

# Winning Space Race with Data Science

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### **Executive Summary**

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#### Introduction

- Project background and context
  - SpaceX has significantly lower costs (62million USD) of launching a rocket compared to its competitors (up to 165million USD). The major advantage of SpaceX is the reuse of the first stage. We can calculate the cost of a launch by determining if the first stage is successful. This information helps if there is competition against SpaceX for bidding for a contract.
- Problems you want to find answers
  - What are the contributing factors to successfully land a rocket?
  - How do these factors contribute to the success rate of landing a rocket?
  - What are the factors of a successful rocket landing?



# Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

- Data collection methodology:
  - Collected data using SpaceX API and Web Scraping from Wikipedia
- Perform data wrangling
  - Applied one-hot encoding 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**

- Collected data sets using:
- Get request to SpaceX API
- .json() function call turned into pandas dataframe using j.son\_normalize()
- Cleaned data, checked for and filled in missing values as needed
- Used BeautifulSoup to web scrape from Wikipedia
- Extracted launch records, parsed the HTML table and converted into pandas dataframe

# Data Collection - SpaceX API

 Made a get request to the SpaceX API, then cleaned the data. Then, did some basic data wrangling and formatting.

#### GitHub URL:

 https://github.com/fridgeraider1/Fin alProject/blob/9ab2403eb700d7b9c 772abaa9ba38e52aac263e6/Week% 201/API.ipynb

```
spacex_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
response = requests.get(spacex_url)
# Use json normalize method to convert the json result into a dataframe
# decode response content as ison
static json df = res.json()
# apply json normalize
data = pd.json normalize(static json df)
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**

 Used BeautifulSoup web scraping to extract a Falcon
 9 launch records HTML table from Wikipedia. Then, parsed the table and converted it into a Pandas data frame.

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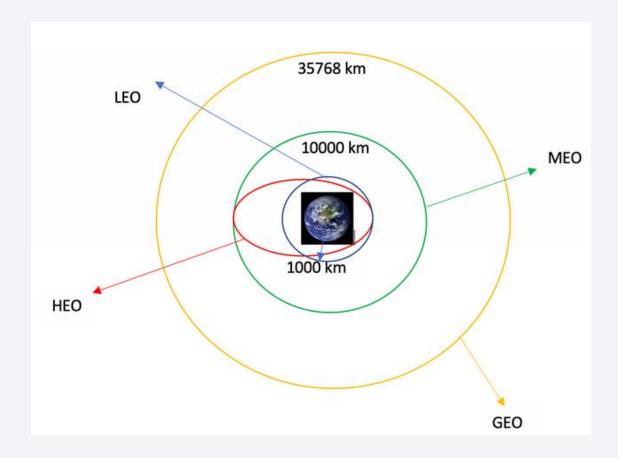
```
static url = "https://en.wikipedia.org/w/index.php?title=List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches&oldid=1027686922"
 # use requests.get() method with the provided static url
 # assign the response to a object
 html data = requests.get(static url)
 html data.status code
200
 # Use BeautifulSoup() to create a BeautifulSoup object from a response text content
 soup = BeautifulSoup(html data.text, 'html.parser')
 # Use soup.title attribute
 soup.title
<title>List of Falcon 9 and Falcon Heavy launches - Wikipedia</title>
column_names = []
