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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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## METHODOLOGIES

**Data Collection:** Data is collected from the SpaceX REST API and through web scraping the SpaceX site.

**Data Wrangling:** The raw data from the SpaceX REST API and web scraping was cleaned and structured for analysis.

**Visualization:** The dataset was analysed for relationships and dependencies between features.

***Predictive Analytics:*** *The data is split into training and testing sets. Multiple machine learning models are considered to work on the data.*

## RESULTS

\*Launching success rate increasing from 2013 till 2020.

\*Although several classification models achieved an accuracy of 83.3%, the Decision Tree stood out by delivering a slightly superior F1 score.

# Introduction

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- According to SpaceX's website, the cost of a Falcon 9 rocket launch is 62 million dollars, which is much cheaper than other providers that cost upward of 165 million dollars each. This is mainly due to SpaceX's ability to reuse the first stage. If we can accurately predict whether the first stage will land or not, we can determine the cost of a launch. This information could be really useful for an alternate company that wants to bid against SpaceX for a rocket launch.
- Verifying the successful touchdown of Falcon 9's first stage.
- Is it possible to precisely ascertain the launch cost?"



Section 1

# Methodology

# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - Data is collected from the SpaceX REST API and SpaceX site.
- Perform data wrangling
  - Data cleaning, data structuring, data transforming, data integrating.
- Perform exploratory data analysis (EDA) using visualization and SQL
- Perform interactive visual analytics using Folium and Plotly Dash
- Perform predictive analysis using classification models
  - Use machine learning models to fit the training data.

# Data Collection

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Parsed using the GET  
request



Filtered the dataframe to  
only include Falcon 9  
launches



Dealing with Missing  
Values

# Data Collection – SpaceX API

```
spacex_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
```

```
response = requests.get(spacex_url)
```

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

```
# Lets take a subset of our dataframe keeping only the features we want and the flight number  
data = data[['rocket', 'payloads', 'launchpad', 'cores', 'flight_number', 'date_utc']]
```

```
# We will remove rows with multiple cores because those are falcon rockets with 2 extra cores  
data = data[data['cores'].map(len)==1]  
data = data[data['payloads'].map(len)==1]
```

```
# Since payloads and cores are lists of size 1 we will also extract the single value into a column  
data['cores'] = data['cores'].map(lambda x : x[0])  
data['payloads'] = data['payloads'].map(lambda x : x[0])
```

```
# We also want to convert the date_utc to a datetime datatype and then extracting the date only  
data['date'] = pd.to_datetime(data['date_utc']).dt.date
```

```
# Using the date we will restrict the dates of the launches  
data = data[data['date'] <= datetime.date(2020, 11, 13)]
```

Data Retrieval



Data Filtering



Data Editing



Limitation by  
Date



# Data Collection - Scraping

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

soup=BeautifulSoup(q,'html.parser')
```

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

Pull Web Page

Find Table and  
Extract Rows

Extracting Data  
from Rows

# Git-Hub Links

- [https://github.com/muhammeteminyayli/ibm\\_data\\_science/blob/main/jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb](https://github.com/muhammeteminyayli/ibm_data_science/blob/main/jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb)
- [https://github.com/muhammeteminyayli/ibm\\_data\\_science/blob/main/jupyter-labs-webscraping.ipynb](https://github.com/muhammeteminyayli/ibm_data_science/blob/main/jupyter-labs-webscraping.ipynb)

# Data Wrangling

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```
a=pd.value_counts(df["LaunchSite"])
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b=pd.value_counts(df['Orbit'])
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```
landing_outcomes = pd.value_counts(df["Outcome"])
```

```
landing_class = [0 if outcome in bad_outcomes else 1 for outcome in df['Outcome']]
```

```
df['Class']=landing_class
```

Analyse Data  
Distribution



Classify Results



Insert  
Classified Data  
into  
DataFrame

# EDA with Data Visualization

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- **Flight Number and Launch Site:** bar plot
- **Payload and Launch Site:** Scatter plot
- **Success Rate vs. Orbit Type:** bar plot
- **FlightNumber and Orbit type:** Scatter plot
- **Payload and Orbit type:** Scatter
- **Visualize the launch success yearly trend:** line plot
- Scatter plot is a type of graph used to show the relationship between two variables.
- A bar plot is a type of graph used to visualise the values of categorical data.

# EDA with SQL

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**The following are various aspects of Exploratory Data Analysis using SQL**  
**Display of the names of unique launch sites in the space mission**

- Displaying 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'CCA'
- Demonstration of the total payload mass carried by NASA-launched boosters (CRS)
- Display of the average payload mass carried by the booster version F9 v1.1
- Listing of the date of the first successful landing on the ground runway.
- Listing of the names of boosters with a payload mass of more than 4000 but less than 6000 that have been successful on board the drone ship
- Listing the total number of successful and unsuccessful mission results
- List the names of the booster versions carrying the maximum payload mass.
- List records for months in 2015 showing month names, failed landing\_results on drone ship, booster versions, launch\_location.
- List the number of landing results (such as Failed (drone ship) or Successful (ground pad)) between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20 in descending order.



# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- The factors analysed using Folium are:
- Marking of all launch sites on a map
- Marking of successful/failed launches for each site on the map
- Calculation of distances between a launch site and its vicinity
- Drawing a line between a launch site and a nearby coastline point
- Drawing a line between a launch site and the nearest city, railway, motorway

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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- Plotly is known for its ability to create interactive graphics. These generated graphs can be easily viewed, shared and even edited through web browsers. We drew a pie chart showing total lounges by specific sites. We have drawn a scatter plot showing the relationship between the resultant and payload mass for different booster versions.

# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

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- We added data
- We created a prediction column
- Split the data into training and test sets
- We trained the logistics with Regression Model, SVM, KNN, Decission Tree model
- We compared the models.
- We found the best model

# Results

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- CCAFS SLC 40, KSC LC 39A have high success rates for high payload, ES-L1, GEO, HEO, SSO orbits have 100% success rate and success rates increase as more flights are launched from LEO, PO, SSO, VLEO, ISS orbits.
- The Decision Tree Classifier is best used to model SpaceX booster launch data as it has the highest accuracy.





Section 2

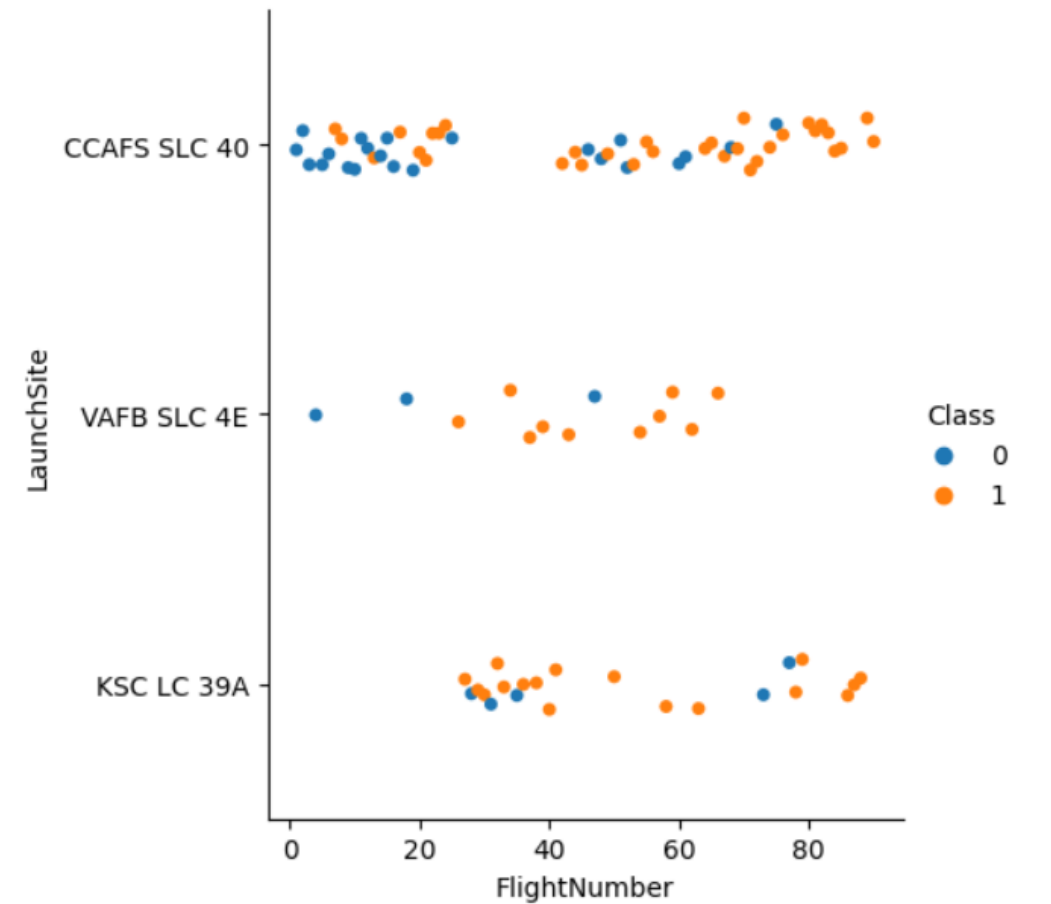
# Insights drawn from EDA



# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

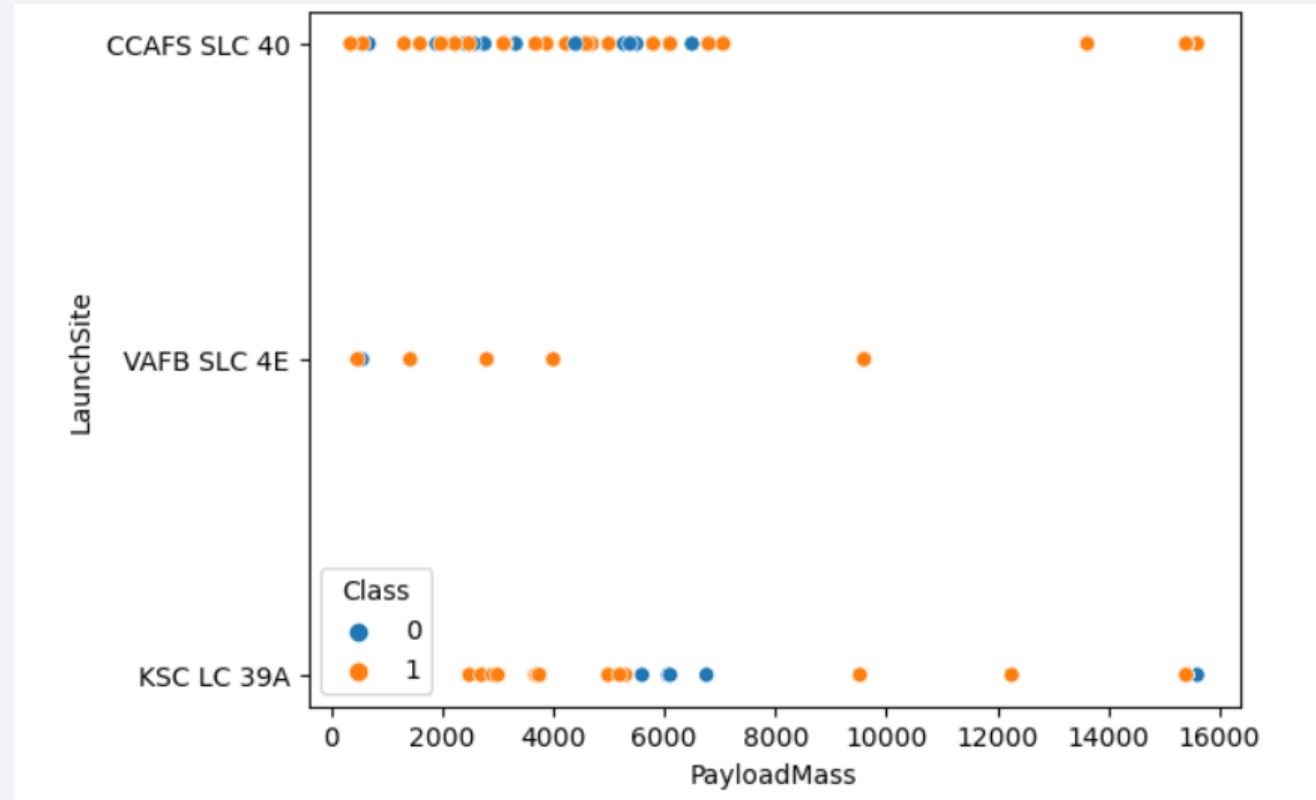
Here the number of flights launched from different launch locations is shown.

