

# Winning Space Race with Data Science



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# Outline

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# Executive Summary

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- Summary of methodologies
  - Data collection.
  - Data wrangling.
  - EDA with data visualization and sql.
  - Building an interactive map with folium.
  - Building a dashboard with plotly dash.
  - Predictive analysis (correlation).
- Summary of all results
  - Exploratory data analysis results.
  - Interactive analytics screenshots.
  - Predictive analytics results.

# Introduction

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- Problems you want to find answers
  - We predicted if the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully. 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. 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 SpaceX for a rocket launch.
- Project background and context
  - What influences if the rocket will land successfully?

The effect each relationship with certain rocket variables will impact determining the success rate of a successful landing. What conditions does SpaceX have to achieve to get the best results and ensure the best rocket success landing rate.



Section 1

# Methodology



# Methodology

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## Executive Summary

- Data collection methodology:
  - SpaceX rest api
  - Web scrapping
- Perform data wrangling
  - One hot encoding data fields for machine learning and dropping irrelevant columns
- 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

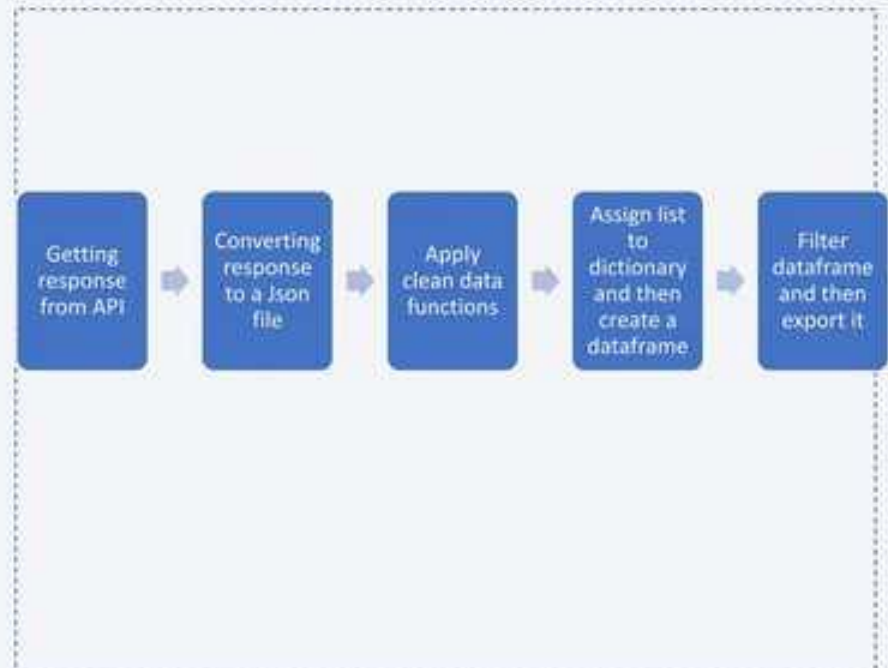
## Data Collection

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# Data Collection – SpaceX API

- ```
import requests
import pandas as pd
spacex_url =
"https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
response = requests.get(spacex_url)
data =
pd.json_normalize(response.json())
```
- GitHub URL of the completed SpaceX API calls notebook:  
<https://github.com/M02men311/data-science-capstone>





# Data Collection - Scraping

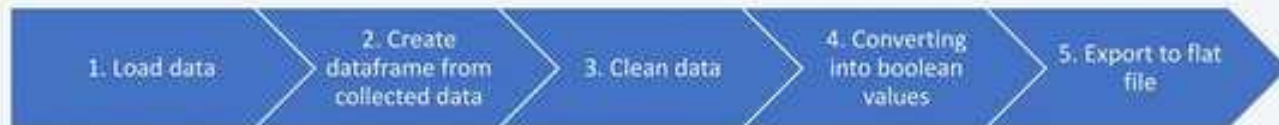
- import requests  
from bs4 import BeautifulSoup  
url =  
'https://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/  
List\_of\_Falcon\_9\_and\_Falco  
n\_Heavy\_launches'  
response = requests.get(url)  
html\_data=response.text  
soup=BeautifulSoup(html\_data)
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# Data Wrangling

