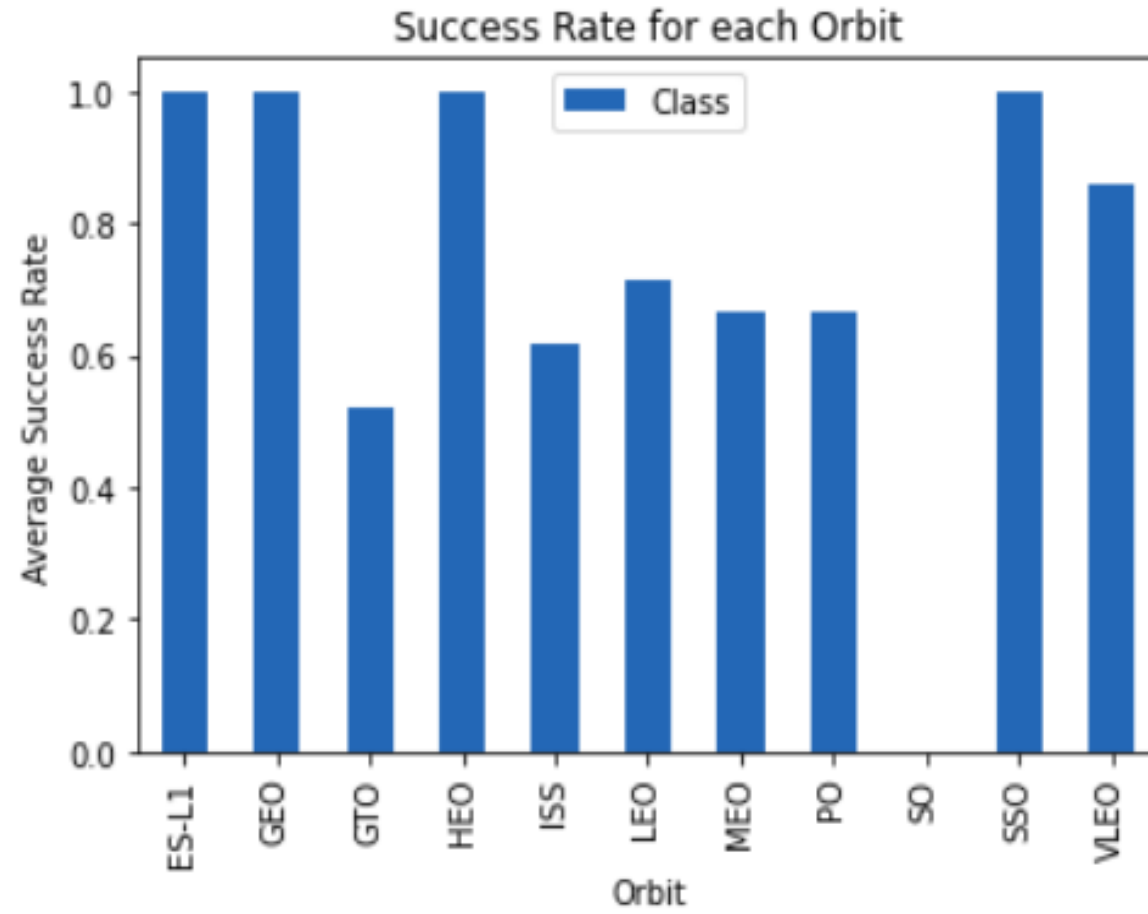
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# Insights drawn from EDA



