

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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# **Executive Summary**

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### Introduction

### Project background and context

- The commercial space age is here, companies are making space travel affordable for everyone. Virgin Galactic is providing suborbital spaceflights. Rocket Lab is a small satellite provider. Blue Origin manufactures sub-orbital and orbital reusable rockets. Perhaps the most successful is SpaceX.
- The second stage of a rocket helps bring the payload to orbit, but the first stage does most of the work and is much larger.
- SpaceX 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 SpaceX can reuse the first stage.
- The Space Y company would like to compete with SpaceX founded by Billionaire industrialist Allon Musk.

### Problems you want to find answers

- Therefore, if we can determine if the first stage will land, we can determine the cost of a launch.



# Methodology

### **Executive Summary**

- Data collection methodology:
  - From SpaceX REST API
  - With Web Scraping from Wiki page

### Perform data wrangling

- Dealing with Missing Values, Feature Engineering, Scaling, Dummies Encoding
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - Sklearn LogisticRegression, SVM, DecisionTreeClassifier, KNeighborsClassifier algorithms
  - GrigSearch parameters tuning, 10-folds Cross Validation

### **Data Collection**

### SpaceX REST API

- Performed GET request to the SpaceX REST API various endpoints starting with <a href="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/">https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/</a>
- Responses in the form of a list of JSON objects were gathered
- JSON format was converted into Pandas DataFrame using the json normalize function

### Web Scraping

- Performed an HTTP GET request to the Falcon9 Launch HTML Wiki page
- Used Python BeautifulSoup package to web scrape HTML tables from response
- Parsed the data from HTML tables and converted into a Pandas DataFrame

# Data Collection - SpaceX API

GET request to SpaceX REST API

https://github.com/crdesouza/ds capstone ibm/blob/f9181b80f2dea09db0f3e13180cfb54810a89ae6/jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collectionapi.ipynb

```
spacex_url =
https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/pas
response = requests.get(spacex_url)
content = response.json()
data = pd.json_normalize(content)
```

# **Data Collection - Scraping**

 Web Scraping Using Python BeautifulSoup package

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static_url =
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Falcon_9 and Falcon_Heavy_launche
s&oldid=1027686922