Descending Order: KSC LC 39, CCAFS SLC 40, VAFB SLC 4E



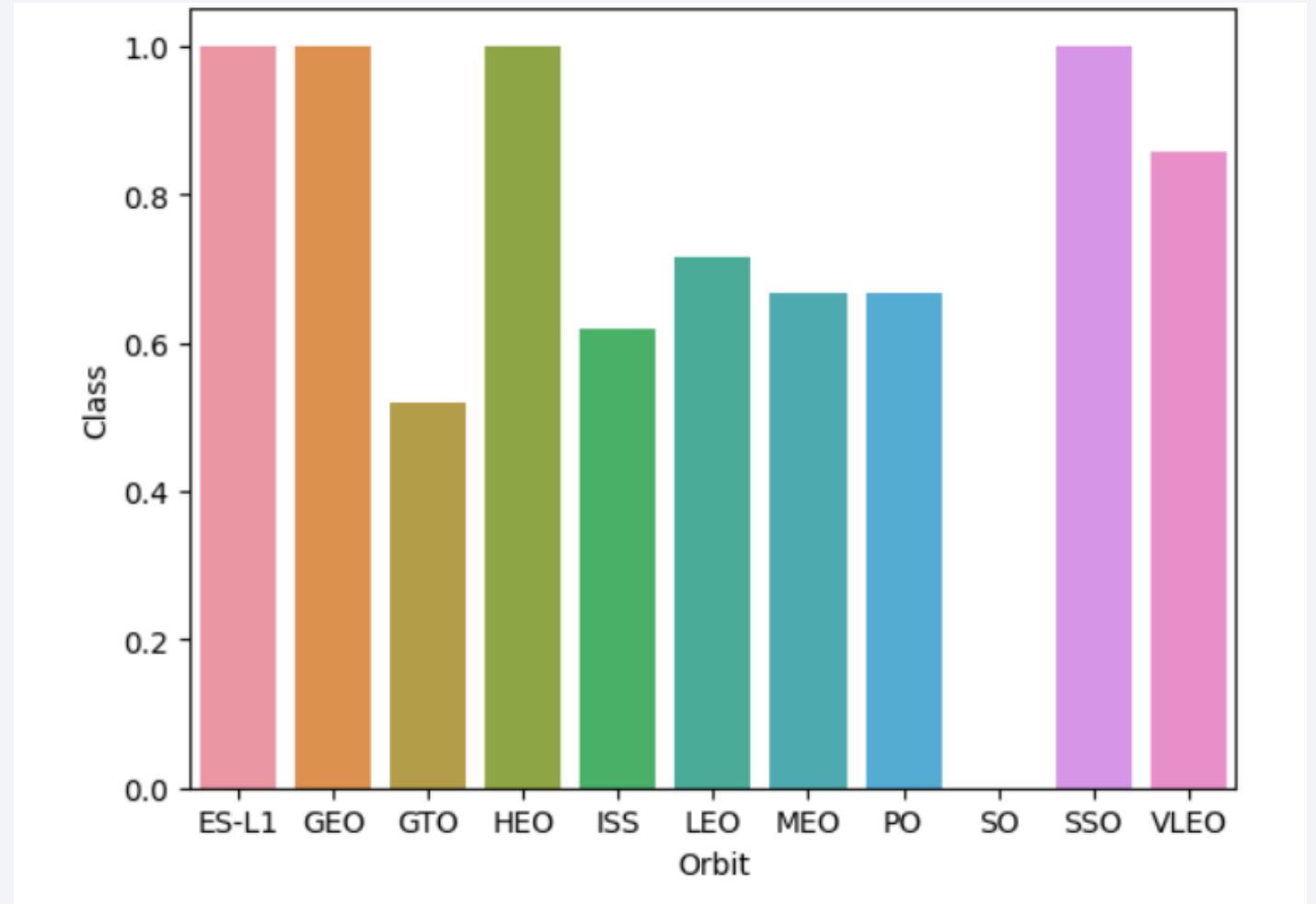
# Payload vs. Launch Site

- CCAFS SLC 40 is successful at high payload mass. but mixed at low.
- VAFB SLC 4E is succesful at low payload.
- The KSC LC 39A site has a high success rate at low payloads and high payloads, with a failure rate of around 6000kg.