# Apply find all() function with 'th' element on first launch table
# Iterate each th element and apply the provided extract column from header() to get a column name
# Append the Non-empty column name ('if name is not None and Len(name) > \theta') into a list called column names
element = soup.find all('th')
for row in range(len(element)):
       name = extract_column_from_header(element[row])
       if (name is not None and len(name) > 0):
           column_names.append(name)
    except:
```

## **Data Wrangling**

 Performed exploratory data analysis and determined training labels. Then, calculated the number of occurrence of each orbit and the number of occurrence of mission outcome per orbit type. Then, created a landing outcome label from Outcome column.

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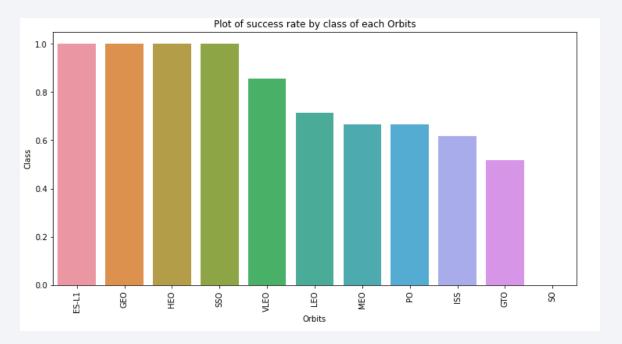


#### **EDA** with Data Visualization

• Plotted a bar chart to try to find which orbits have high success rate.

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#### **EDA** with SQL

 Loaded the dataset into the corresponding table in a Db2 database using PostgreSQL. Then created a table, displayed unique launch sites in the space mission with the string 'CCA', displayed total payload mass carries by boosters launched by NASA and average payload mass carried by booster version F9. V1.1. Then, listed date of first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved. Listed names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000. Listed the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes. Using a subquery, listed names of the booster\_versions with max payload mass and listed failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship for year 2015. Finally, ranked the count of landing outcomes in descending order.

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#### Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Marked all launch sites on the map along with the success or failed launches for each site on the map to see which sites have high success rate. Then, calculated the distances between a launch site to its proximities.
- GitHub URL:
- https://github.com/fridgeraider1/FinalProject/blob/a98bbd3a9e017b7a3333f7fce8a103 429cd0b538/Launch%20Sites%20Locations.ipynb

### Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Built an interactive dashboard using Plotly Dash
- Plotted pie charts to show the total launches of sites
- Plotted scatter graph to show the relationship between outcome and payload mass for different booster versions.

## Predictive Analysis (Classification)

• Used NumPy and pandas to create a column for the class, standardize the data in X and used function\_train\_test\_split to split into training data and test data. Then, used logistic regression. Then, created decision tree classifier object to find best parameters. Used K nearest neighbors object to find best performing classification model.

