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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 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 Space X 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 space X for a rocket launch. This goal of the project is to create a machine learning pipeline to predict if the first stage will land successfully.

- Problems you want to find answers

- What factors determine if the rocket will land successfully?
- The interaction amongst various features that determine the success rate of a successful landing.
- What operating conditions needs to be in place to ensure a successful landing program.



Section 1

# Methodology

# Methodology

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- 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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- Grequest to the SpaceX API.
- Decoded the response content as a Json using `.json()` function call and turn it into a pandas dataframe using `.json_normalize()`.
- Cleaned the data, checked for missing values and replace it while necessary.
- Perform 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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- Request to SpaceX API for Data Collection, clean the requested data and process data wrangling and formatting.
- Reference:  
<https://github.com/charles0624/IBM-Capstone-Project---SpaceX-Falcon-9-first-stage-Landing-Prediction/blob/main/.ipynb>

## SpaceX API

1.Request to get rocket lunch data through API

```
In [1]: space_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
```

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

2.Use json\_normalize method to convert json result to dataframe

```
In [ ]: static_json_df=res.json()
```

```
In [ ]: data=pd.json_normalize(static_json_df)
```

3.Perform data cleaning and filling in the missing values

```
In [ ]: rows=data_falcon9['PayloadMass'].values.tolist()[0]

df_rows=pd.DataFrame(rows)
df_rows=df_rows.replace(np.nan, PayloadMass)

data_falcon9['PayloadMass'][0]=df_rows.values
data_falcon9
```



# Data Collection - Scraping

- Applied web scrapping to webscrap Falcon 9 launch records with BeautifulSoup
- Parsed the table and converted it into a pandas dataframe.
- Reference:  
<https://github.com/charles0624/IBM-Capstone-Project---SpaceX-Falcon-9-first-stage-Landing-Prediction/blob/main/jupyter-labs-webscraping.ipynb>

## TASK 1: Request the Falcon9 Launch Wiki page from its URL

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

```
In [7]: html_data = requests.get(static_url)
        html_data.status_code
```

```
Out[7]: 200
```

Create a BeautifulSoup object from the HTML response

```
In [8]: soup = BeautifulSoup(html_data.text, 'html.parser')
```

Print the page title to verify if the BeautifulSoup object was created properly

```
In [9]: soup.title
```

```
Out[9]: <title>List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches - Wikipedia</title>
```

## TASK 2: Extract all column/variable names from the HTML table header

Next, we want to collect all relevant column names from the HTML table header

Let's try to find all tables on the wiki page first. If you need to refresh your memory about BeautifulSoup, reference link towards the end of this lab

```
10]: # Use the find_all function in the BeautifulSoup object, with element type `table`
      # Assign the result to a list called `html_tables`
      html_tables = soup.find_all('table')
```

Starting from the third table is our target table contains the actual launch records.

```
11]: # Let's print the third table and check its content
      first_launch_table = html_tables[2]
      print(first_launch_table)
```

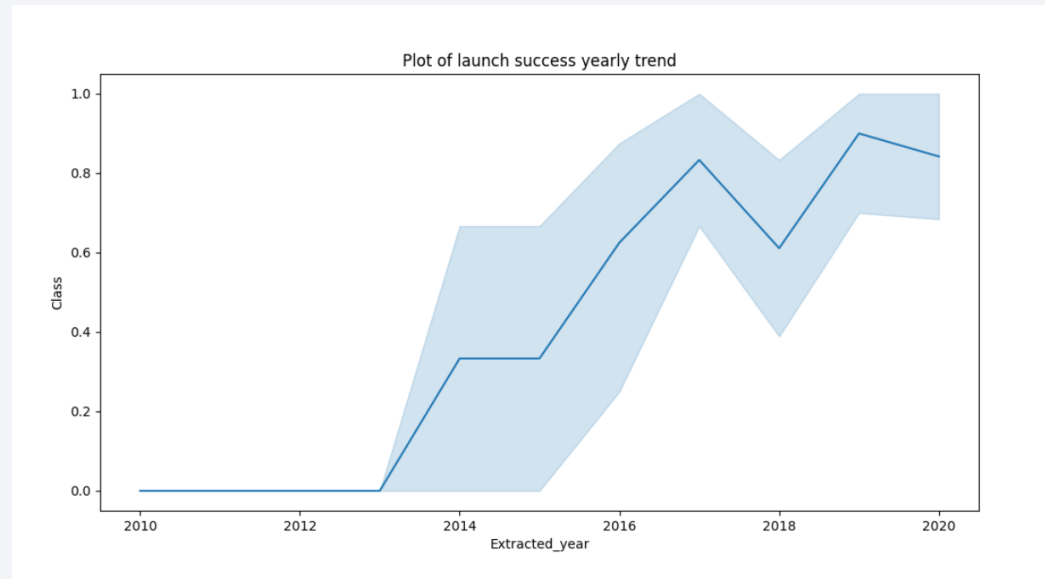
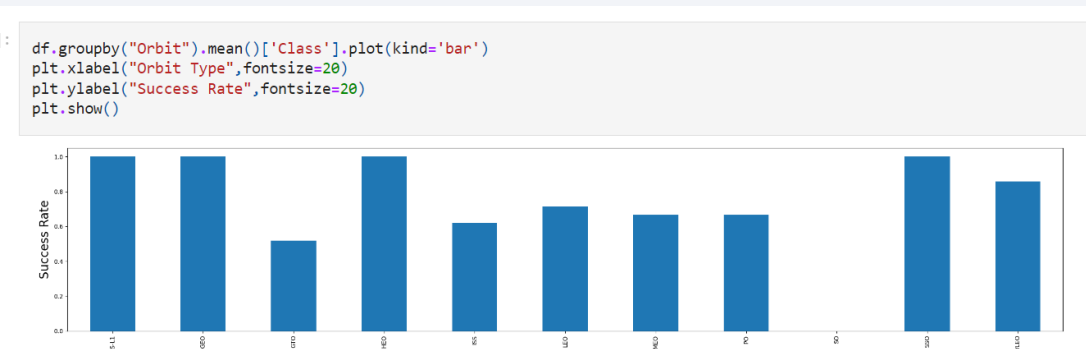
# Data Wrangling