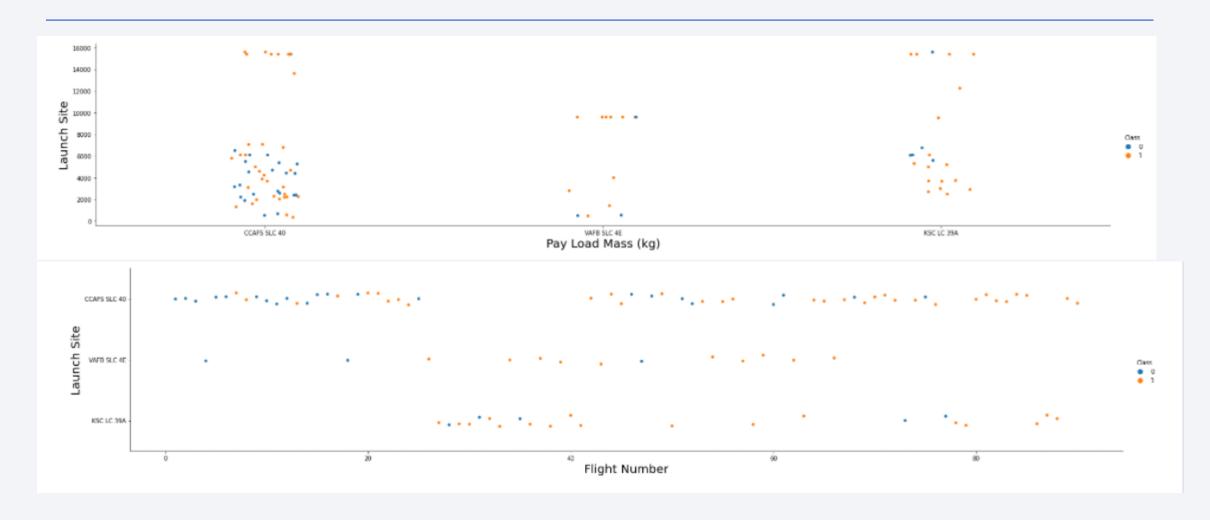
response = requests.get(static_url).text
```

soup = BeautifulSoup(response,'html.parser')

# **Data Wrangling**

- Payload Mass missing values replaced with mean value (SpaceX API code)
- Calculated the percentage of the missing values in each attribute
- Identified which columns are numerical and categorical
- Determined the number of launches on each site
- Determine the number and occurrence of each orbit
- Created a landing outcome label from Outcome column

### **EDA** with Data Visualization



# **EDA** with SQL

- Display 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
- 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

# **EDA** with SQL (queries)

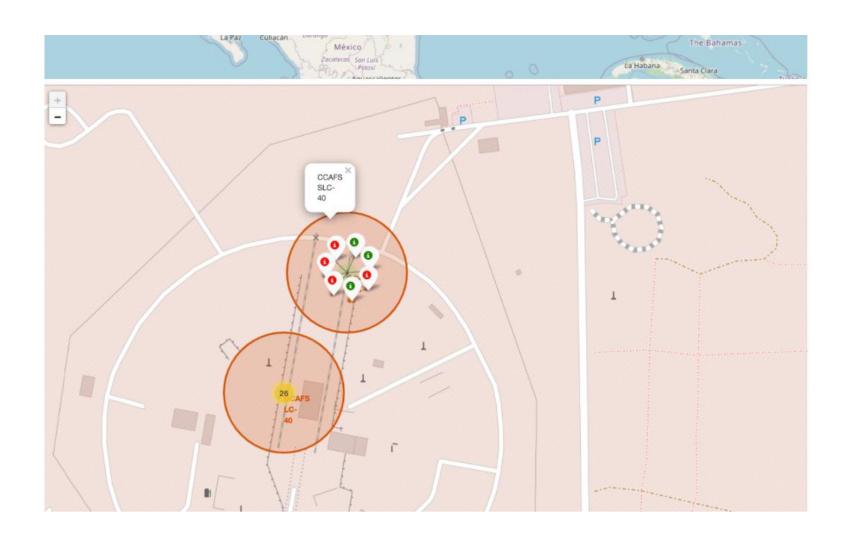
- select unique(LAUNCH\_SITE) from SPACEXTBL
- select \* from SPACEXTBL where LAUNCH\_SITE like 'CCA%' limit(5)
- select SUM(payload\_mass\_kg\_) from SPACEXTBL where customer = 'NASA (CRS)'
- select avg(payload\_mass\_kg\_) from SPACEXTBL where booster\_version like 'F9 v1.1'
- select min(DATE) from SPACEXTBL where Landing\_Outcome = 'Success (ground pad)'
- select booster\_version from SPACEXTBL where Landing\_Outcome= 'Success (drone ship)' and payload\_mass\_\_kg\_ between 4000 and 6000
- select mission\_outcome, count(mission\_outcome) from SPACEXTBL group by mission\_outcome
- select booster\_version from SPACEXTBL where payload\_mass\_\_kg\_ in (select max(payload\_mass\_\_kg\_) from SPACEXTBL)
- select Landing\_Outcome, booster\_version, launch\_site from SPACEXTBL where Landing\_Outcome = 'Failure (drone ship)'
  and EXTRACT(YEAR FROM DATE) = 2015
- select Landing\_Outcome, count(Landing\_Outcome) as total from SPACEXTBL where DATE between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20' group by Landing Outcome order by total DESC

# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- The launch success rate may depend on many factors such as payload mass, orbit type.
- It may also depend on the location and proximities of a launch site, i.e., the initial position of rocket trajectories.
- The goal of geo plots is to analyzing the existing launch site locations, discover the factors involved in finding an optimal location for building a launch site.

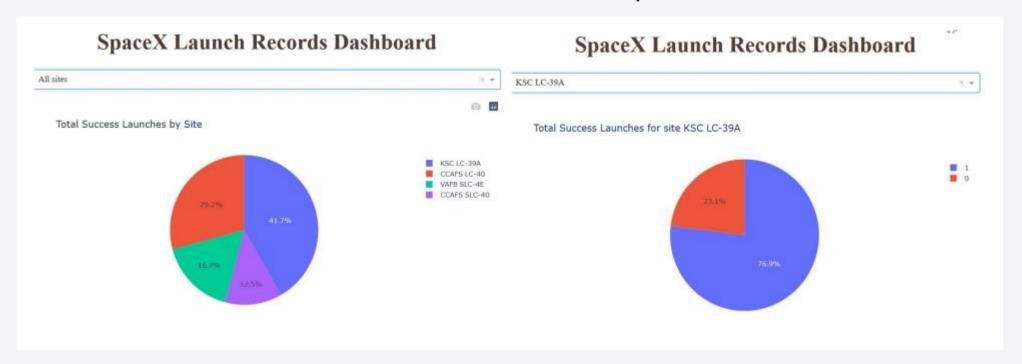
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# Build an Interactive Map with Folium



# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

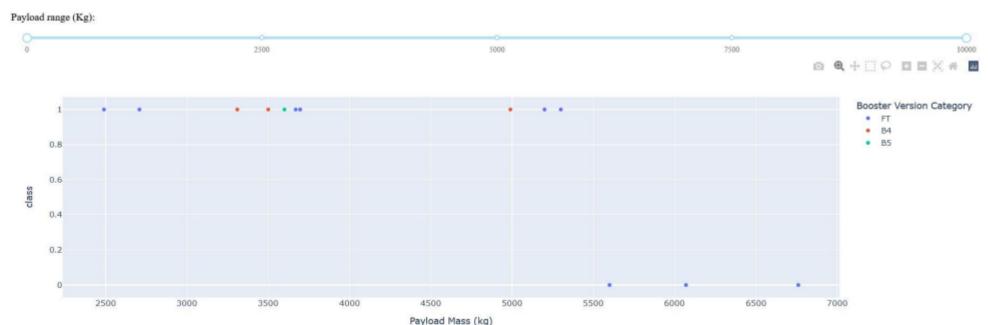
