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# Winning Space Race with Data Science

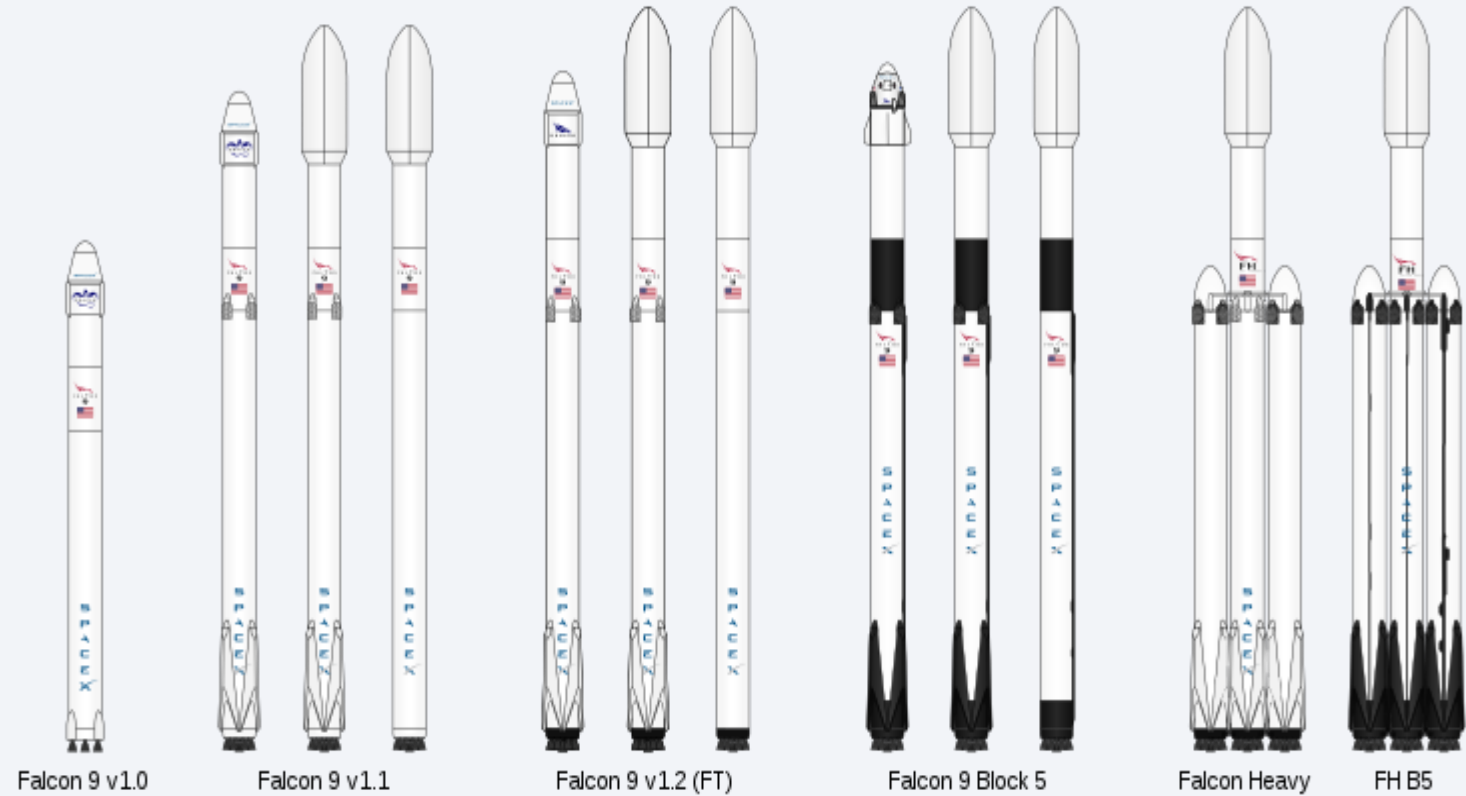
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# Executive Summary

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## Summary of methodologies

- Data Collection through API
- Data Collection with Web Scraping
- Data Wrangling
- Exploratory Data Analysis with SQL
- Exploratory Data Analysis with Data Visualization
- Interactive Visual Analytics with Folium
- Machine Learning Prediction

## Summary of all results

- Exploratory Data Analysis result
- Interactive analytics in screenshots
- Predictive Analytics result

# Introduction

- **Project background and context**

- Space X - Falcon 9 rocket launches cost 62 million dollars;
- other providers cost upward of 165 million dollars each
- Through machine learning model predict if the first stage will land successfully or not,
- Determine the approximate cost of the whole mission
- Therefore, if we can determine if the first stage will land, we can determine the cost of a launch.