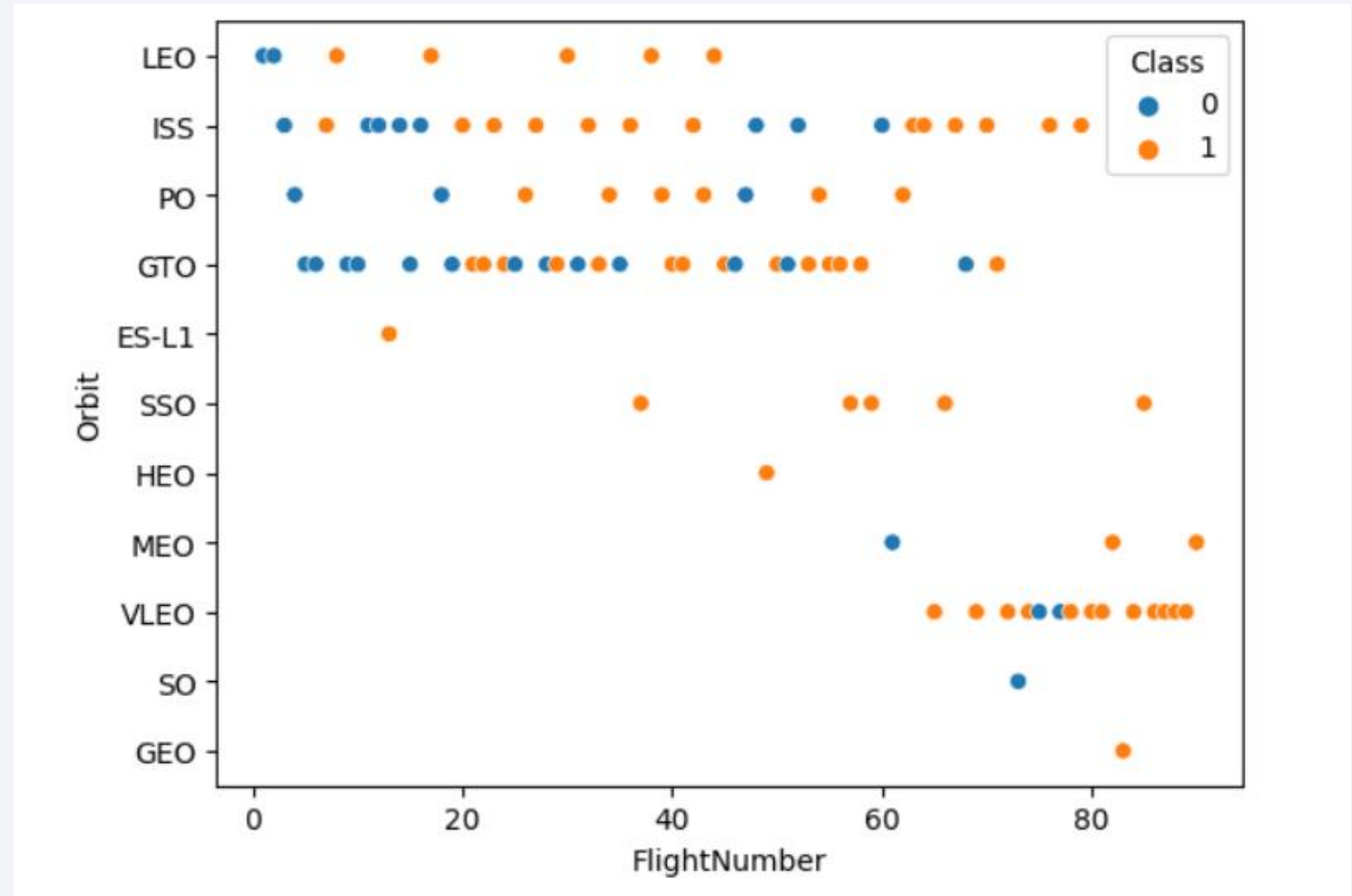
# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