• Interactive visualization of successful launches per site/ all sites



https://github.com/crdesouza/ds\_capstone\_ibm/blob/f9181b80f2dea09db0f3e13180cfb54810a89ae6/dash\_spacex.py

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

• Correlation between payload mass for different Booster Version and successful launch outcome

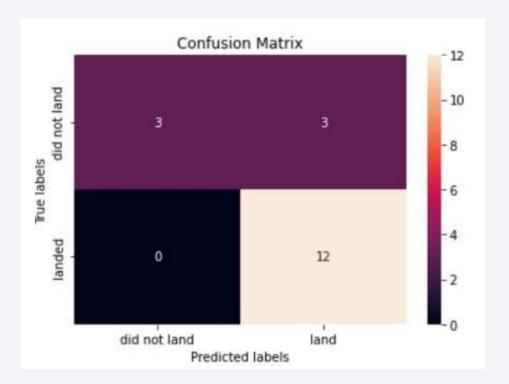


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# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- KNN, SVM, DecisionTree, LogisticRegressionmodels with tuned hyperparameters by GridSearchCV were built and evaluated by 10-fold Cross Validation.
- The highest predictive outcome of 83.3% have KNN, SVM and LogisticRegression algoriths

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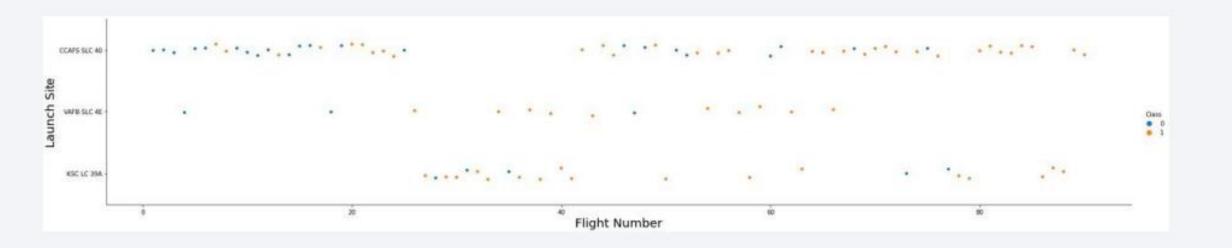


### Results

- The most successful rate have ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO orbits
- Since 2013 successful launches rate increased from 0 to almost 80-90%
- For Booster Version FT the optimal payload mass seems to be roughly between 2000 and 4000
- The highest rate of successful launches has KSC LC 38A site
- KNeighbourClassifier, LogisticRegression and SVM performed the best on test dataset (83.3% accuracy)

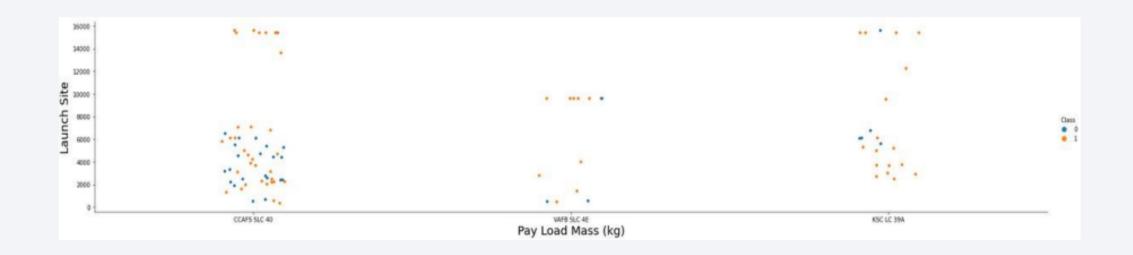


# Flight Number vs. Launch Site



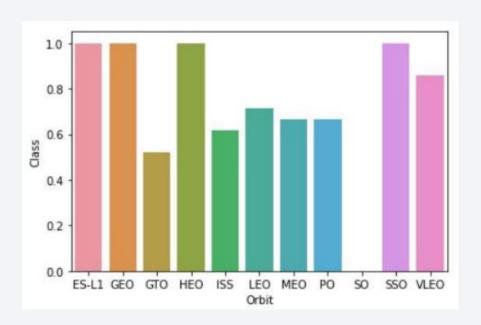
• The majority of launches are made from CCAFS SLC 40 site

# Payload vs. Launch Site



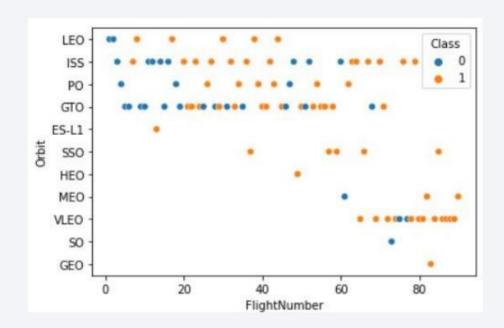
- Almost all launces from CCAFS SLC 40 with high payload were successful.
- The most successful rate of launches seem to be from KSC LC 39A regardless payload.

# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type



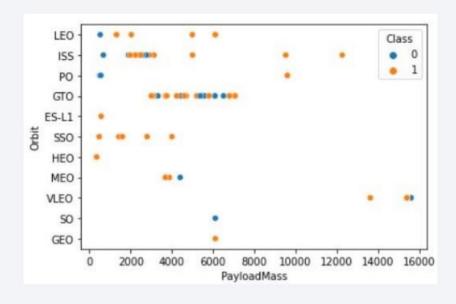
• The highest rate of success have ES=L1, GEO, HEO, SSO orbits launches

# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type



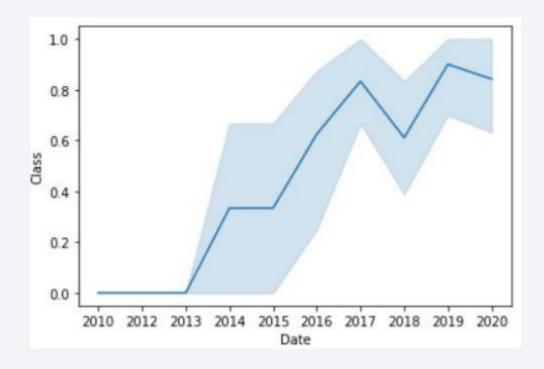
- VLEO orbit gain the highest popularity among all types
- ISS have pretty the regular amount of launches during the whole period

# Payload vs. Orbit Type



- There is mostly two clusters of payload mass
- ~1500 3200 (ISS orbit)
- ~2200 7200 (GTO orbit)

# Launch Success Yearly Trend



 Launch success rate was constantly improving since 2013 with an exception during the year 2017 and reach almost 85% to the end of 2019

### All Launch Site Names



• The Falcon 9 rockets have been launched only from 4 different sites

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