- **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

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## Executive Summary



## Data collection methodology:

Using SpaceX API  
Web scraping from  
Wikipedia



## Perform data wrangling

Basic EDA  
Determined training labels  
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

[GitHub Link for the project](#)

- Requesting and parsing the SpaceX launch data using the GET request

```
requests.get("https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/rockets/"+str(x)).json()
```



```
df=pd.json_normalize(response.json())
```

- Requesting the Falcon9 Launch Wiki page from its URL

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

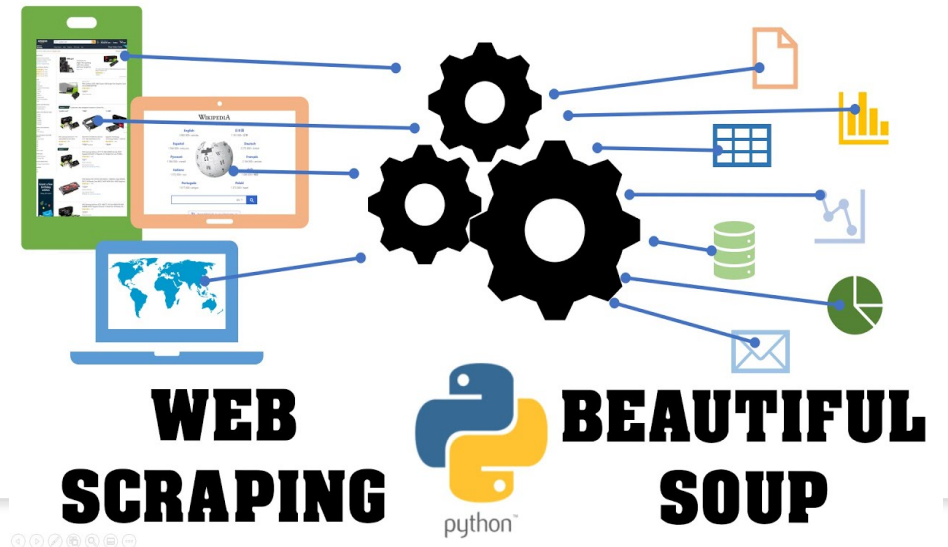
```
soup = BeautifulSoup(response.text, 'html.parser')
```

- Extracting all column/variable names from the HTML table header

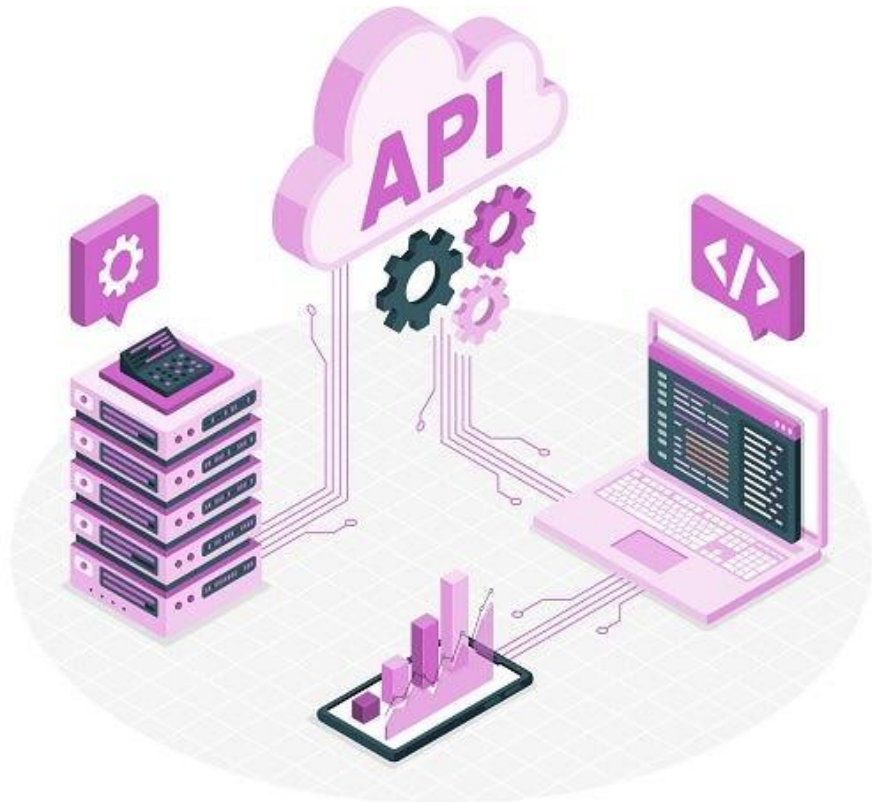
```
launch_dict= dict.fromkeys(column_names)
```

- Creating a data frame by parsing the launch HTML tables

```
df=pd.DataFrame(launch_dict)
```



# Data Collection – SpaceX API



[GitHub Link for the project](#)

## 1. Getting Response from API

```
spacex_url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"  
response = requests.get(spacex_url).json()
```

## 2. Converting Response to a .json file

```
response = requests.get(static_json_url).json()  
data = pd.json_normalize(response)
```

## 3. Apply custom functions to clean data

```
getLaunchSite(data)  
getPayloadData(data)  
getCoreData(data)
```

```
getBoosterVersion(data)
```

## 4. Assign list to dictionary then dataframe

```
launch_dict = {'FlightNumber': list(data['flight_number']),  
'Date': list(data['date']),  
'BoosterVersion': BoosterVersion,  
'PayloadMass': PayloadMass,  
'Orbit': Orbit,  
'LaunchSite': LaunchSite,  
'Outcome': Outcome,  
'Flights': Flights,  
'GridFins': GridFins,  
'Reused': Reused,  
'Legs': Legs,  
'LandingPad': LandingPad,  
'Block': Block,  
'ReusedCount': ReusedCount,  
'Serial': Serial,  
'Longitude': Longitude,  
'Latitude': Latitude}
```

```
df = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(launch_dict)
```