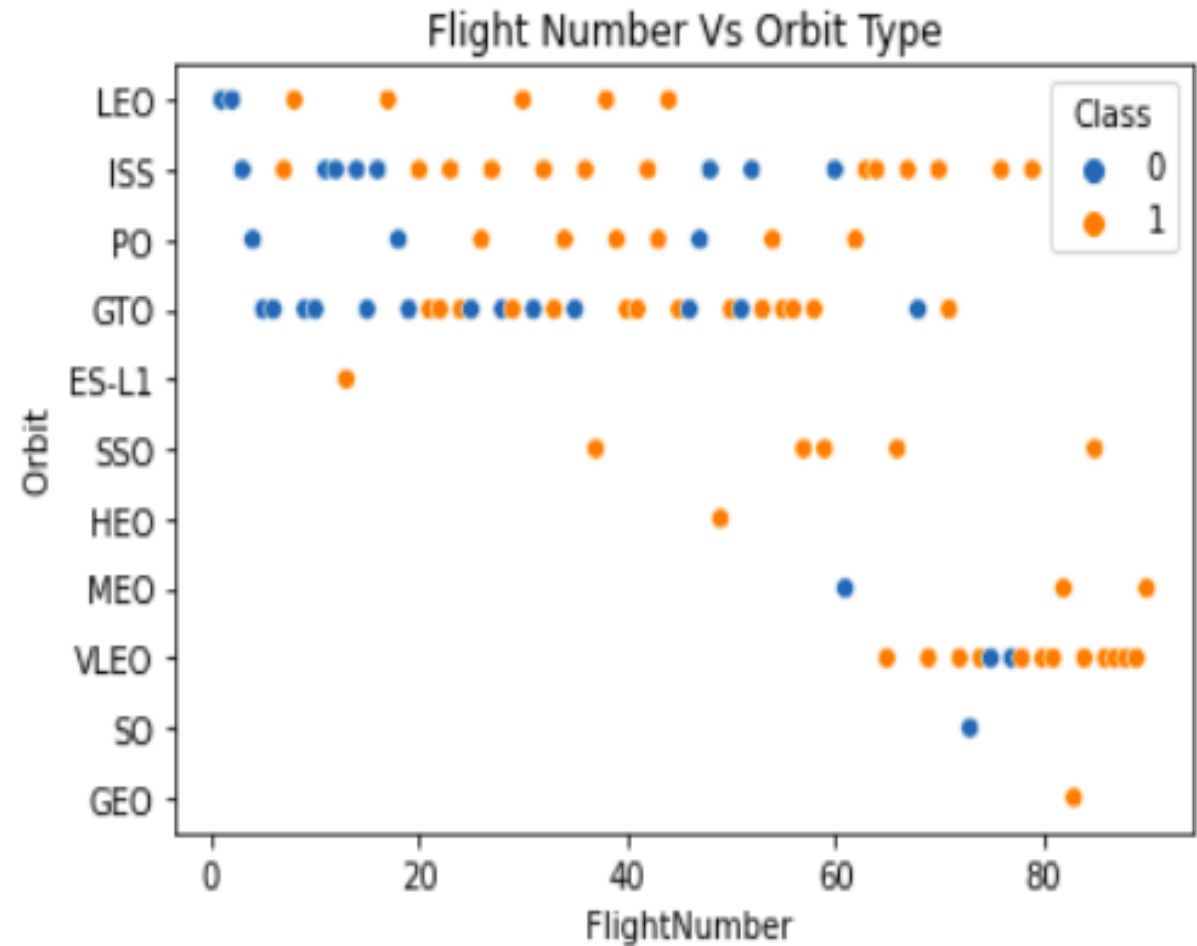
# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