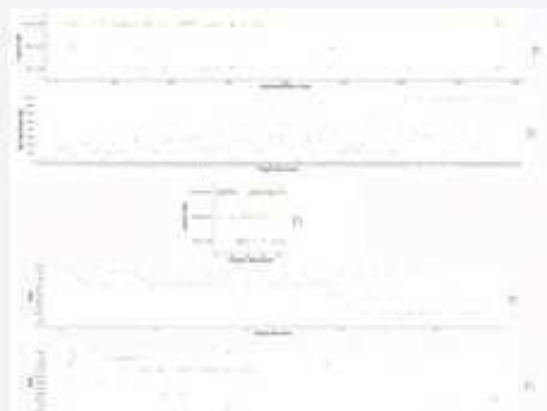
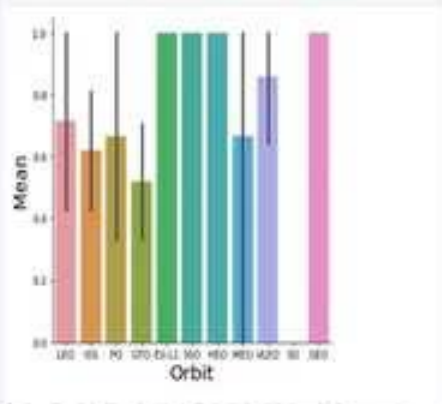
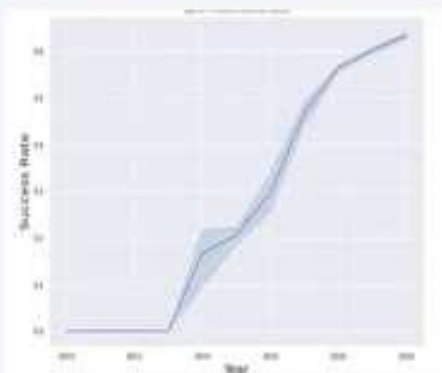
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- After collecting the data we check the missing data ,and data types and do on of the following to clean the data :Replace the missing data with one-Using mean or so.Change data type of the data.Represent categorical data using integer or float dummy numbers -one hot encoding



<https://github.com/M02men311/data-science-capstone>

# EDA with Data Visualization



Scatter Plot

To get relationship between variables, e.g.:

- FlightNumber vs. Orbit type
- Payload vs. Orbit type
- FlightNumber vs. PayloadMass
- FlightNumber vs. Launch Site

Bar Plot

To plot success rate of each orbit

Line Chart

To get the yearly average launch success trend

<https://github.com/M02men311/data-science-capstone>

# EDA with SQL

- Displaying the names of the unique launch sites in the space mission `%sql select distinct Launch_Site from SPACEXTBL`
- Displaying 5 records where launch sites begin with the string 'KSC'
- Displaying the total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- Displaying average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1  
Listing the date where the successful landing outcome in drone ship was achieved.
- Listing the names of the boosters which have success in ground pad and have payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- Listing the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes  
Listing the names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. <https://github.com/M02men311/data-science-capstone>
- Listing the records which will display the month names, successful landing\_outcomes in ground pad booster versions, launch\_site for the months in year 2017 Ranking the count of successful landing\_outcomes between the date 2010-06-04 and 2017-03-20 in descending order



# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- Folium makes it easy to visualize geo-spatial data in Python using interactive leaflet map. In this project, we use latitudes and longitudes of each launch site with a Circle Marker, Name Label and Cluster Markers for Successful and failed launches on each site
- Since spaceX launches come from different launch sites I displayed the information of failed and successful launches as a cluster on the map. Through zooming in and out you can observe the clusters of success launches and failed launches
- <https://github.com/M02men311/data-science-capstone>



# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Dash is a python framework created by plotly for creating interactive web applications written on the top of Flask, Plotly.js and React.js. In this project, we used IBM's Theia IDE platform to create interactive dashboard with Pie chart and Scatter plots.
- Plotly Dash is Python library that makes it easier to create a dashboard for us as Data Scientist . With a simple interactive dashboard one can change the inputs to see representation of values in graphs.
- <https://github.com/M02men311/data-science-capstone>





# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

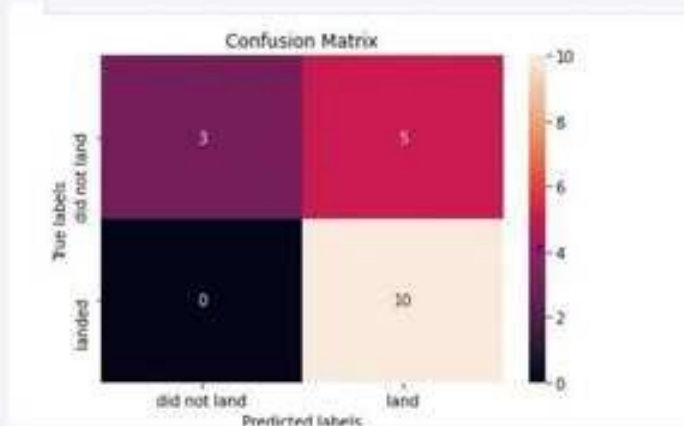
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- Prepare data
- Create a column for the class
- Standardize the data
- Split into training data and test data
- Define model and parameters
- Train and Grid Search for best parameters
- Evaluation

# Results

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



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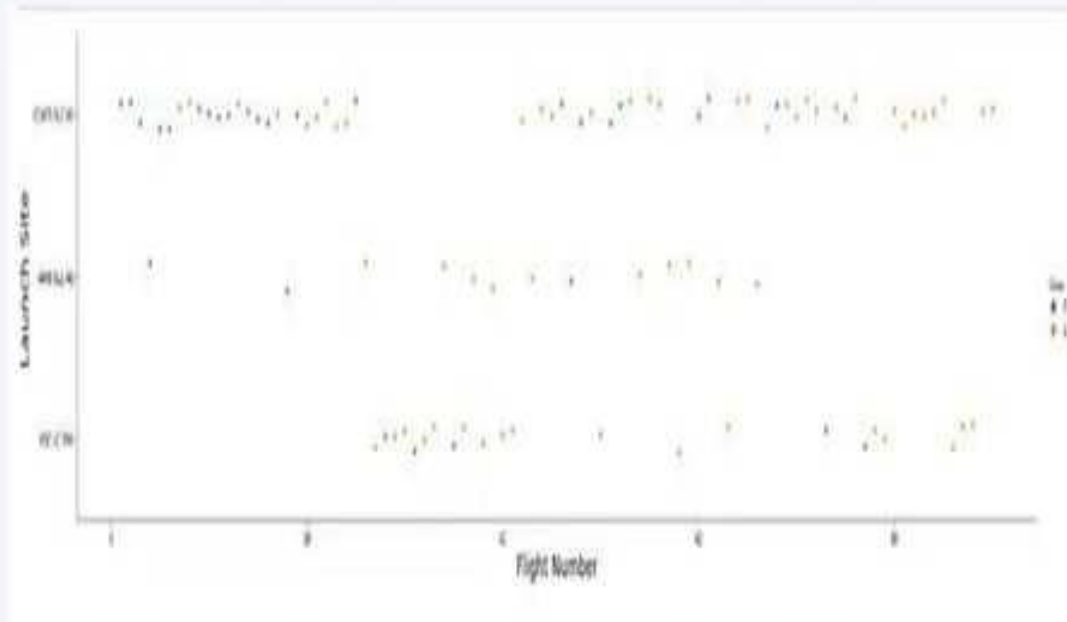
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# Insights drawn from EDA

# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

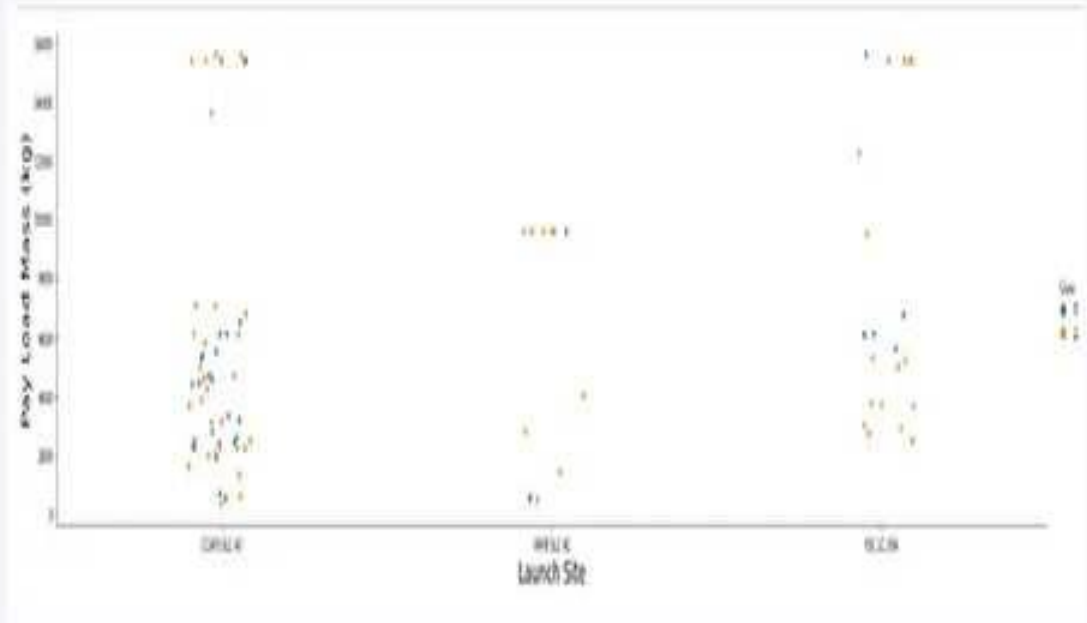
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- `Sns.catplot(y="launch site", x="flight number", hue=class, data=df, aspect=5)`
- `Plt.xlabel("flight number", fontsize=25)`
- `Plt.ylabel("launch site", fontsize=25)`
- `Plt.show()`



# Payload vs. Launch Site

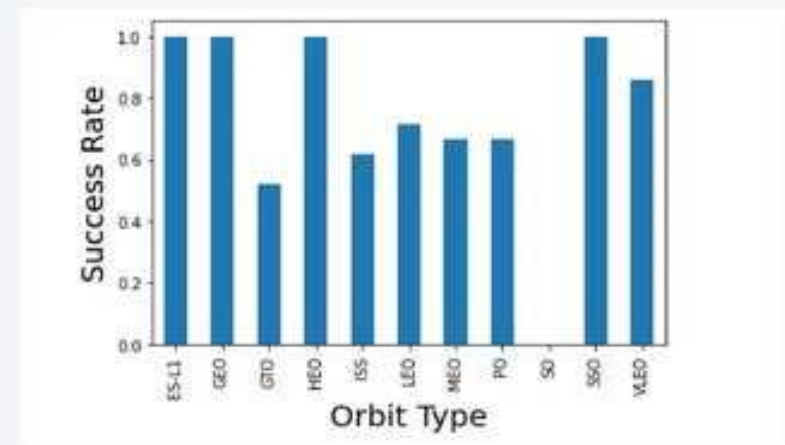
- `Sns.catplot(x="launch site", y="pay load mass <kg>", hue=class , data=df , aspect=5)`
- `Plt.ylabel("pay load mass <kg>", fontsize=25)`
- `Plt.xlabel("launch site" , fontsize=25)`
- `Plt.show()`



# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

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- `Sns.catplot(x="orbit type", y="success rate", data=df_success_rate)`
- `Plt.xlabel("success rate", fontsize=15)`
- `Plt.ylabel("orbit type", fontsize=15)`
- `Plt.show()`