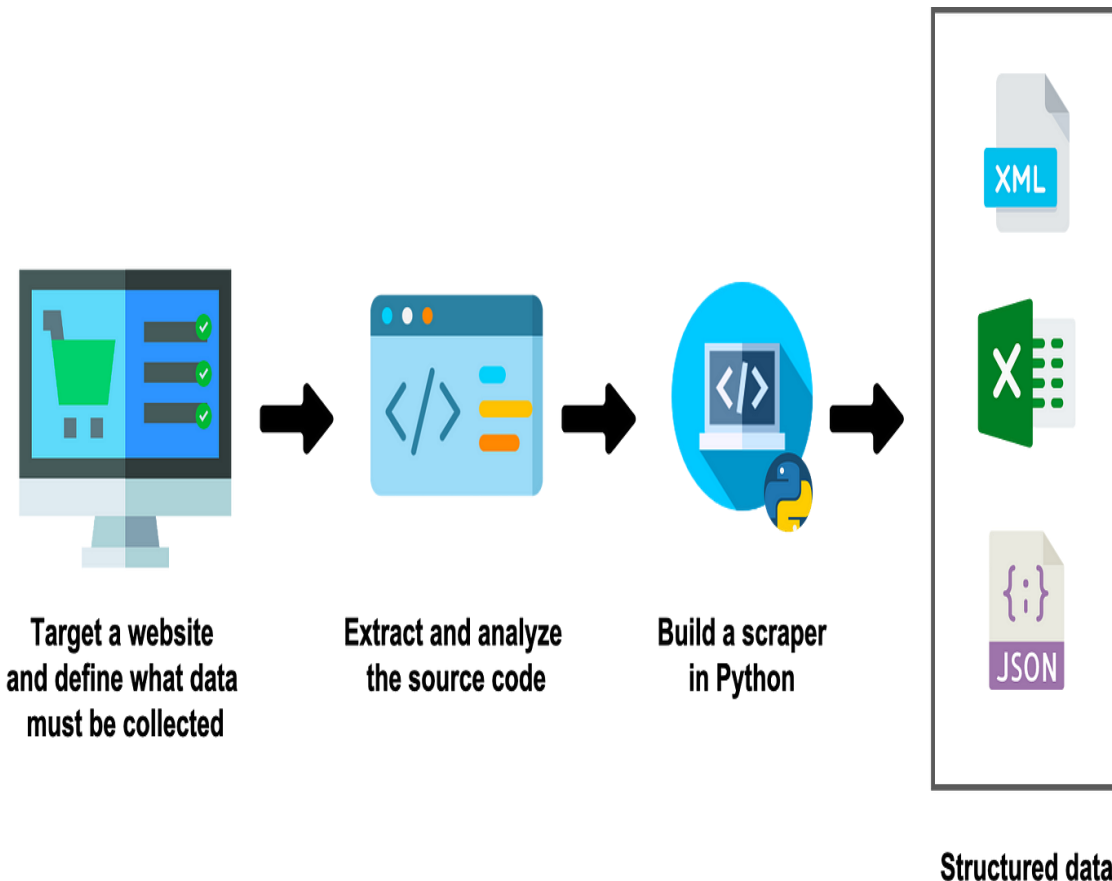
## 5. Filter dataframe and export to flat file (.csv)

```
data_falcon9 = df.loc[df['BoosterVersion']!="Falcon 1"]
```

```
data_falcon9.to_csv('dataset_part_1.csv', index=False)
```



# Data Collection - Scraping



[GitHub Link for the project](#)

## 1. Getting Response from HTML

```
page = requests.get(static_url)
```

## 2. Creating BeautifulSoup Object

```
soup = BeautifulSoup(page.text, 'html.parser')
```

## 3. Finding tables

```
html_tables = soup.find_all('table')
```

## 4. Getting column names

```
column_names = []
temp = soup.find_all('th')
for x in range(len(temp)):
    try:
        name = extract_column_from_header(temp[x])
        if (name is not None and len(name) > 0):
            column_names.append(name)
    except:
        pass
```

## 6. Appending data to keys (refer) to notebook block 12

```
In [12]: extracted_row = 0
#Extract each table
for table_number, table in enumerate(
    # get table row
    for rows in table.find_all("tr"):
        #check to see if first table
```

## 7. Converting dictionary to dataframe

```
df = pd.DataFrame.from_dict(launch_dict)
```

## 8. Dataframe to .CSV

```
df.to_csv('spacex_web_scraped.csv', index=False)
```

## 5. Creation of dictionary

```
launch_dict= dict.fromkeys(column_names)

# Remove an irrelevant column
del launch_dict['Date and time ( )']

launch_dict['Flight No.'] = []
launch_dict['Launch site'] = []
launch_dict['Payload'] = []
launch_dict['Payload mass'] = []
launch_dict['Orbit'] = []
launch_dict['Customer'] = []
launch_dict['Launch outcome'] = []
launch_dict['Version Booster']=[[]]
launch_dict['Booster landing']=[[]]
launch_dict['Date']=[]
launch_dict['Time']=[]
```