- ES-L1, GEO, LEO, SSO orbits have highest success rate



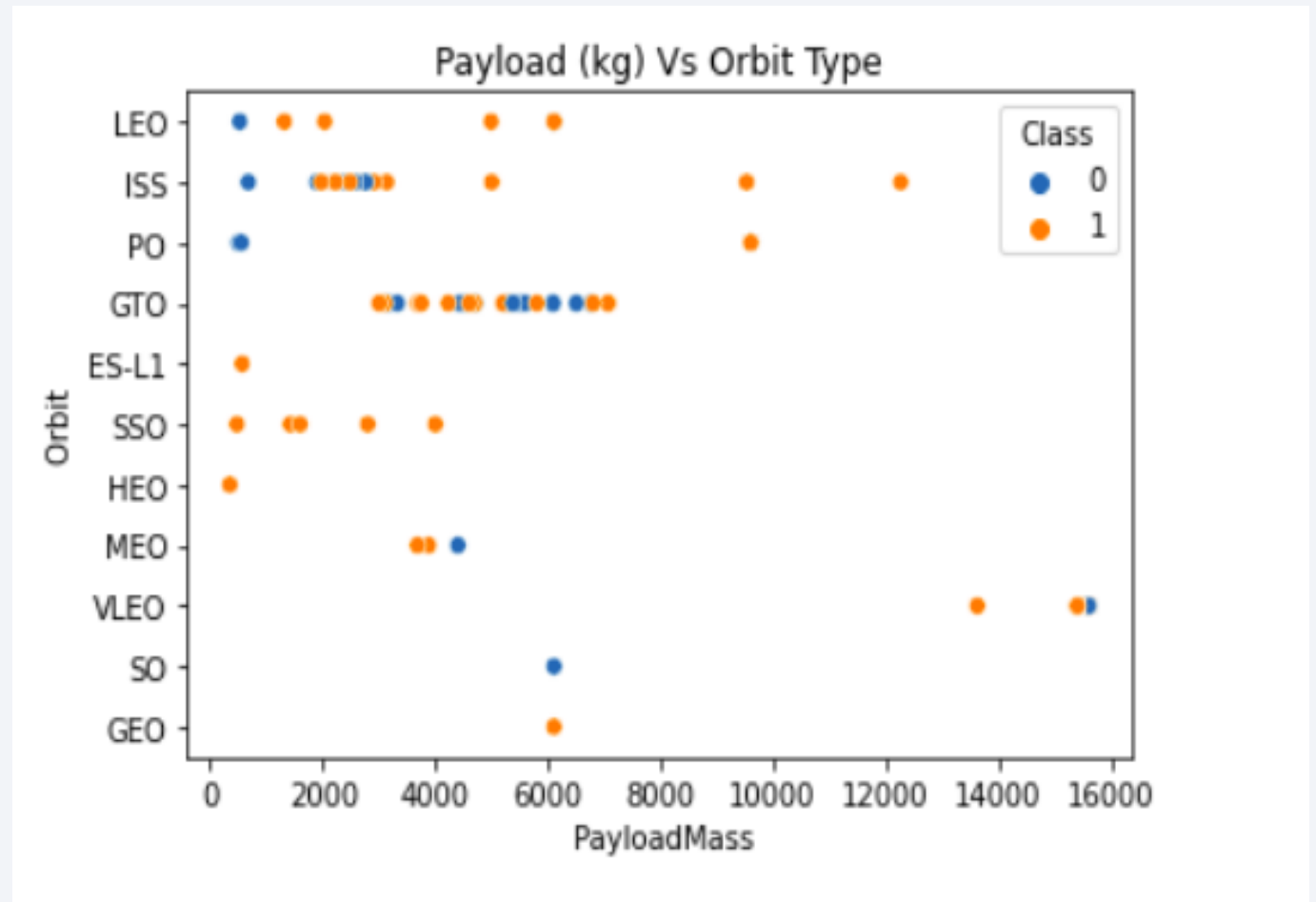
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- No clear relationship is established between Flight number and orbit types