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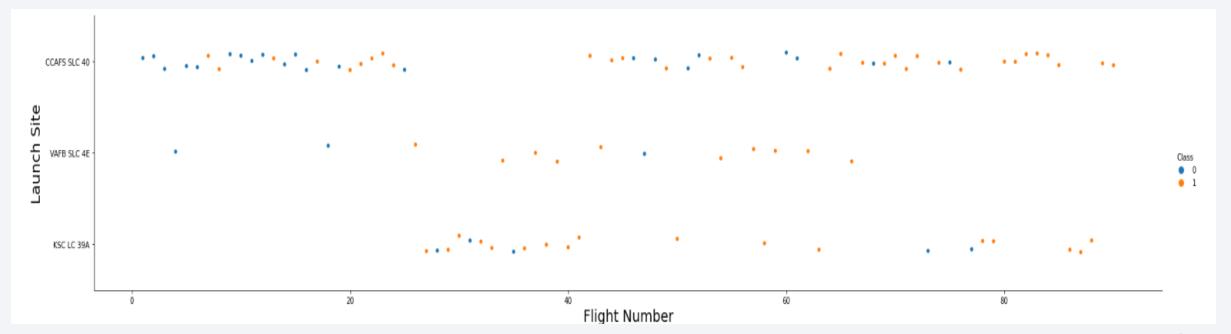
#### Results

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



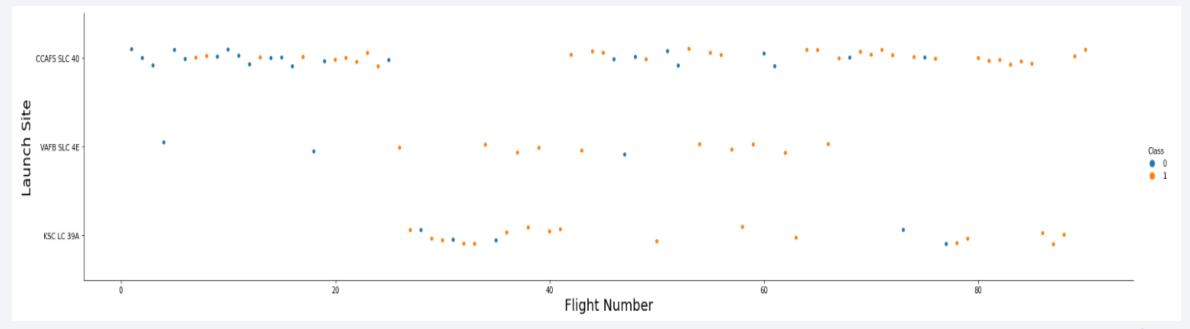
### Flight Number vs. Launch Site

• The success rate at a launch site directly correlates with the flight amount at a launch site. The higher the flight amount, the higher success rate is.



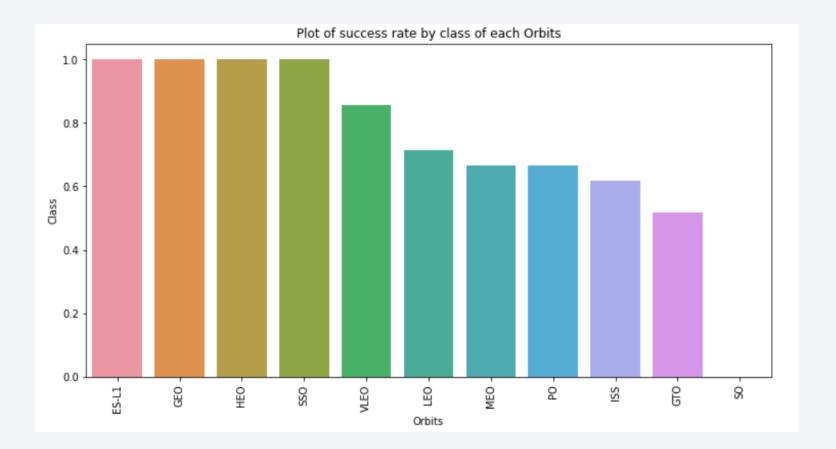
### Payload vs. Launch Site

As the payload mass increases, the success rate increases too.



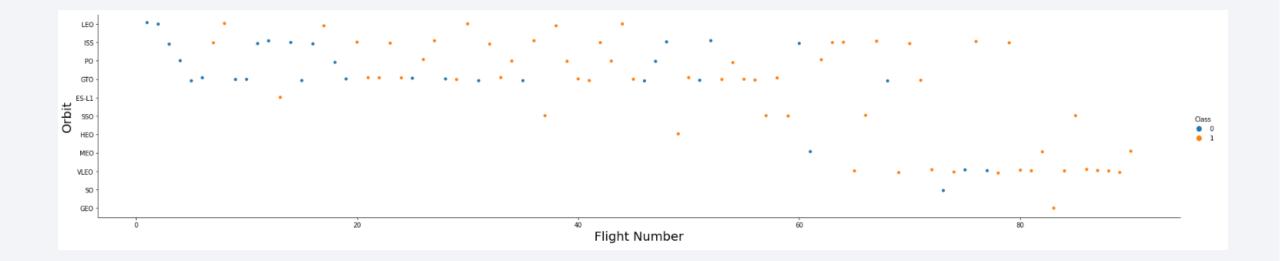
# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

• ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, and VLEO are the Orbits that have high success rate. The SO has the least success rate amongst the orbits.



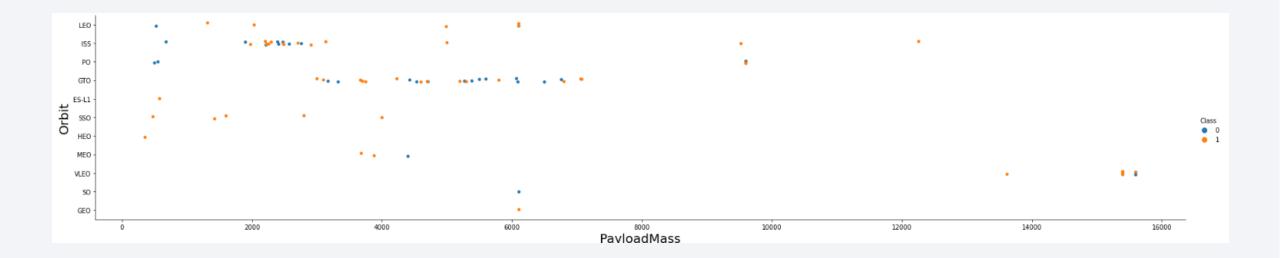
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

Success appears related to the number of flights in the LEO orbit. No relationship between flight number when in GTO orbit.



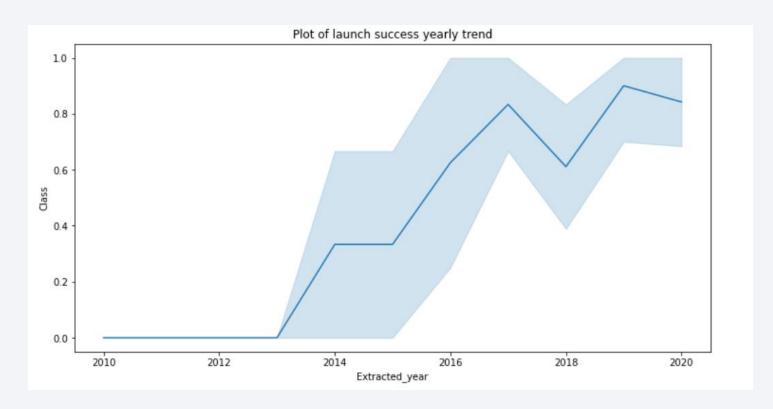
## Payload vs. Orbit Type

- With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for Polar, LEO and ISS.
- Can't say the same for GTO as both positive landing rate and negative landing (unsuccessful mission) are both present.



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

• Success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020.



#### All Launch Site Names

• Used SELECT DISTINCT to display the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission.



# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

Used the below query to display 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'

LIMIT	oaceX LaunchSite LIKE							
date t	me boosterversion	launchsite	payload	payloadmasskg	orbit	customer	missionoutcome	landingoutcome
<b>0</b> 2010-04-06 18:45	5:00 F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
<b>1</b> 2010-08-12 15:43	3:00 F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of	0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	Failure (parachute)
<b>2</b> 2012-05-22 07:44	1:00 F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
<b>3</b> 2012-08-10 00:35	5:00 F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

# **Total Payload Mass**

Calculated the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA using the below query.

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

task\_3 = '''

SELECT SUM(PayloadMassKG) AS Total\_PayloadMass
FROM SpaceX
WHERE Customer LIKE 'NASA (CRS)'

'''

create\_pandas\_df(task\_3, database=conn)

total\_payloadmass

45596

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

Calculated the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 by using the below query.

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

task_4 = '''

SELECT AVG(PayloadMassKG) AS Avg_PayloadMass
FROM SpaceX
WHERE BoosterVersion = 'F9 v1.1'

'''

create_pandas_df(task_4, database=conn)

avg_payloadmass

0 2928.4
```