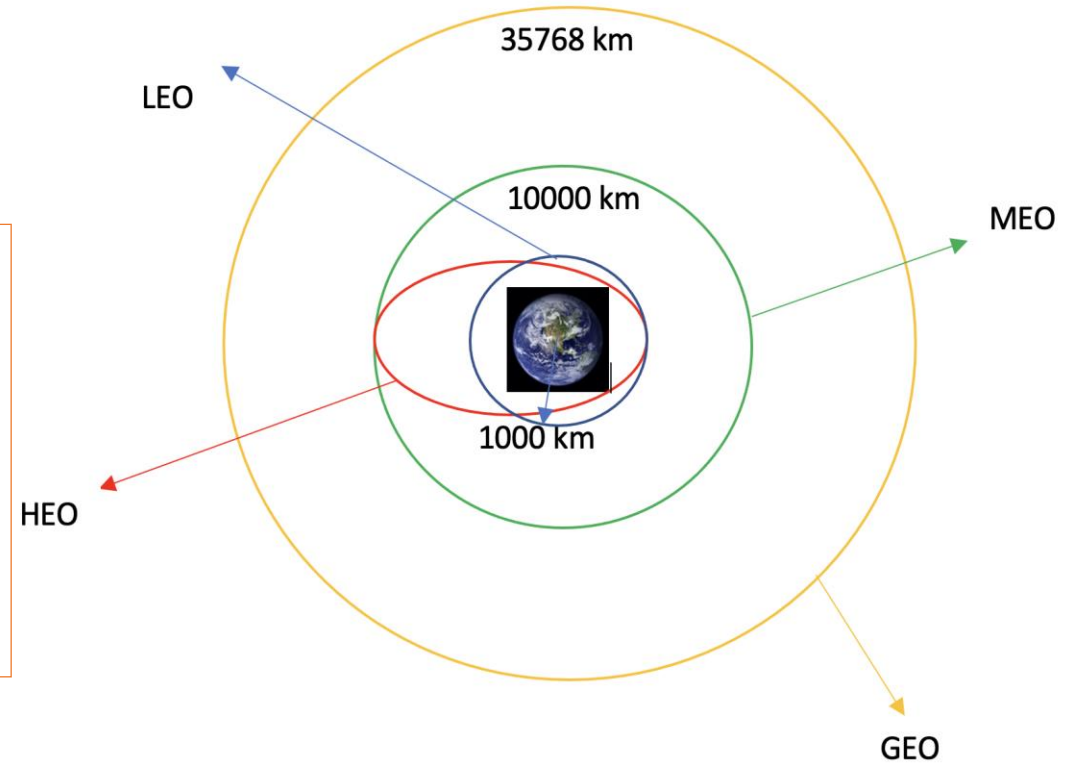
# Data Wrangling

## Exploratory Data Analysis

- Number of launches on each site
- Number and occurrence of each orbit
- Number and occurrence of mission outcome per orbit type

## Determine Training Labels

- Creating a landing outcome label from Outcome column
- Export dataset as .CSV



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# EDA with Data Visualization

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## Visualizing the relationship between

- Flight Number and Launch Site
- Payload and Launch Site
- success rate of each orbit type
- Flight Number and Orbit type
- Payload and Orbit type

## Visualizing the launch success yearly trend

### Scatter Graphs

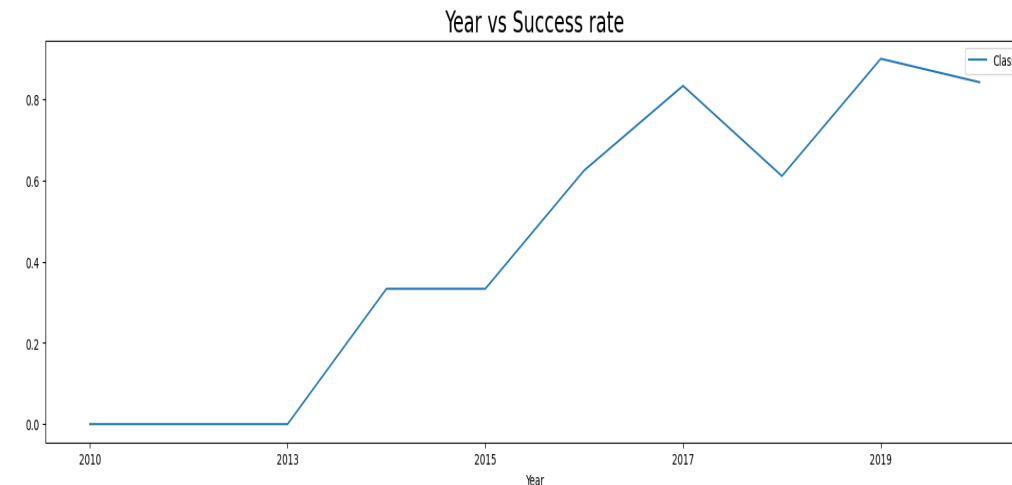
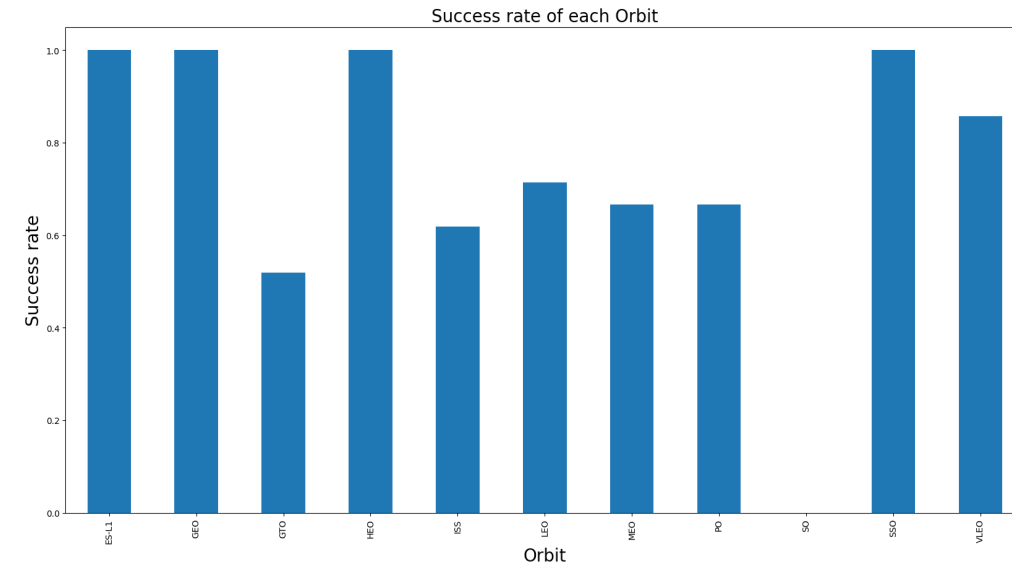
- Scatter plots show how much one variable is affected
- by another