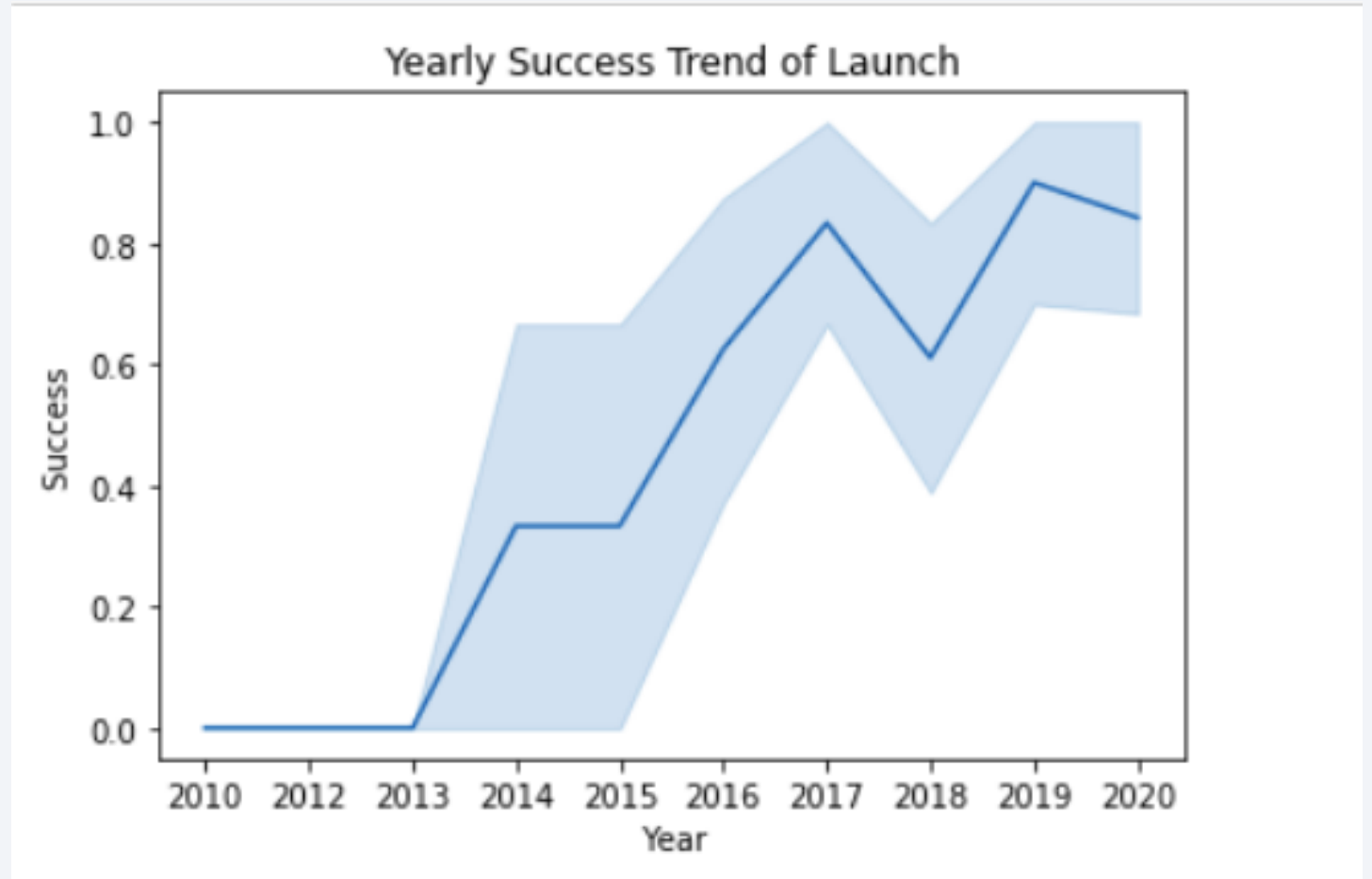
# Payload vs. Orbit Type

- Heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Polar, LEO and ISS however, GTO doesn't show any relation



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

- Success rate from year 2013 has kept increasing





# All Launch Site Names

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```
In [11]: %sql SELECT UNIQUE(LAUNCH_SITE) FROM SPACEXDATASET
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Done.
```

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Out[11]:
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launch_site
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CCAFS LC-40
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CCAFS SLC-40
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KSC LC-39A
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VAFB SLC-4E
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# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

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In [12]: %sql SELECT DATE, LAUNCH_SITE FROM SPACEXDATASET where LAUNCH_SITE like 'CCA%' LIMIT 5
```

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Done.
```

```
Out[12]:
```

DATE	launch_site
2010-06-04	CCAFS LC-40
2010-12-08	CCAFS LC-40
2012-05-22	CCAFS LC-40
2012-10-08	CCAFS LC-40
2013-03-01	CCAFS LC-40

# Total Payload Mass

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

```
In [13]: %sql SELECT SUM(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) FROM SPACEXDATASET where CUSTOMER='NASA (CRS)'
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Done.
```

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Out[13]:
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45596
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# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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

In [14]: %sql SELECT AVG(PAYLOAD\_MASS\_KG\_) FROM SPACEXDATASET where BOOSTER\_VERSION='F9 v1.1'

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Done.

Out[14]:

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# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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In [20]: %sql SELECT MIN(DATE) FROM SPACEXDATASET where LANDING\_\_OUTCOME='Success (ground pad)'

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Done.

Out[20]:

1

2015-12-22



# Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

```
In [22]: %%sql
SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION,PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_,LANDING__OUTCOME FROM SPACEXDATASET
where LANDING__OUTCOME='Success (drone ship)' AND PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ BETWEEN 4000 AND 6000

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Done.
```

```
Out[22]:
```

booster_version	payload_mass_kg_	landing__outcome
F9 FT B1022	4696	Success (drone ship)
F9 FT B1026	4600	Success (drone ship)
F9 FT B1021.2	5300	Success (drone ship)
F9 FT B1031.2	5200	Success (drone ship)

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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```
In [60]: %%sql
SELECT COUNT(DATE) TOTAL, MISSION_OUTCOME
FROM SPACEXDATASET
GROUP BY MISSION_OUTCOME
ORDER BY COUNT(DATE) DESC ;
```

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Done.
```

```
Out[60]:
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total	mission_outcome
99	Success
1	Failure (in flight)
1	Success (payload status unclear)

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

```
In [37]: %%sql
SELECT booster_version,PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) FROM SPACEXDATASET);

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Done.
```

```
Out[37]:
```