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

Listed the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved using the below query and the MIN() function.

List the date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was acheived.

Hint:Use min function

task\_5 = '''
SELECT MIN(Date) AS FirstSuccessfull\_landing\_date
FROM SpaceX
WHERE LandingOutcome LIKE 'Success (ground pad)'
'''
create\_pandas\_df(task\_5, database=conn)

firstsuccessfull\_landing\_date

0 2015-12-22

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

Calculated the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000 using the below query.

List the names of the boosters which have success in drone ship and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000

```
task_6 = '''
    SELECT BoosterVersion
    FROM SpaceX
    WHERE LandingOutcome = 'Success (drone ship)'
        AND PayloadMassKG > 4000
        AND PayloadMassKG < 6000
    '''
    create_pandas_df(task_6, database=conn)

boosterversion
0    F9 FT B1022
1    F9 FT B1026
2    F9 FT B1021.2
3    F9 FT B1031.2</pre>
```

#### Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

Used wildcard '%' to help list the total number of successful and failed mission outcomes.

```
List the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
 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('The total number of failed mission outcome is:')
 create_pandas_df(task_7b, database=conn)
The total number of successful mission outcome is:
   successoutcome
             100
The total number of failed mission outcome is:
   failureoutcome
```

# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

Listed the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the max payload mass using the below subquery using MAX() function.