- ES-L1, SSO, HEO, GEO recorded 100% success rate
- SO show 0% success rate



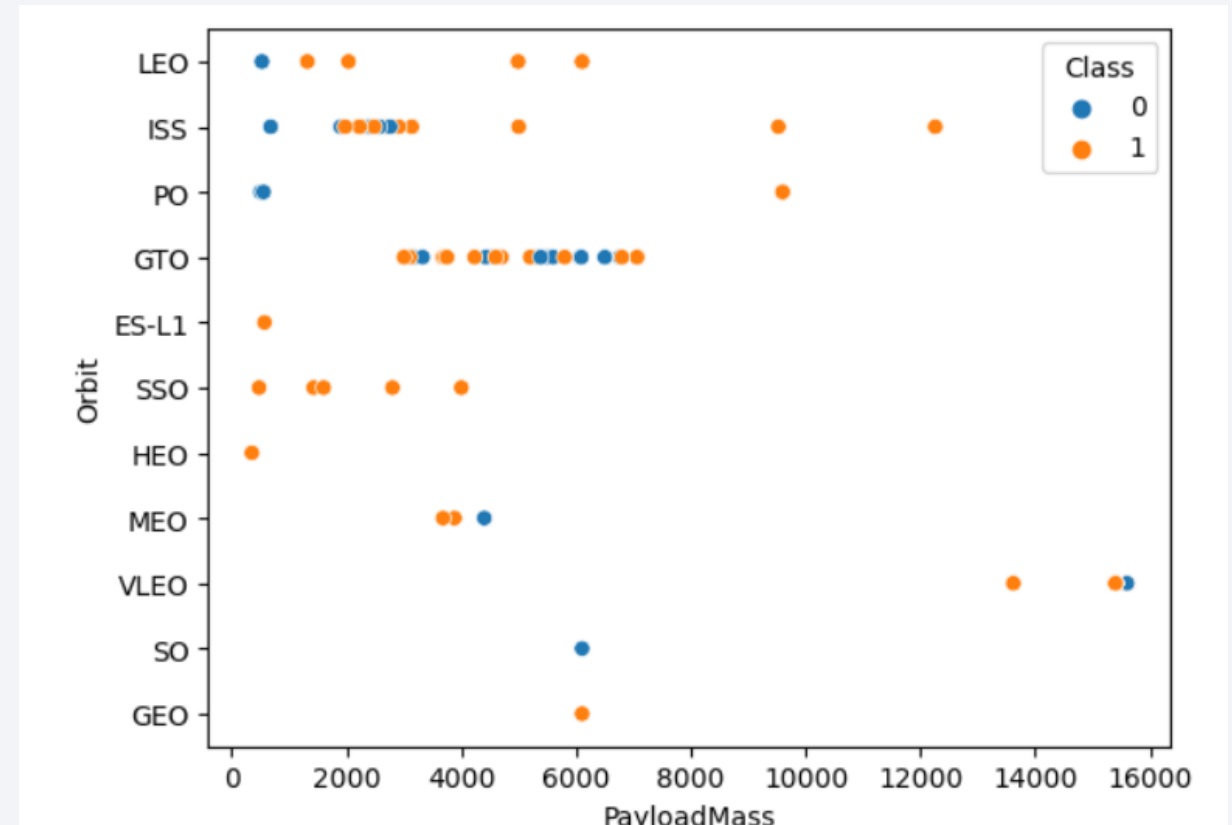
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- GTO has successful and unsuccessful launches.
- There were no unsuccessful launches in ES-L1 SSO HEO and GEO.
- LEO and VLEO are more secure.



# Payload vs. Orbit Type

- Higher loads witnessed almost complete success rate
- ES L1, SSO and HEO have 100% success rates
- GTO has a higher failure rate than others

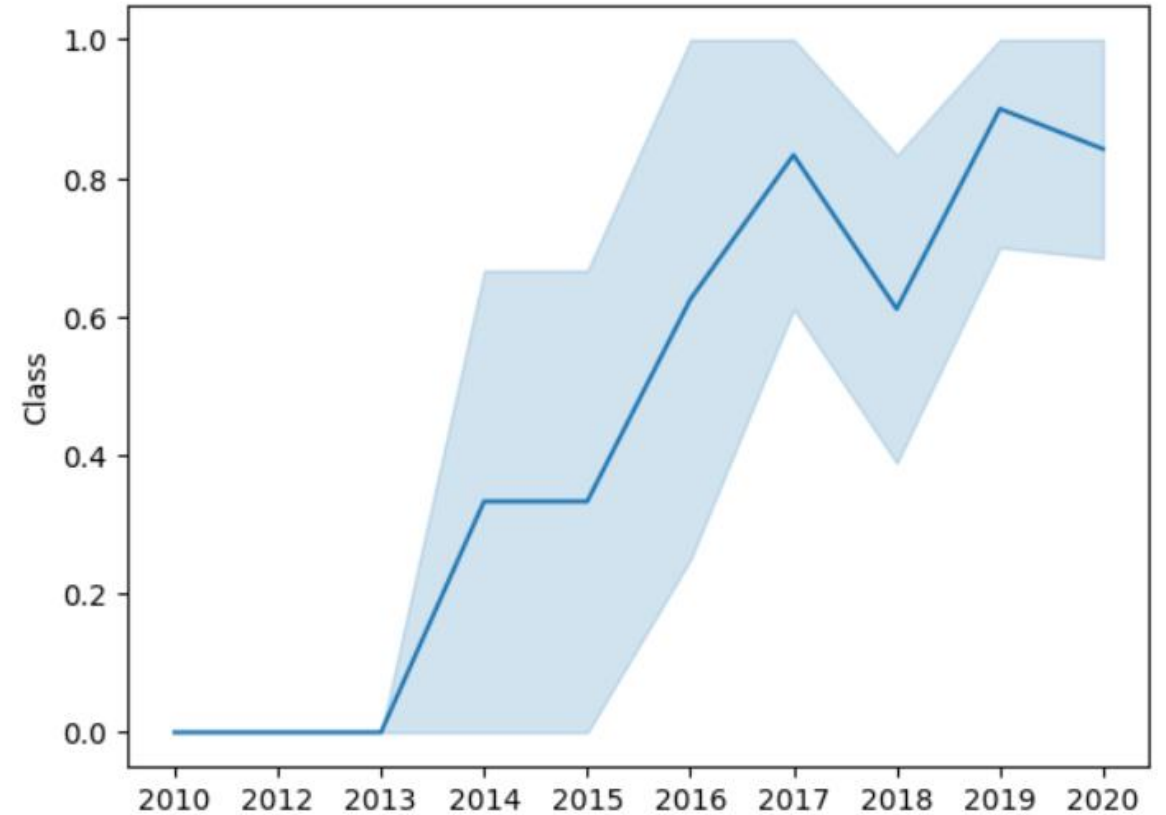




# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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- The success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020



# All Launch Site Names

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## THESE ARE THE LAUNCH SITES:

### Launch\_Site

CCAFS LC-40

CCAFS SLC-40

KSC LC-39A

VAFB SLC-4E

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

WE SEE THE FIRST 5 LINES STARTING WITH THE LAUNCH SITE CCA

Date	Time (UTC)	Booster_Version	Launch_Site	Payload	PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_	Orbit	Customer	Mission_Outcome	Landing_Outcome
2010-04-06	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
2010-08-12	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of Brouere cheese	0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	Failure (parachute)
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
2012-08-10	00:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
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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- Total payload carried by thrusters from NASA:

**45596**

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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- Average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1:

**2928.4**



# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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- The first successful landing on the land runway was achieved on:

**2015-12-22**

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

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Names of thrusters that have been successful on the drone ship and have a payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 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

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- The total number of successful and failure mission outcomes:

98

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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Names of the booster versions which have carried the maximum payload mass:

Booster_Version
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 B1058.3
F9 B5 B1051.6
F9 B5 B1060.3
F9 B5 B1049.7

# 2015 Launch Records

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- Records which will display the month names, failure landing outcomes in drone ship ,booster versions, launch site for the months in year 2015:

<code>substr(Date, 6,2)</code>	<code>Launch_Site</code>	<code>Booster_Version</code>
10	CCAFS LC-40	F9 v1.1 B1012
04	CCAFS LC-40	F9 v1.1 B1015

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

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Number of landing results (such as Failed (drone ship) or Successful (ground pad)) between 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20:

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

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 3

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis



# Launch Sites

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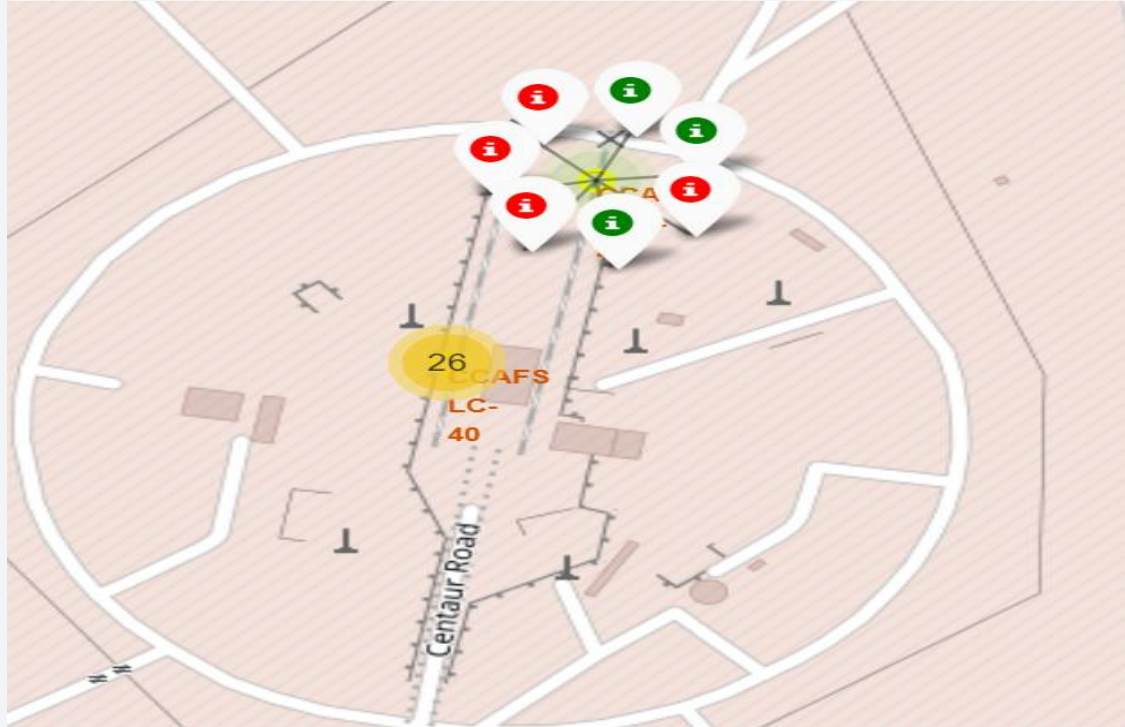
The launches were made there