### Bar Graph

- A bar diagram makes it easy to compare sets of data between different groups at a glance

### Line Graph

- Line graphs are useful in that they show data variables and trends



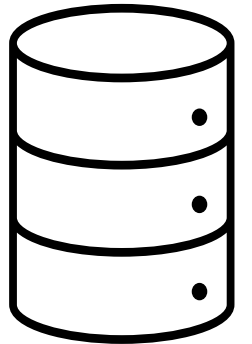
# EDA with SQL

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Loaded the dataset in IBM Db2 and connected to the database via api

Performed EDA with SQL

- unique launch site
- launch sites beginning with CCA
- total payload mass carried by boosters launched by NASA (CRS)
- average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- date when the first successful landing outcome in ground pad was achieved
- The total no of successful and failed outcomes
- names of the booster\_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass
- Rank of the count of landing outcomes between a specified date.





# Build an Interactive Map with Folium

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- To visualize the Launch Data into an interactive map. We took the Latitude and Longitude Coordinates at each launch site and added a Circle Marker around each launch site with a label of the name of the launch site
- We assigned the dataframe `launch_outcomes(failures, successes)` to classes 0 and 1 with Green and Red markers on the map in a `MarkerCluster()`
- Using Haversine's formula we calculated the distance from the Launch Site to various landmarks to find various trends
- We calculated the distances between a launch site to its proximities.



# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

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## Dashboard features

- Interactive
- dropdown for the site
- Range Slider for the Payload range

## Plots

- plotted a pie chart to view the relative success and failures in launches for each site
- scatterplot between Payload and Class,

## Outcome

- analyze the relation between payloads and launch sites,
- which helped to find the best site for launching Falcon 9

## BUILDING MODEL

- Load our dataset into NumPy and Pandas
- Transform Data
- Split our data into training and test data sets
- Check how many test samples we have
- Decide which type of machine learning algorithms we want to use
- Set our parameters and algorithms to GridSearchCV
- Fit our datasets into the GridSearchCV objects and train our dataset

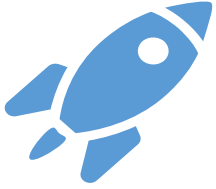
## EVALUATING MODEL

- Check accuracy for each model
- Get tuned hyperparameters for each type of algorithms
- Plot Confusion Matrix

## FINDING THE BEST PERFORMING CLASSIFICATION MODEL

- The model with the best accuracy score wins the best performing model

# Results



## Exploratory data analysis results

Newer rockets could carry more payload

Payloads over 8000kg have high success rate

the success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020

2010-2013 period had no success rate

Space X uses 4 different launch sites;

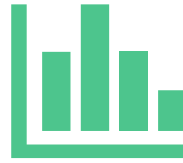
VLEO orbit has 14 launches and 85% success rate

The first successful landing outcome was in 2015, five years after the first launch.

With booster F9, almost every mission outcome was successful.

around 70 landing outcomes were successful, while there were 22 no attempts, and around 10 failed.

With time, the success increased mostly due to advancement in technology



## Interactive analytics demo in screenshots

launch sites are close to the equator

Most launches happen at east coast launch sites

launch sites are in close proximity to railways

Launch sites are in close proximity to highways

Launch sites in close proximity to coastline

Launch sites keep certain distance away from cities

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## Predictive analysis results

All models, except KNN had almost the same accuracy for the test data

The best model is the Decision tree Classifier, having approximately 87.5% accuracy on training data and 88.9% test accuracy