```
%%sql
select * from SPACEXTBL where LAUNCH_SITE like 'CCA%' limit(5)
```

landing_outcom	mission_outcome	customer	orbit	payload_masskg_	payload	launch_site	booster_version	timeutc_	DATE
Failur (parachute	Success	SpaceX	LEO	0	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	CCAFS LC-40	F9 v1.0 B0003	18:45:00	2010-06-04
Failur (parachute	Success	NASA (COTS) NRO	LEO (ISS)	0	Dragon derno flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of Brouere cheese	CCAFS LC-40	F9 v1.0 B0004	15:43:00	2010-12-08
No attemp	Success	NASA (COTS)	(ISS)	525	Dragon demo flight C2	CCAFS LC-40	F9 v1.0 B0005	07:44:00	2012-05-22
No attemp	Success	NASA (CRS)	LEO (ISS)	500	SpaceX CRS-1	CCAFS LC-40	F9 v1.0 B0006	00:35:00	2012-10-08
No attemp	Success	NASA (CRS)	(ISS)	677	SpaceX CRS-2	CCAFS LC-40	F9 v1.0 B0007	15:10:00	2013-03-01

# **Total Payload Mass**

```
%%sql
select SUM(payload_mass__kg_)
from SPACEXTBL
where customer='NASA (CRS)'
```



# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