- All the launch site are close to the coastline

# Launch Records

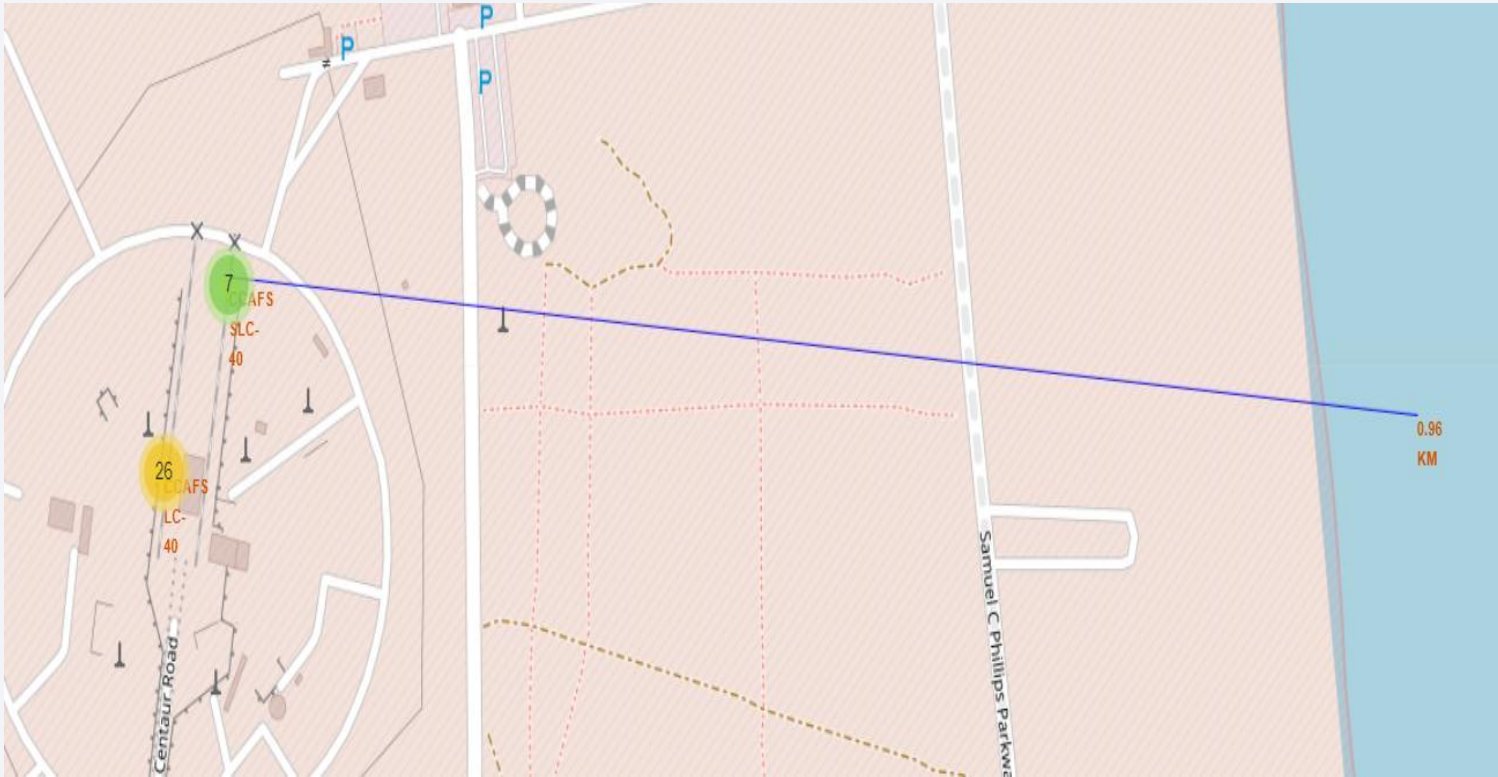
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Green cluster indicates successful take-off. Red cluster indicates unsuccessful take-off.

# The Distances Between A Launch Site To Its Proximities

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- Distance 0.96 KM
- Close to roads and railways





Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# <Dashboard Screenshot 1>

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- Replace <Dashboard screenshot 1> title with an appropriate title
- Show the screenshot of launch success count for all sites, in a piechart
- Explain the important elements and findings on the screenshot

## <Dashboard Screenshot 2>

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- Replace <Dashboard screenshot 2> title with an appropriate title
- Show the screenshot of the piechart for the launch site with highest launch success ratio
- Explain the important elements and findings on the screenshot

## <Dashboard Screenshot 3>

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- Replace <Dashboard screenshot 3> title with an appropriate title
- Show screenshots of Payload vs. Launch Outcome scatter plot for all sites, with different payload selected in the range slider
- Explain the important elements and findings on the screenshot, such as which payload range or booster version have the largest success rate, etc.

Section 5

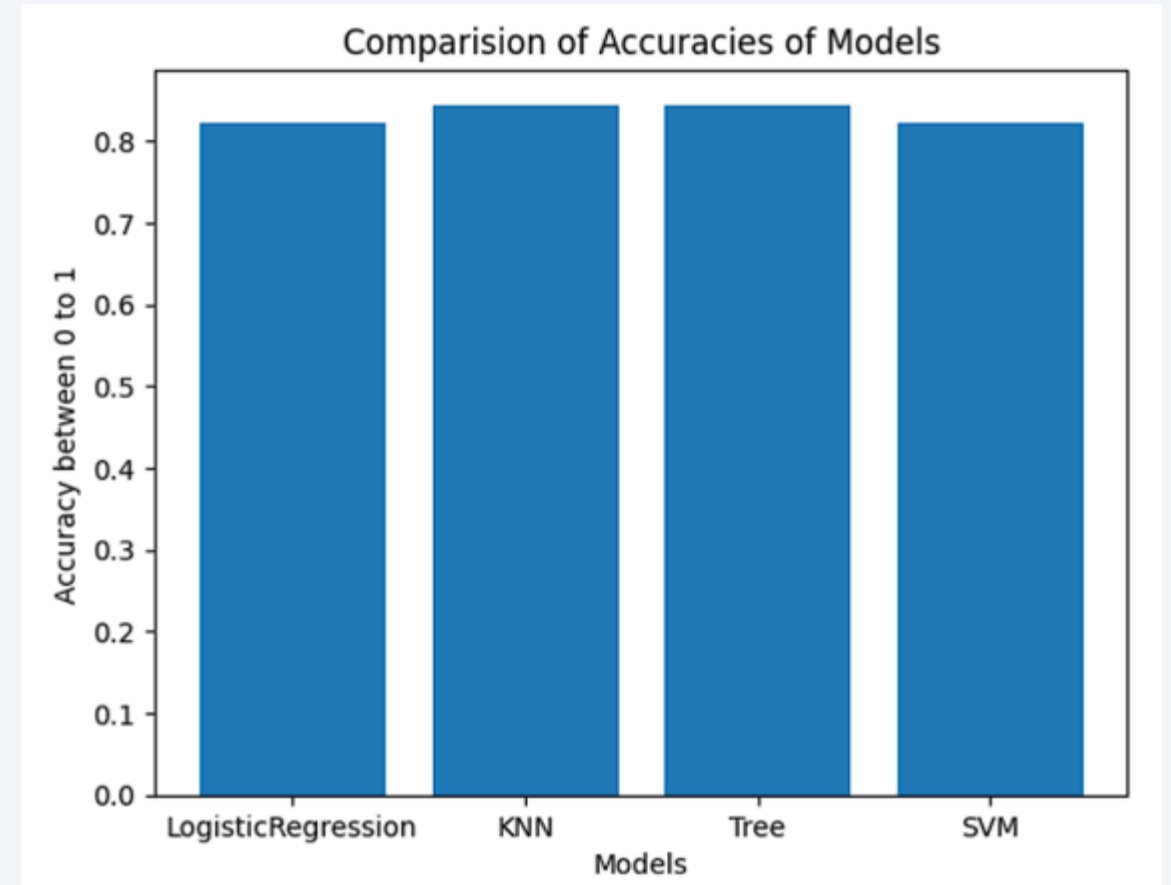
# Predictive Analysis (Classification)