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

# 2015 Launch Records

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```
In [40]: %%sql
SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION, launch_site, LANDING__OUTCOME, DATE FROM SPACEXDATASET
where LANDING__OUTCOME='Failure (drone ship)' AND YEAR(DATE) = 2015

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Done.
```

```
Out[40]:
```

booster_version	launch_site	landing__outcome	DATE
F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)	2015-01-10
F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)	2015-04-14

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

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```
In [57]: %%sql
SELECT COUNT(DATE) AS FREQUENCY, LANDING__OUTCOME
FROM SPACEXDATASET
WHERE DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20'
GROUP BY LANDING__OUTCOME
ORDER BY COUNT(DATE) DESC;
```

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Done.
```

```
Out[57]:
```

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

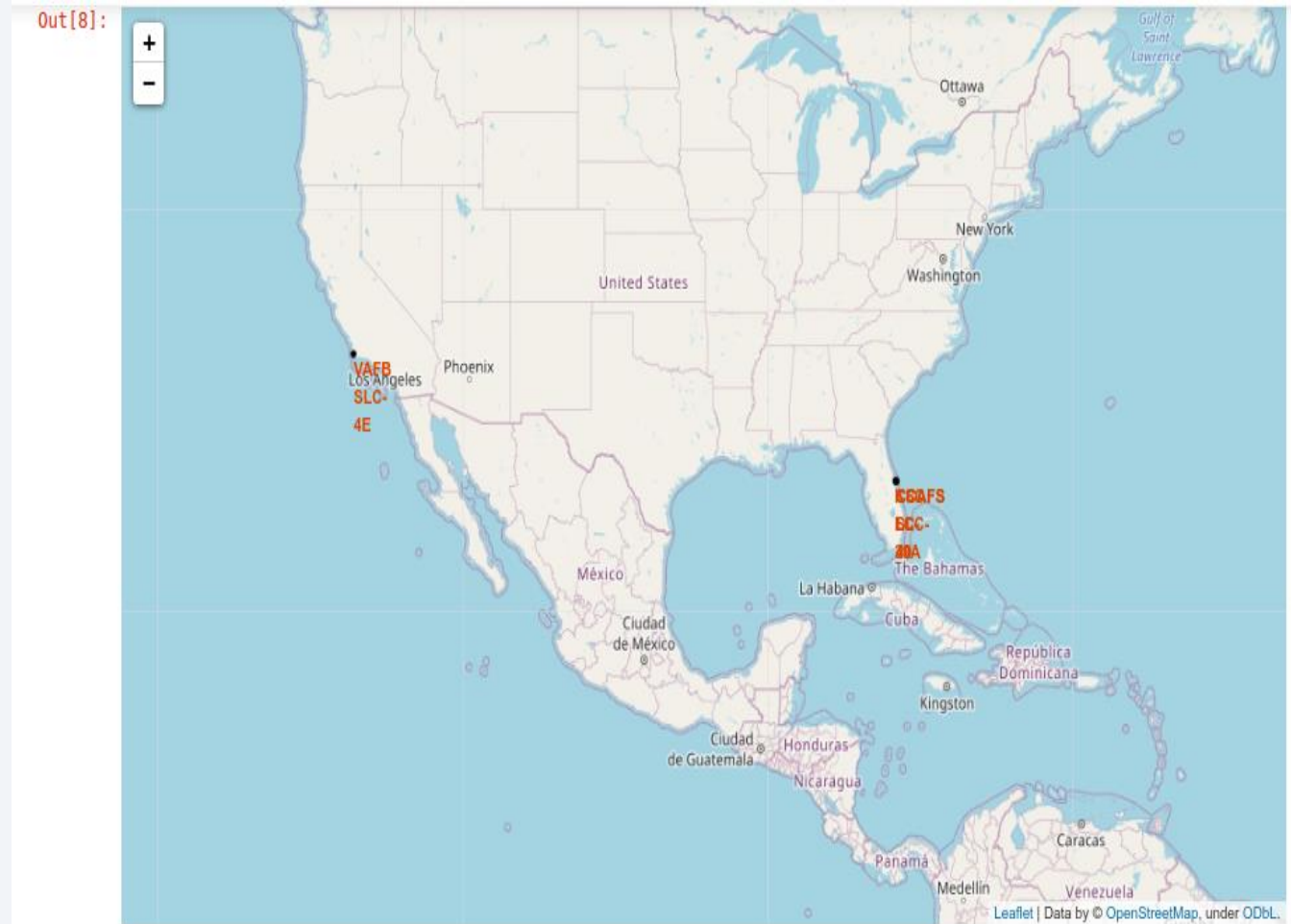
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# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis



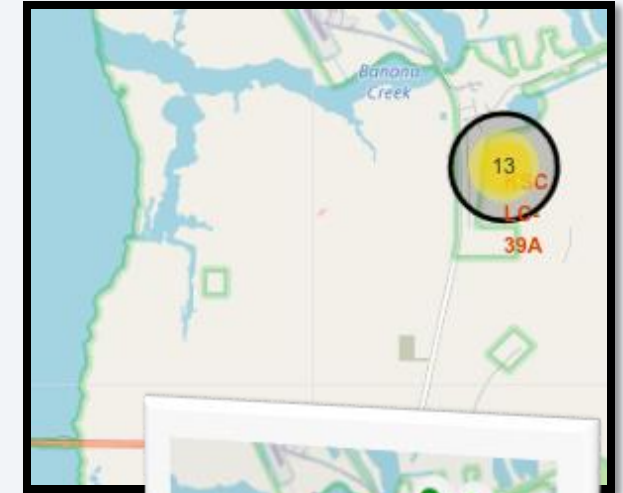
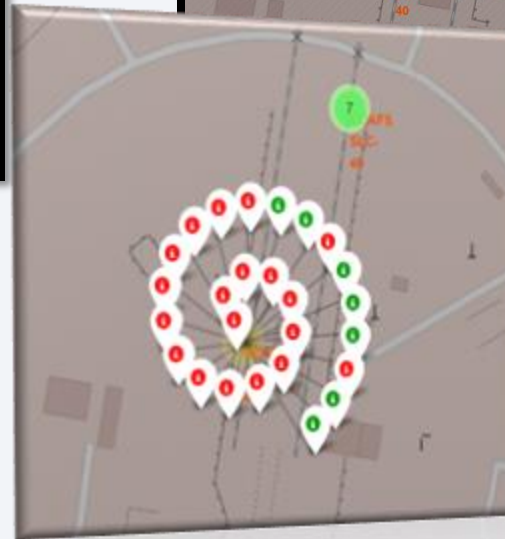
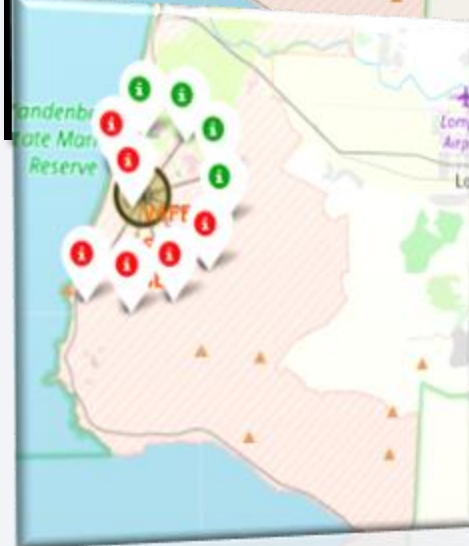