- 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
- Exported the results to csv.
- Reference:  
[https://github.com/charles0624/IBM-Capstone-Project---SpaceX-Falcon-9-first-stage-Landing-Prediction/blob/main/labs-jupyter-spacex-data\\_wrangling\\_jupyterlite.jupyterlite.ipynb](https://github.com/charles0624/IBM-Capstone-Project---SpaceX-Falcon-9-first-stage-Landing-Prediction/blob/main/labs-jupyter-spacex-data_wrangling_jupyterlite.jupyterlite.ipynb)

# EDA with Data Visualization

- 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.



- Reference:  
<https://github.com/charles0624/IBM-Capstone-Project---SpaceX-Falcon-9-first-stage-Landing-Prediction/blob/main/Data%20Visualization.ipynb>

# EDA with SQL

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- Loaded the SpaceX dataset into a PostgreSQL database
- 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.
- Reference: [https://github.com/charles0624/IBM-Capstone-Project---SpaceX-Falcon-9-first-stage-Landing-Prediction/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera\\_sqllite.ipynb](https://github.com/charles0624/IBM-Capstone-Project---SpaceX-Falcon-9-first-stage-Landing-Prediction/blob/main/jupyter-labs-eda-sql-coursera_sqllite.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.
- alculated 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.
- Reference: <https://github.com/charles0624/IBM-Capstone-Project---SpaceX-Falcon-9-first-stage-Landing-Prediction/blob/main/Ploty.py>
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# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- Loaded the data (from numpy and pandas), transformed the data, split our data into training and testing.
- Built different machine learning models and tune different hyperparameters using GridSearchCV.
- Utilized accuracy as the metric for our model, improved the model using feature engineering and algorithm tuning.
- Found the best performing classification model.
- Reference: <https://github.com/charles0624/IBM-Capstone-Project---SpaceX-Falcon-9-first-stage-Landing-Prediction/blob/main/ML%20Prediction.ipynb>

# Results

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## Exploratory data analysis results:

- Space X uses 4 different launch sites;
- The first launches were done to Space X itself and NASA;
- The average payload of F9 v1.1 booster is 2,928 kg;
- The first success landing outcome happened in 2015 fiver year after the first launch;
- Many Falcon 9 booster versions were successful at landing in drone ships having payload above the average;
- Almost 100% of mission outcomes were successful;
- Two booster versions failed at landing in drone ships in 2015: F9 v1.1 B1012 and F9 v1.1 B1015;
- The number of landing outcomes became as better as years passed



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 and red on the right. These streaks are layered over a faint, light-blue grid pattern, creating a sense of depth and movement.

Section 2

# Insights drawn from EDA



# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

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- The plot offered us the info that the larger the flight amount at a launch site, the greater the success rate at a launch site.





## Payload vs. Launch Site



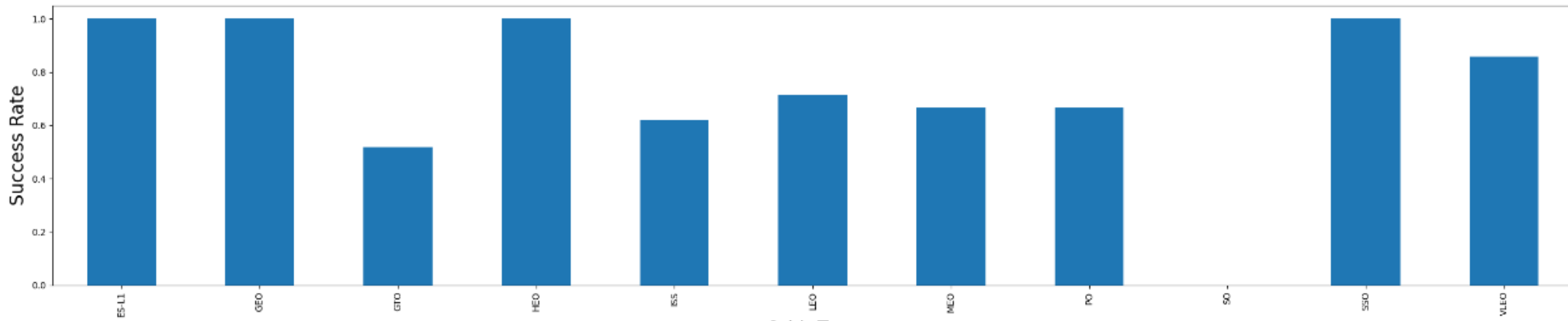
The greater the payload mass for launch site CCAFS SLC 40 the higher the success rate for the rocket.



# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

- From the plot, we can see that ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate.

```
df.groupby("Orbit").mean()['Class'].plot(kind='bar')  
plt.xlabel("Orbit Type",fontsize=20)  
plt.ylabel("Success Rate",fontsize=20)  
plt.show()
```



# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

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- The plot below shows the Flight Number vs. Orbit type. In the LEO orbit, success is related to the number of flights whereas in the GTO orbit, there is no relationship between flight number and the orbit.



# Payload vs. Orbit Type

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- With heavy payloads, the successful landing are more for PO, LEO and ISS orbits.



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

- From the plot, the success rate since 2013 kept on increasing till 2020.





# All Launch Site Names

- Used the 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

# 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

- The 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

- From the record, 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
0	2015-12-22



# Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

- Used the **WHERE** clause to filter for boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and applied the **AND** condition to determine successful landing with payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 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

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

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

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:')
display(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

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

- Determined the booster that have carried the maximum payload using a subquery in the **WHERE** clause and the **MAX()** function.

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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- Used a combinations of the **WHERE** clause, **LIKE**, **AND**, and **BETWEEN** conditions to 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

- Selected Landing outcomes and the **COUNT** of landing outcomes from the data and used the **WHERE** clause to filter for landing outcomes **BETWEEN** 6/4/2010 to 3/20/2017.
- Applied the **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 background is a deep blue gradient.

Section 4

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

# All launch sites global map markers

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Successful launches in East and West Coast of US, There are more launches happened in Eastern than Western



# 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

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

```
models = {'KNeighbors': knn_cv.best_score_,
          'DecisionTree': tree_cv.best_score_,
          'LogisticRegression': logreg_cv.best_score_,
          'SupportVector': svm_cv.best_score_}

bestalgorithm = max(models, key=models.get)
print('Best model is', bestalgorithm, 'with a score of', models[bestalgorithm])
if bestalgorithm == 'DecisionTree':
    print('Best params is :', tree_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'KNeighbors':
    print('Best params is :', knn_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'LogisticRegression':
    print('Best params is :', logreg_cv.best_params_)
if bestalgorithm == 'SupportVector':
    print('Best params is :', svm_cv.best_params_)
```

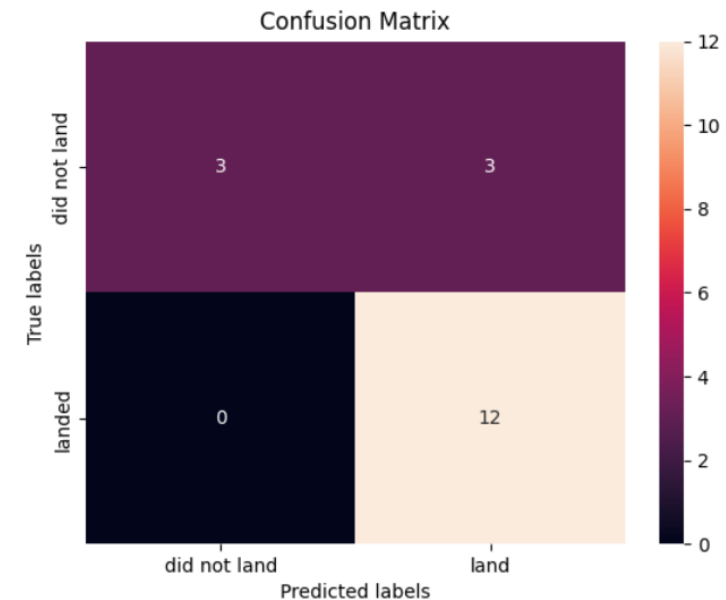
Best model is DecisionTree with a score of 0.8732142857142856

Best params is : {'criterion': 'gini', 'max\_depth': 6, 'max\_features': 'auto', 'min\_samples\_leaf': 2, 'min\_samples\_split': 5, 'splitter': 'random'}

# Confusion Matrix

- 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.

```
In [18]: yhat=logreg_cv.predict(X_test)  
plot_confusion_matrix(Y_test,yhat)
```





# Conclusions

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- The larger the flight amount at a launch site, the greater the success rate at a launch site.
- Launch has increasing success from 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!