# Classification Accuracy

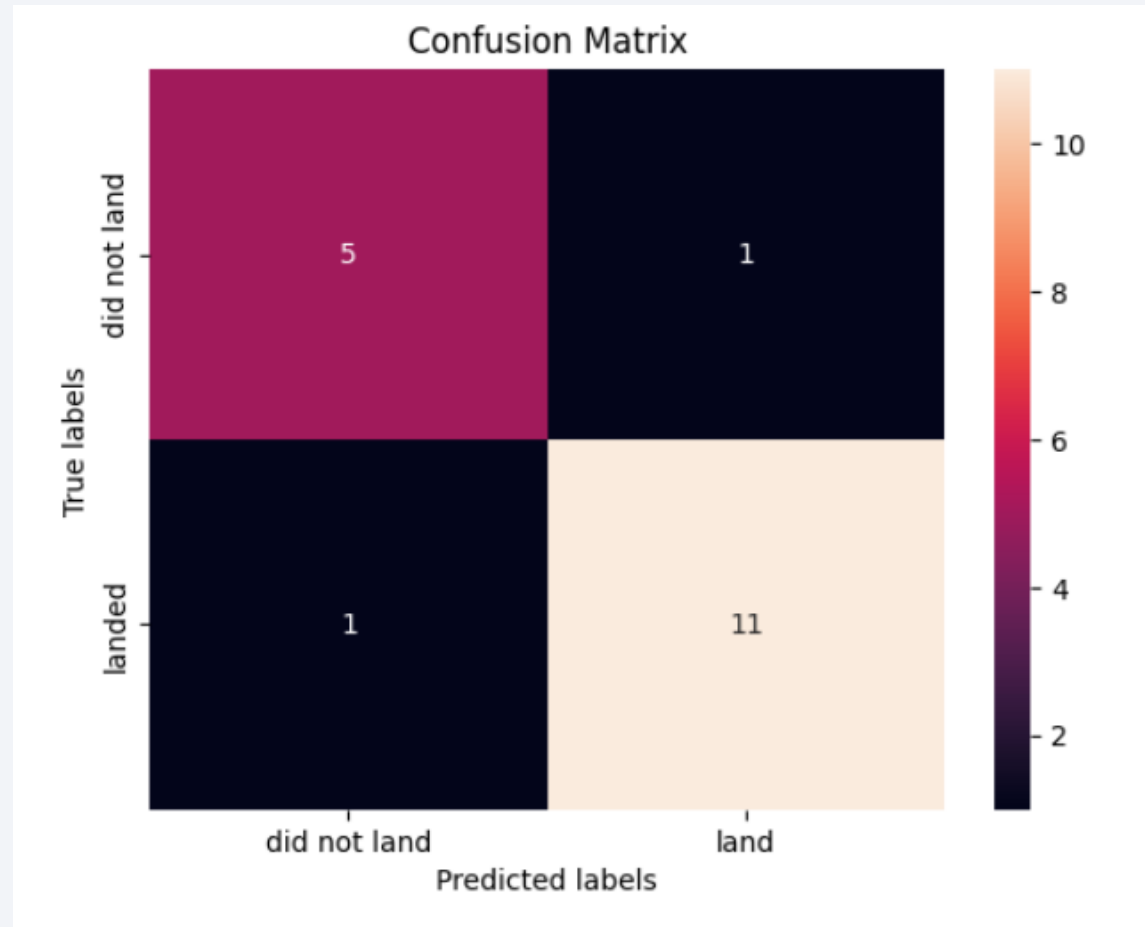
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- Decision Tree is best performing Model. accuracy %87.
- KNN is almost as accurate.



# Confusion Matrix

- The model was wrong once on the booster that didn't land. The other five times it guessed right.
- The model was wrong once on the landing booster. The other eleven times it guessed right.



# Conculusion

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- Point 1 : The Tree Decision Classifier and KNN classifier both perform best under the given training and test datasets. The Tree Decision Classifier gives the highest accuracy of 87%
- Launch success rate since 2013 the success rate continued to increase until 2020.
- KSC-LC 39A is the best launch site with 76 per cent.
- Higher loads witnessed almost complete success rate.
- ES-L1, SSO, HEO, GEO are reliable orbits, but SO is not.

# Appendix

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- SpSpacex.csv
- spacex2\_dash\_app.py
- SpaceX REST Api
- Jupyter Notebooks:
  - jupyter-labs-spacex-data-collection-api.ipynb
  - jupyter-labs-webscraping.ipynb
  - Labs-jupyter-spacex-Data wrangling.ipynb
  - jupyter-labs-eda-dataviz.ipynb
  - lab\_jupyter\_launch\_site\_location.ipynb
  - SpaceX\_Machine\_Learning\_Prediction\_Part\_5.jupyterlite.ipynb

Thank you!