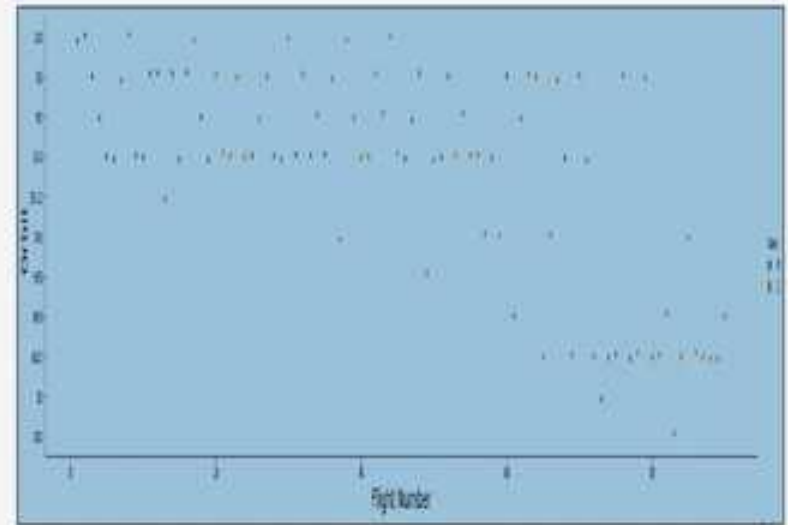




# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

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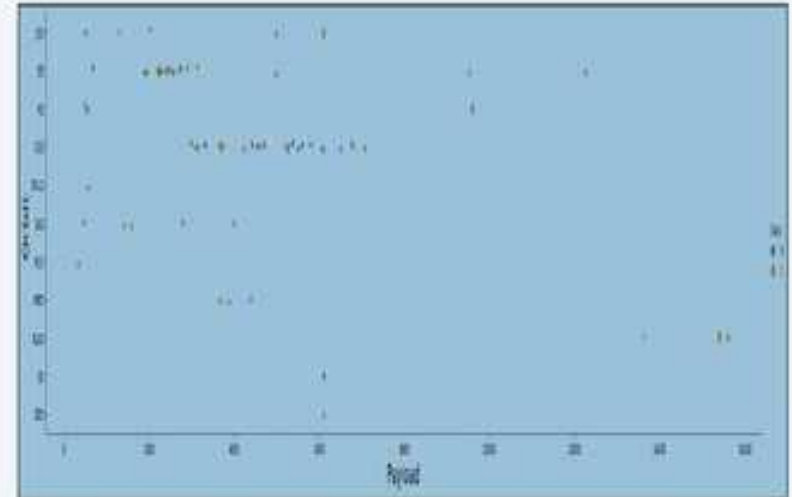
- `Sns.catplot(x="flight number", y="orbit", hue=class, data=df, aspect=3)`
- `Plt.xlabel("orbit", fontsize=25)`
- `Plt.ylabel("flight number", fontsize=25)`
- `Plt.show()`



# Payload vs. Orbit Type

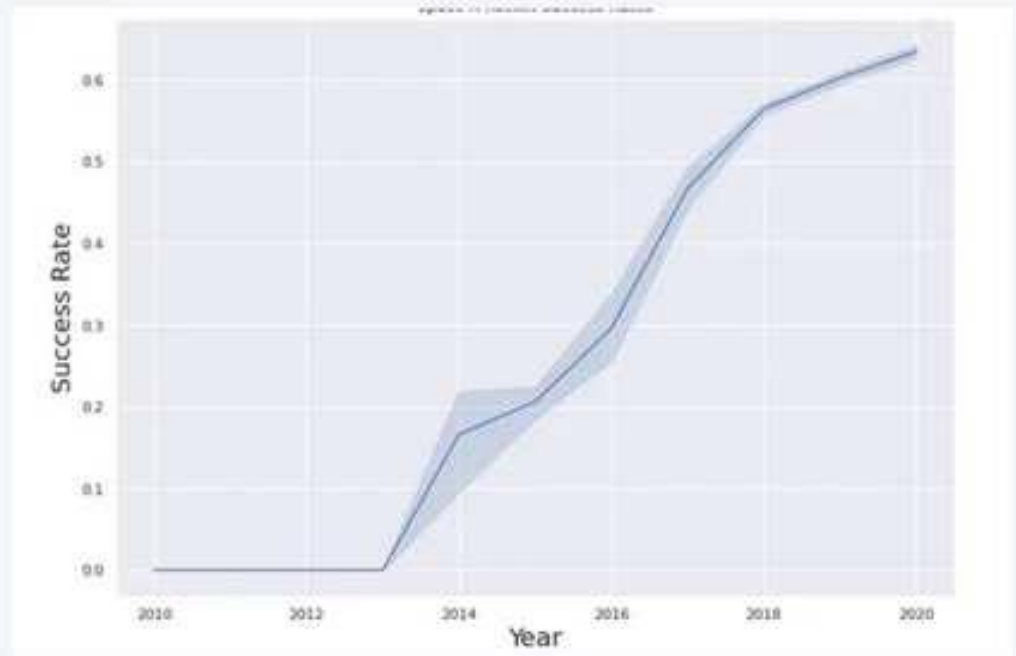
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- `Sns.catplot(x="payload", y="orbit", hue=class, data=df, aspect=3)`
- `Plt.xlabel("payload", fontsize=20)`
- `Plt.ylabel("orbit", fontsize=20)`
- `Plt.show()`