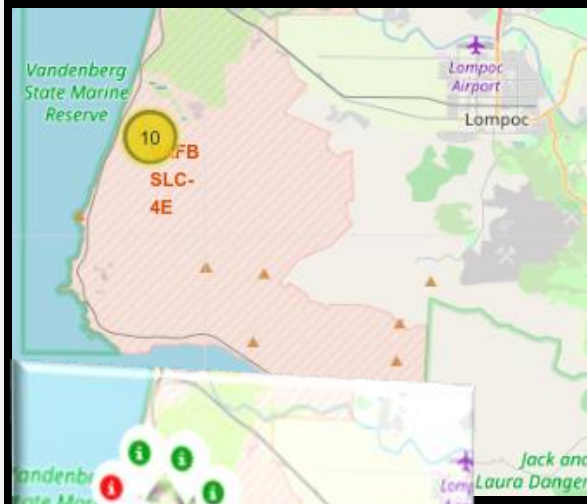
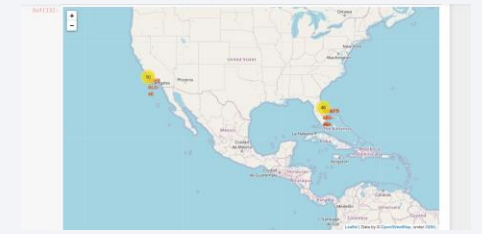
# Launch Site Locations

- All Launch sites are near to the coastline





# Launch Outcomes of each Site





Section 5

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash



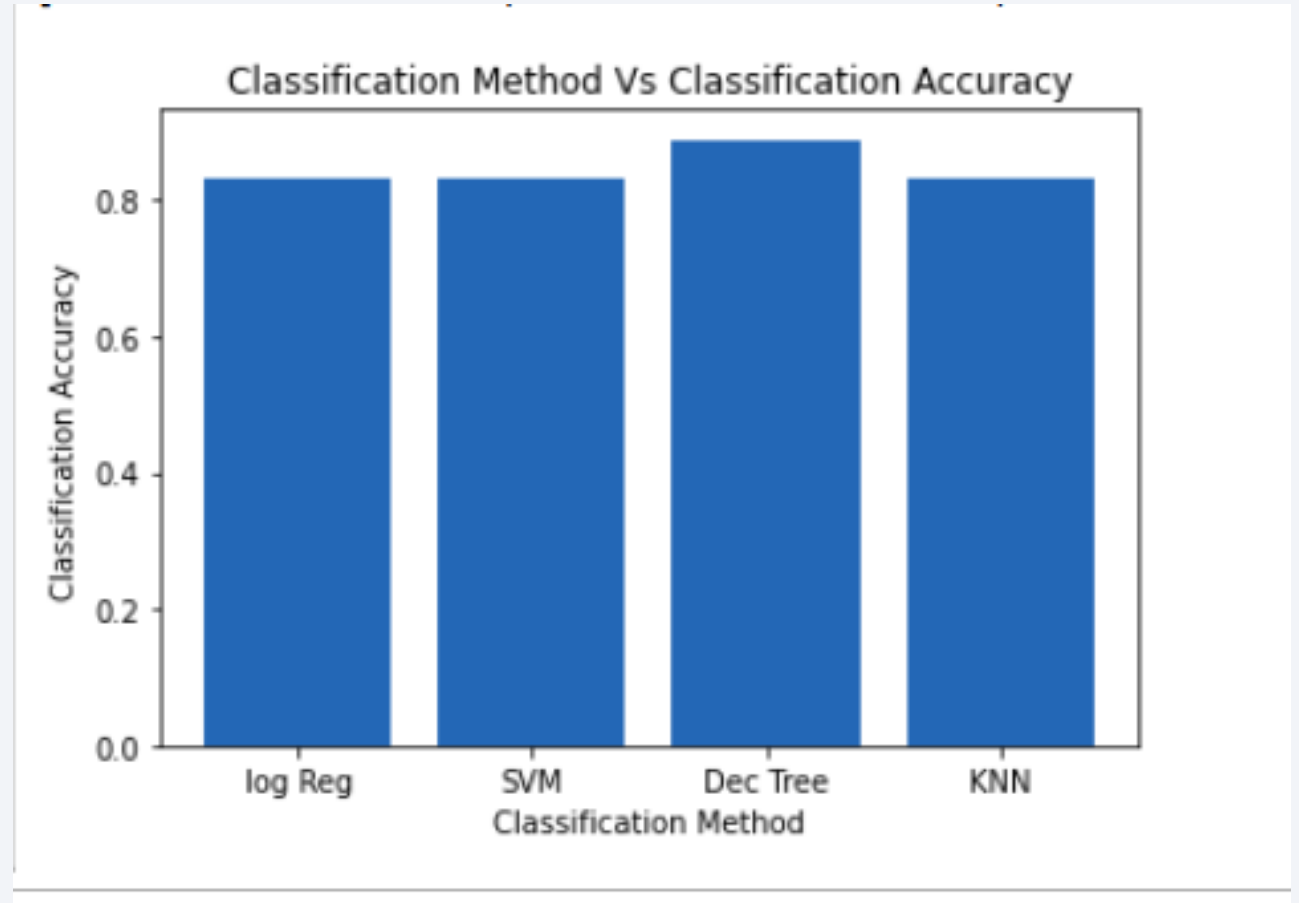
Section 6

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

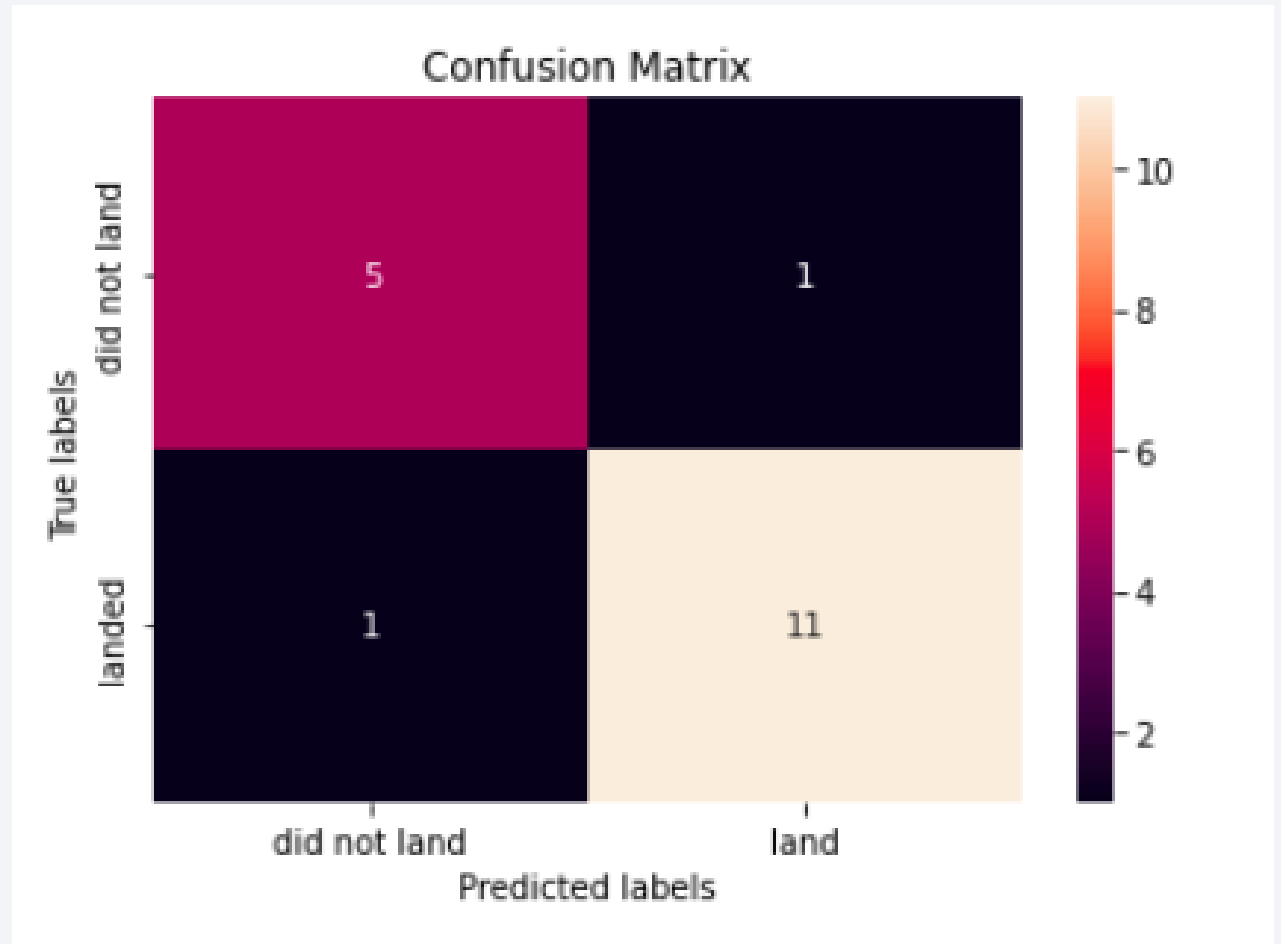
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- The Decision Tree Classifier  
Model is found to have highest accuracy



# Confusion Matrix

- The confusion matrix of Decision tree model shows that the model has accurately predicted 11 out of 12 successful landings and 5 out of 6 failed landings based on test data set of 18 landing outcomes



# Conclusions

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- **The following factors have positive effect on successful landing**
  - Less Payload mass
  - Launches to ES-L1, HEO, LEO, SSO orbits
  - For heavy payloads ,Polar, LEO and ISS orbits are better choices
- **Obesrvations about landing sites**
  - SSC-LC-39A launch site have heighest success rate of 77%
  - CCAFS-LC-40 launch site have lowest success rate of 27%
- **Predictive Analysis**
  - To predict the successful landing outcome, the decision tree classifier model has highest accuracy of 83.3%



Thank you!