```
%%sql
select avg(payload_mass__kg_)
from SPACEXTBL
where booster_version like 'F9 v1.1'
```

**1** 2928

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

```
%%sql
select min(DATE)
from SPACEXTBL
where Landing_Outcome = 'Success (ground pad)'
```

2015-12-22

### Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

```
%%sql
select booster_version
from SPACEXTBL
where Landing_Outcome = 'Success (drone ship)'
and payload_mass_kg_ between 4000 and 6000
```

# booster\_version F9 FT B1022 F9 FT B1026 F9 FT B1021.2 F9 FT B1031.2

### Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

```
%%sql
select mission_outcome, count(mission_outcome)
from SPACEXTBL
group by mission_outcome
```

mission_outcome	2
Failure (in flight)	1
Success	99
Success (payload status unclear)	1

# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

```
%%sql
select booster_version
from SPACEXTBL
where payload mass kg in (select max(payload mass kg ) from SPACEXTBL)
```

# F9 B5 B1048.4 F9 B5 B1049.4 F9 B5 B1051.3 F9 B5 B1056.4 F9 B5 B1048.5 F9 B5 B1051.4 F9 B5 B1049.5 F9 B5 B1060.2 F9 B5 B1051.6 F9 B5 B1060.3 F9 B5 B1049.7

### 2015 Launch Records

```
%%sql
select Landing_Outcome, booster_version, launch_site
from SPACEXTBL
where Landing_Outcome= 'Failure (drone ship)'
    and EXTRACT(YEAR FROM DATE)=2015
```

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

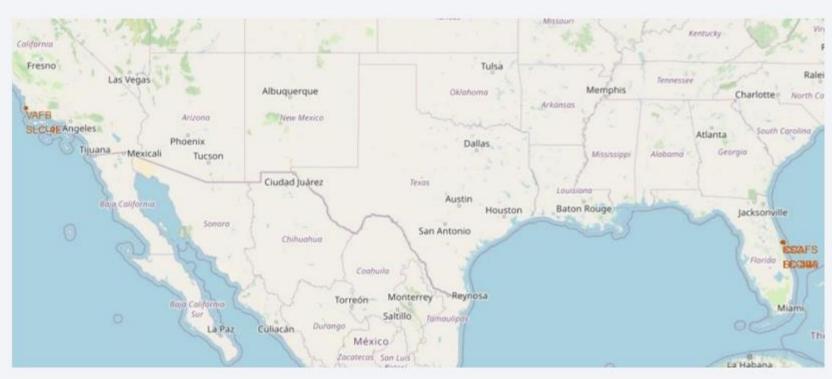
### Rank Landing Outcomes Between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20