# Launch Success Yearly Trend

- `Sns.catplot(x="year",  
y="success rate",  
data=df_year_success )`
- `Plt.xlabel("year",  
fontsize=15)`
- `Plt.ylabel("success rate" ,  
fontsize=15)`
- `Plt.show()`



# All Launch Site Names

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- %sql select distinct launch\_site from spacetable ;
- Launch\_site:
  - CCAFS LC-40
  - CCAFS SLC-40
  - KSC LC-39
  - VAFB

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- %sql select \* from spacextbl where launch\_site like 'CCA%' limit 5

| Date       | Time (UTC) | Booster_Version | Launch_Site | Payload                                                       | PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_ | Orbit     | Customer        | Mission_Outcome | Landing_Outcome     |
|------------|------------|-----------------|-------------|---------------------------------------------------------------|------------------|-----------|-----------------|-----------------|---------------------|
| 04-06-2010 | 18:45:00   | F9 v1.0 B0003   | CCAFS LC-40 | Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit                          | 0                | LEO       | SpaceX          | Success         | Failure (parachute) |
| 08-12-2010 | 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) |
| 22-05-2012 | 07:44:00   | F9 v1.0 B0005   | CCAFS LC-40 | Dragon demo flight C2                                         | 525              | LEO (ISS) | NASA (COTS)     | Success         | No attempt          |
| 08-10-2012 | 00:35:00   | F9 v1.0 B0006   | CCAFS LC-40 | SpaceX CRS-1                                                  | 500              | LEO (ISS) | NASA (CRS)      | Success         | No attempt          |
| 01-03-2013 | 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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```
%sql select sum(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_) from SPACEXTBL where Customer like 'NASA%'
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

```
sum(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_)
```

```
99980
```

The total payload carried by boosters from NASA is 99980



# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

```
avg(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG_)
```

```
2534.6666666666665
```

average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1 is  
2534.67

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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```
sqlite> select min(Date) from SPACEXTBL where "Landing_Outcome" = "Success (ground pad)"
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

```
min(Date)
```

```
01-05-2017
```

first successful landing outcome on ground pad is 01-05-2017

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

- names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000.

```
sqlite
```

```
select Booster_Version from SPACEXTBL  
where "Landing_Outcome" = "Success (drone ship)"  
and PAYLOAD_MASS_KG > 4000  
and PAYLOAD_MASS_KG < 6000
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

```
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 mission outcomes is 100
- the total number of failure mission outcomes is 1

```
[10] %%sql

select count(*) from SPACEXTBL
where "Mission_Outcome" like "Success%"

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
count(*)
100

[11] %%sql

select count(*) from SPACEXTBL
where "Mission_Outcome" like "Failure%"

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
count(*)
1
```

# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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```
sqlite  
  
select Booster_Version from SPACEXTBL  
where PAYLOAD_MASS_KG = (select max(PAYLOAD_MASS_KG) from SPACEXTBL)
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db  
Done.
```

**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

The Names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass

# 2015 Launch Records

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```
[14] %%sql
```

```
select substr(Date, 4, 2) as Month, Booster_Version, Launch_Site from SPACEXTBL
where substr(Date,7,4)='2015' and "Landing_Outcome" = "Failure (drone ship)"
```

```
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
```

```
Done.
```

```
Month Booster_Version Launch_Site
```

```
01    F9 v1.1 B1012    CCAFS LC-40
```

```
04    F9 v1.1 B1015    CCAFS LC-40
```

Failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions,  
and launch site names for in year 2015:

| Month | booster_version | launch_site |
|-------|-----------------|-------------|
| 1     | F9 v1.1 B1012   | CCAFS LC-40 |
| 4     | F9 v1.1 B1015   | CCAFS LC-40 |