The worst model is the KNN, having approximately 80% mean accuracy



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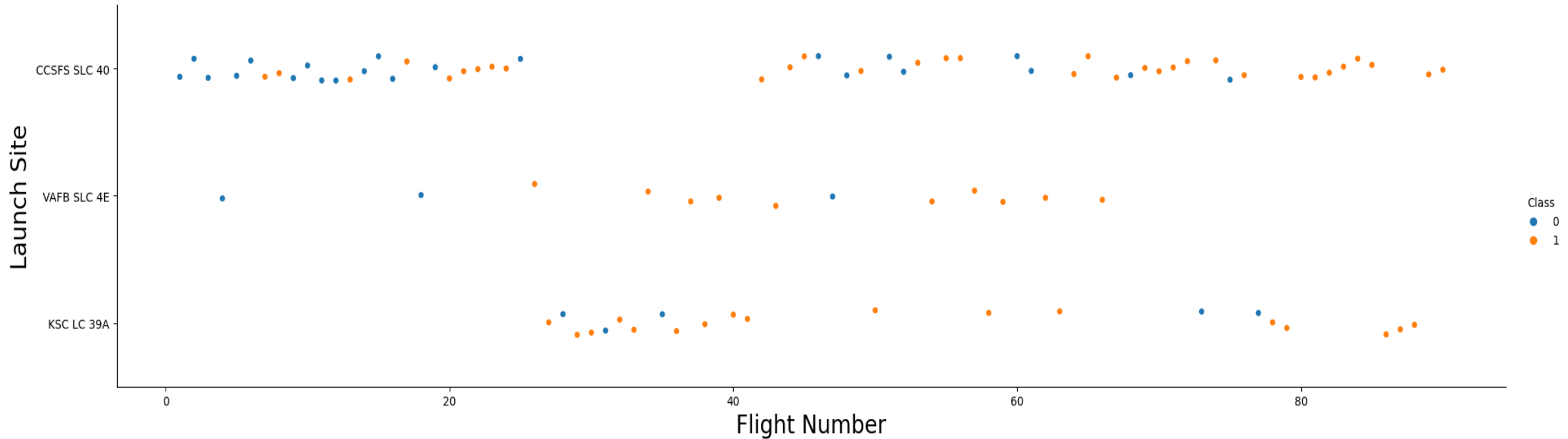
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# Insights drawn from EDA



# Flight Number vs. Launch Site

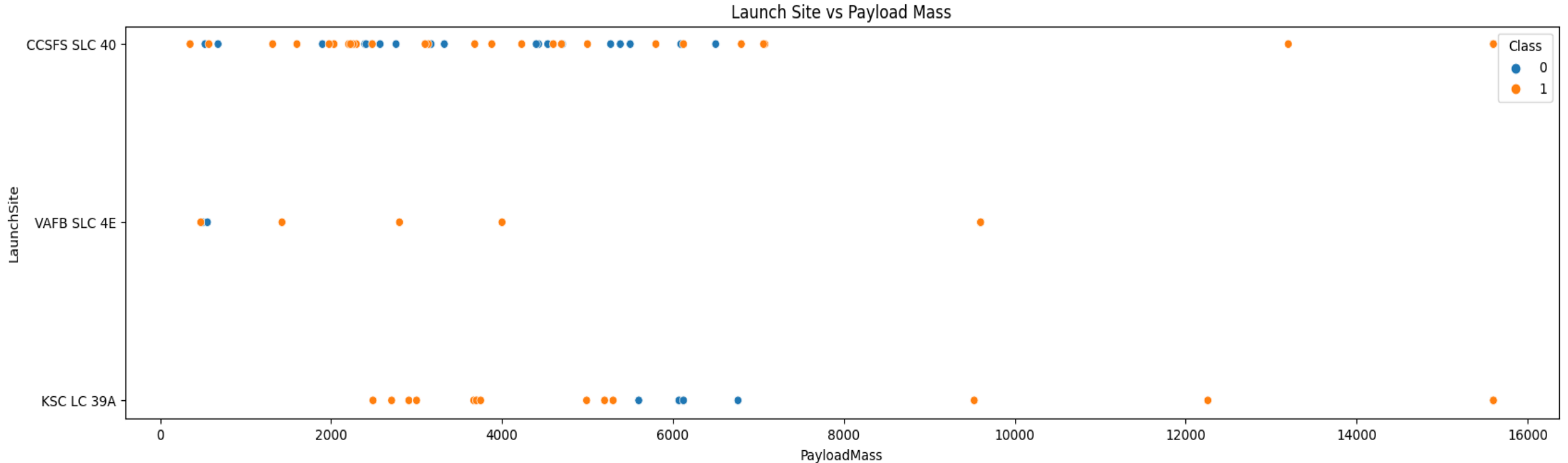
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- CCAFS LC-40 has lower success rate than other two as it failed a lot during initial flights
- KSC LC-39A and VAFB SLC 4E have almost same success rate, and they have a relatively higher flight number so failure rate is low