List the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery task 8 = ''' SELECT BoosterVersion, PayloadMassKG FROM SpaceX WHERE PayloadMassKG = ( SELECT MAX (PayloadMassKG) FROM SpaceX ORDER BY BoosterVersion create\_pandas\_df(task\_8, database=conn) boosterversion payloadmasskg F9 B5 B1048.4 15600 F9 B5 B1048.5 15600 F9 B5 B1049.4 15600 F9 B5 B1049.5 15600 F9 B5 B1049.7 15600 F9 B5 B1051.3 15600 F9 B5 B1051.4 15600 F9 B5 B1051.6 15600 F9 B5 B1056.4 15600 F9 B5 B1058.3 15600 F9 B5 B1060.2 15600 F9 B5 B1060.3 15600

#### 2015 Launch Records

List the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015

```
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)
```

	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)) between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20, in descending order

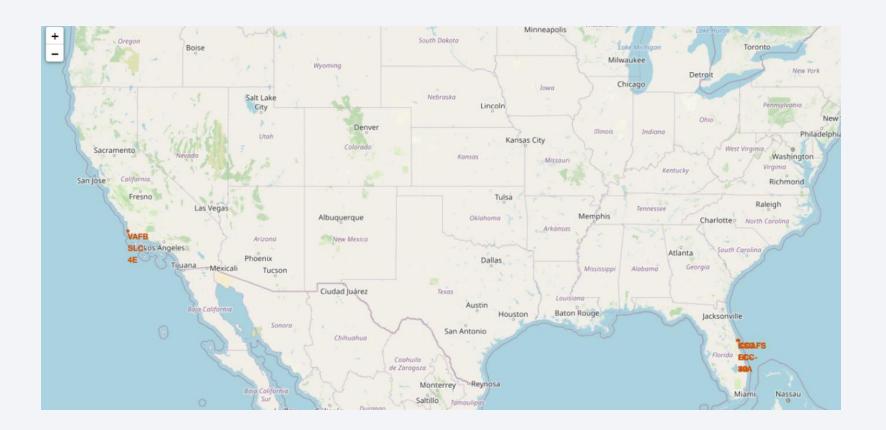
```
task_10 = '''
    SELECT LandingOutcome, COUNT(LandingOutcome)
    FROM SpaceX
    WHERE DATE BETWEEN '2010-06-04' AND '2017-03-20'
    GROUP BY LandingOutcome
    ORDER BY COUNT(LandingOutcome) DESC
    '''
create_pandas_df(task_10, database=conn)
```

		_			
	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			



#### All Launch Sites Locations with Folium

• There are two launch sites located in the U.S.A - Florida and California.



# Launch sites with markers showing color labels

- Green marker successful launches
- Red marker failed launches



#### Launch Site Distances



- · 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



# **Classification Accuracy**

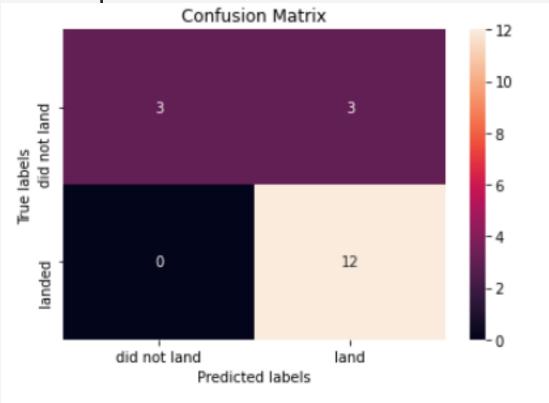
• The best model is the Decision Tree which has the highest classification accuracy.

```
Find the method performs best:
```

```
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 classifier can distinguish between different classes. Problem with it is the false positives.



#### Conclusions

- As the flight amount increases, the success rate increases at a launch site.
- As the payload mass increases, the success rate increases too.
- Launch success rate increased from 2013 until 2020.
- Orbits E-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO, VLEO had the most success rate.
- The SO has the least success rate amongst the orbits.
- KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches at any sites.
- The best machine learning algorithm is the decision tree classifier for this case because it has the highest classification accuracy.