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

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| Landing_outcomes    | Landings |
|---------------------|----------|
| Success             | 20       |
| No attempt          | 10       |
| Success(drone ship) | 8        |
| Success(ground pad) | 6        |
| Failure(drone ship) | 4        |
| Controlled(ocean)   | 3        |
| Failure             | 3        |
| Failure(parachute)  | 2        |
| No attempt          | 1        |

```
%%sql

select "Landing_Outcome",
       count("Landing_Outcome") as landings
from SPACEXTBL
where Date >= "04-06-2010" and Date <= "20-03-2017"
group by "Landing_Outcome"
order by landings desc

* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Done.
Landing_Outcome landings
Success          20
No attempt       10
Success (drone ship) 8
Success (ground pad) 6
Failure (drone ship) 4
Controlled (ocean) 3
Failure          3
Failure (parachute) 2
No attempt       1
```

A satellite view of Earth at night, showing the curvature of the planet and the glowing lights of cities and continents against the dark blue of the oceans and the blackness of space.

Section 3

# Launch Sites Proximities Analysis

# <Folium Map Screenshot 1>

| Launch Site  | Lat         | Long         |
|--------------|-------------|--------------|
| CCAFS LC-40  | 28.56230197 | -80.57735648 |
| CCAFS SLC-40 | 28.56319718 | -80.57682003 |
| KSC LC-39A   | 28.57325457 | -80.64689529 |
| VAFB SLC-4E  | 34.63283416 | -120.6107455 |



## <Folium Map Screenshot 2>

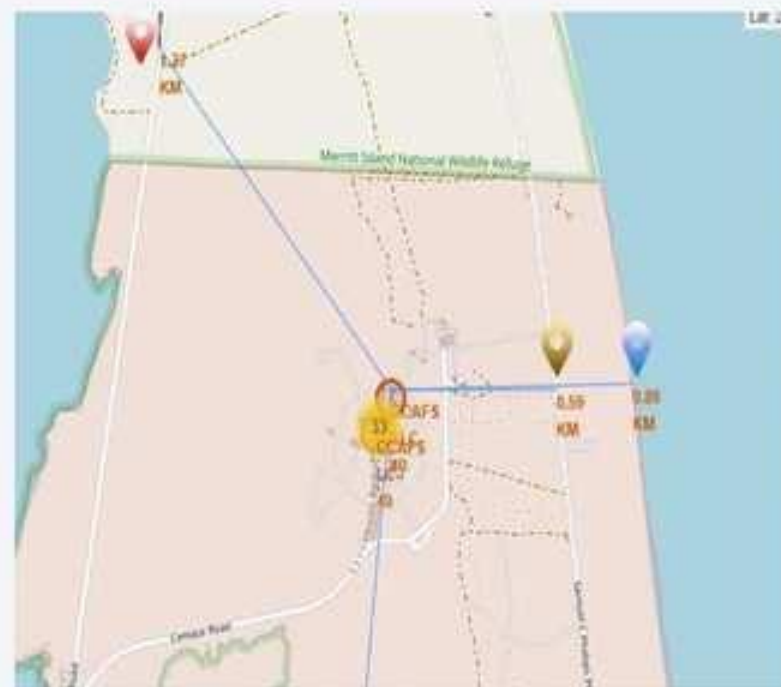
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- We can see that CCAFS SLC-40 has low rate



## <Folium Map Screenshot 3>

- launch sites are less than 2km from railways
- launch sites are less than 2km from highways
- launch sites are less than 5km from coastline
- It keeps 15 km away from the city







Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash



## <Dashboard Screenshot 1>

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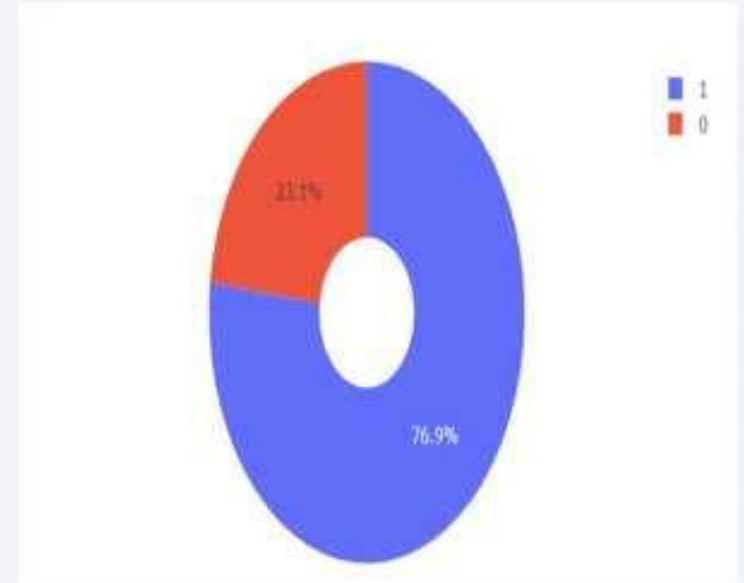
- KSC LC-39A has the most successful launches



## <Dashboard Screenshot 2>

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- KSC LC-39A has 76.9% success rate
- KSC LC-39A has 23.1% failure rate



## <Dashboard Screenshot 3>

- We can see that range from 2000kg to 4000kg payload mass has the most successful rate
- Also booster version ft has more successful rate



The background of the slide features a dynamic, abstract image. On the left, there is a solid blue area. To the right, a perspective view of a tunnel is shown, with its walls and floor curving into the distance. The tunnel's interior is highlighted with glowing blue and white lines that follow the curve of the walls, creating a sense of motion and depth. The overall color palette is dominated by blue and white.

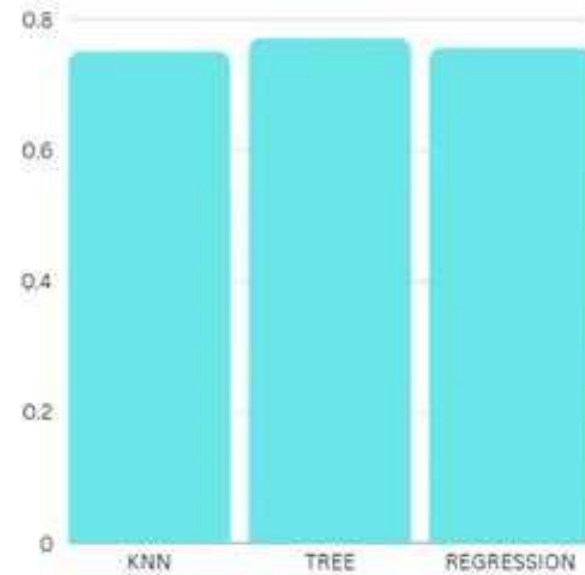
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# Predictive Analysis (Classification)

# Classification Accuracy

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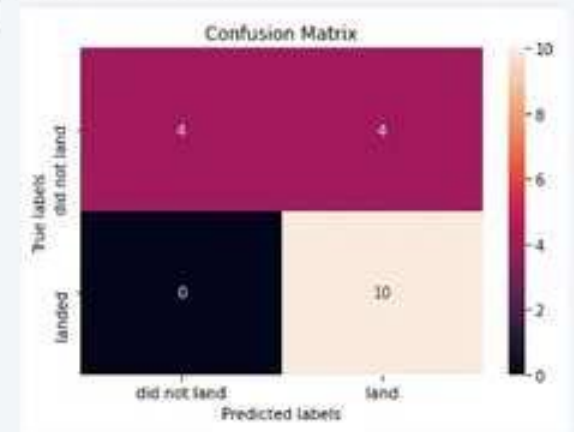
- Decision tree model has the highest accuracy



# Confusion Matrix

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- After analyzing the models' scores and I get the most accurate model possible. and found that the decision tree classifier model has the lowest bias confusion matrix, the best score, and the accuracy.





# Conclusions

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- The KNN algorithm is the best model in machine learning for this dataset
- Launch site KSC LC-39A has the highest success rate
- Orbit GEO,HEO & ES-L1,SS have highest success rate
- Launches that have low payload has more success rate
- Success rate is increasing directly proportional with time

# Appendix

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- Canva tool
- Smart art tool
- Jupyter lite & python (pyodide)
- Labs.cognitive.ai

Thank you!