```
%%sql
select Landing_Outcome, count(Landing_Outcome) as total
from SPACEXTBL
where DATE between '2010-06-04' and '2017-03-20'
group by Landing_Outcome
order by total DESC
```

total	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)

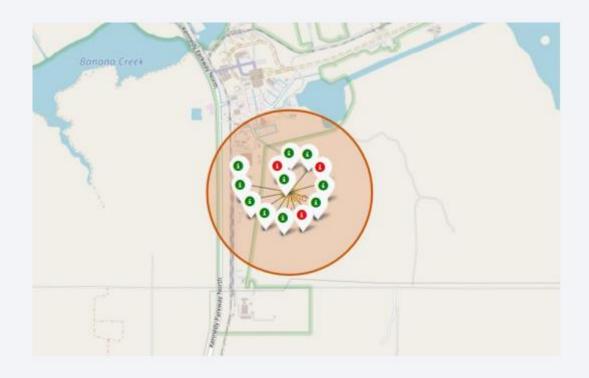


# <Folium Map Screenshot 1>



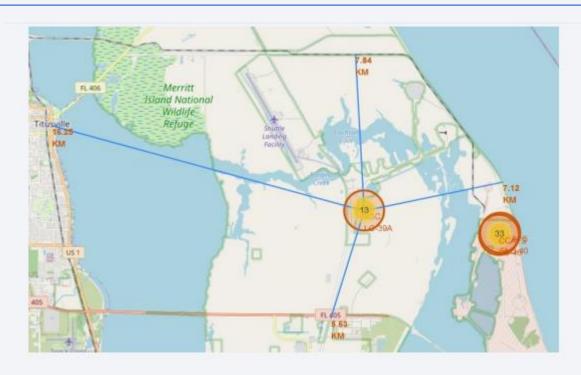
There is 4 launch sites but 3 of them are clustered on East Coast of Florida

# <Folium Map Screenshot 2>



KSC LC-39A is the most successful site with 10 of 13 (77%) successful launches outcomes

# <Folium Map Screenshot 3>



All sites are in a close proximity to coast line and railway (max ~7km)



### < Dashboard Screenshot 1>



KSC LC-39A has significantly higher success rate

### < Dashboard Screenshot 2>



### < Dashboard Screenshot 3>

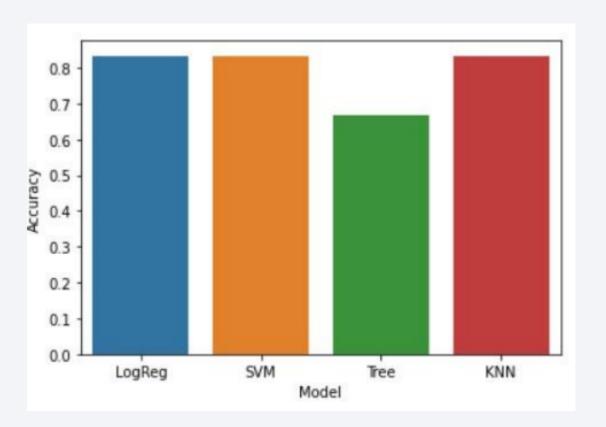


Lower payload mass leads to higher chances for successful launch

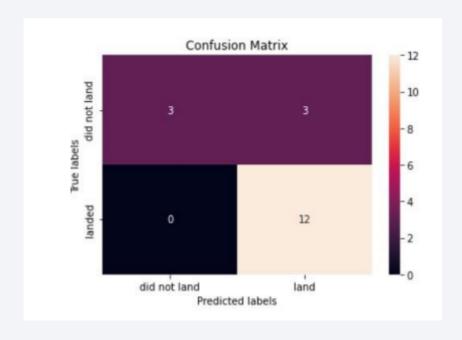


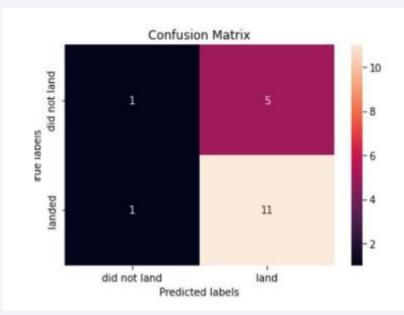
## **Classification Accuracy**

• KNN, SVM, LogisticRegression models have same accuracy on test dataset



#### **Confusion Matrix**





- KNN, SVM and Logistic vs. DecissionTree
- KNN, SVM, LogisticRegression algorithms have same predictive accuracy on test dataset
- All this 3 models have Type I Error with 3 False positive outcomes

#### **Conclusions**

- The most successful orbit type are ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO
- The most successful site is KSC LC-39A (77% success rate)
- Payload Mass lower than 5500 have chances for successful launch
- The best performed Classifier for this project are KNeighborClassifier, SVM, LogisticRegression
- Technologies are constantly developing and from the Launch Success Yearly Trend could be made conclusion that in the future rate of successful launches will continue increasing

## **Appendix**

GitHub Repo for Capstone project

https://github.com/crdesouza/ds capstone ibm

• SQL queries

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Python Dash app

https://github.com/crdesouza/ds\_capstone\_ibm/blob/f9181b80f2dea09db0f3e13180cfb54810a89ae6/dash\_spacex.py

Machine Learning Prediction

https://github.com/crdesouza/ds\_capstone\_ibm/blob/f9181b80f2dea09db0f3e13180cfb54810a89ae6/SpaceX\_Machine\_Learning\_Prediction.ipynb