# Payload vs. Launch Site

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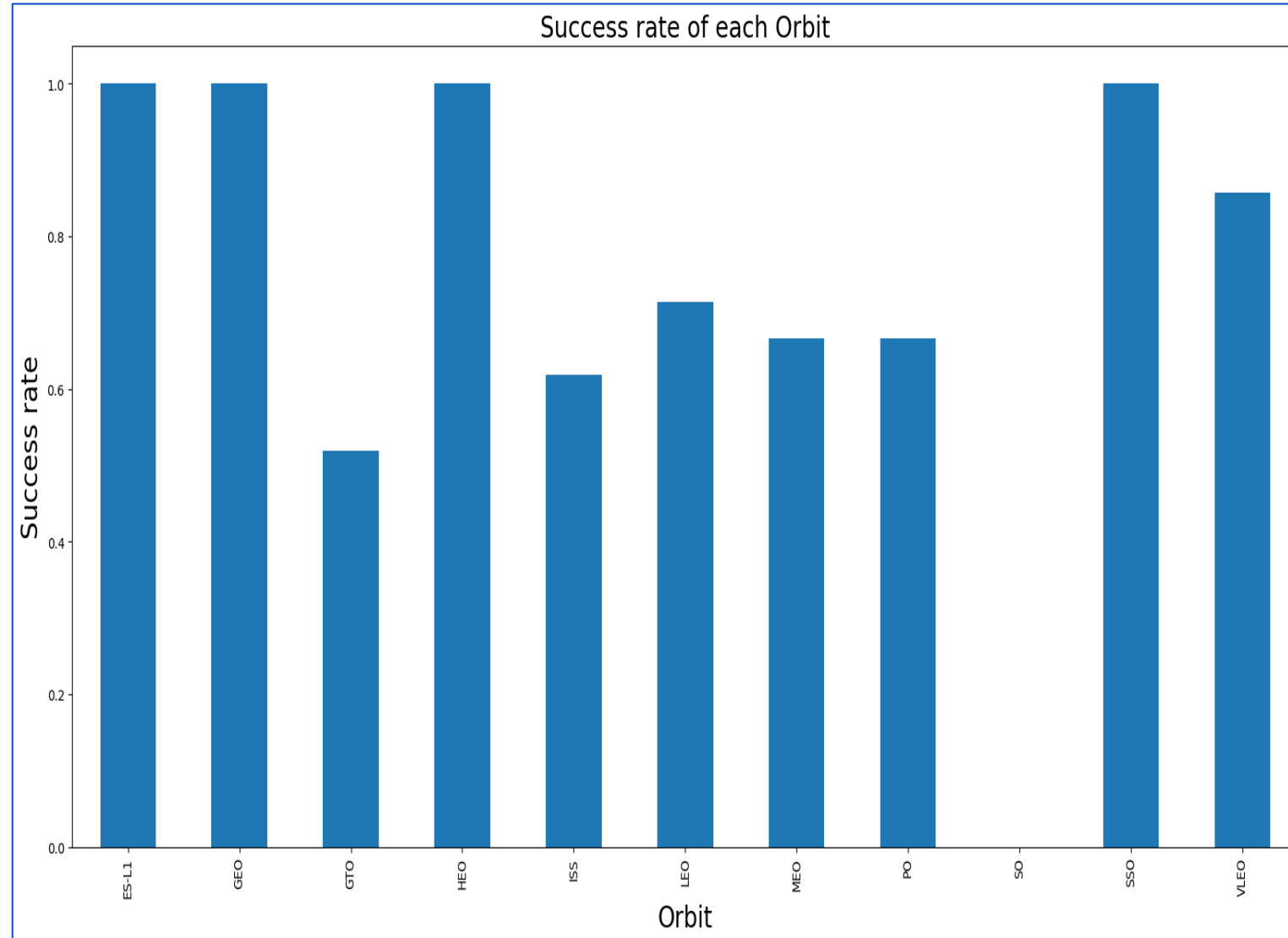


- There are no rockets launched for heavy payload mass(greater than 10000) for the VAFB-SLC launch site
- Payloads over 8000kg have high success rate
- Payloads less than 6000kg have high failure rate for the CCAFS LC-40 launch site

# Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

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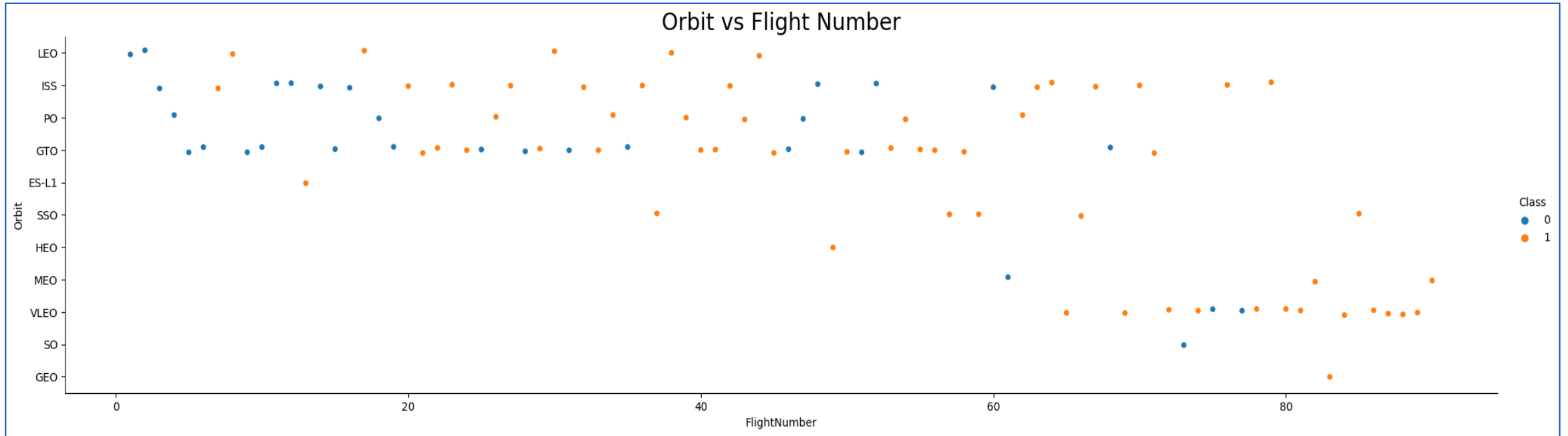
- GEO, HEO, ES-L1, SSO have 1 launches and 100% success rate
- SO has 1 launch and 0% success rate
- ISS has 21 launches 61% success rate
- VLEO has 14 launches and 85% success rate





# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

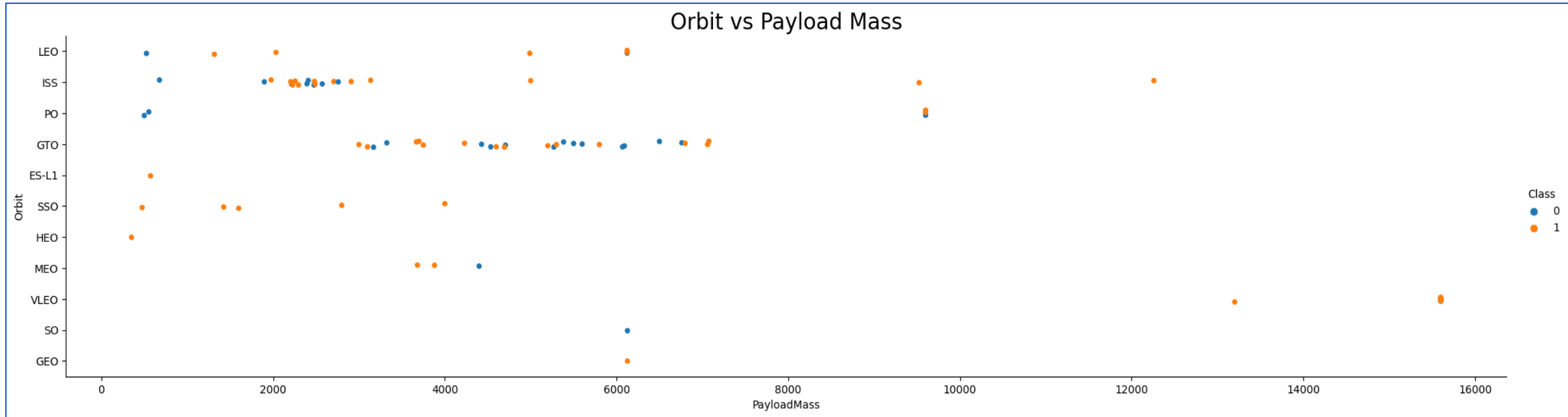
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- We can see that in the LEO orbit the Success appears related to the number of flights; on the other hand, there seems to be no relationship between flight number when in GTO orbit.
- success rate is low for the first flight and it increases as the flight number increases

# Payload vs. Orbit Type

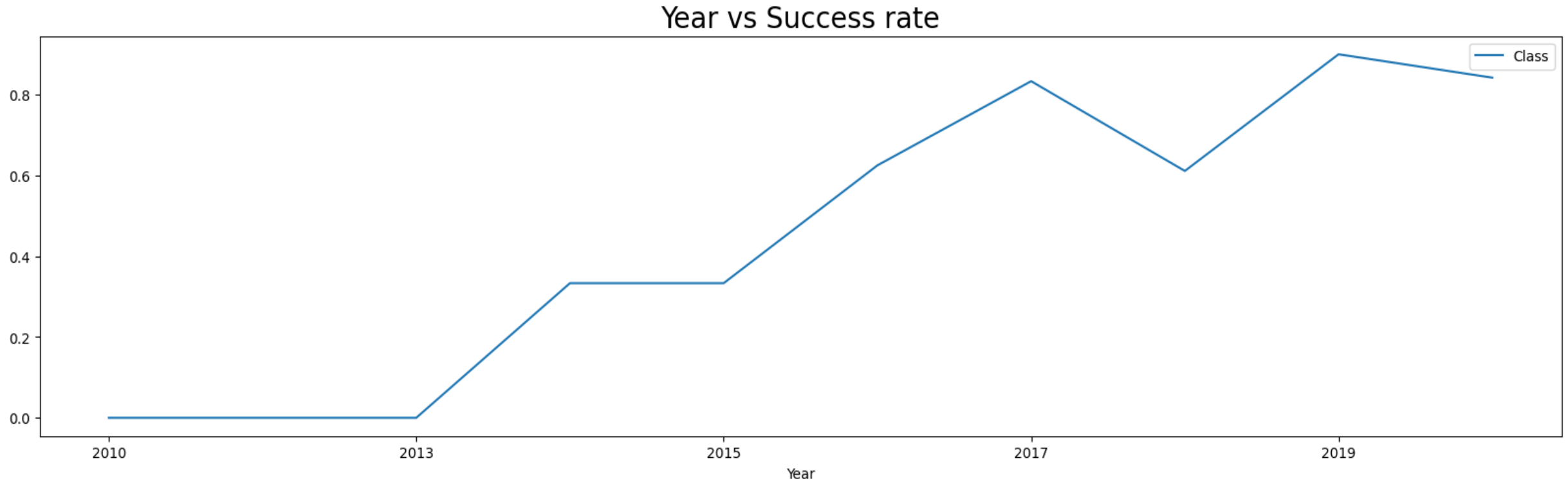
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- With heavy payloads the successful landing or positive landing rate are more for PO, LEO and ISS orbits.
- However for GTO we cannot distinguish this well as both positive landing rate and negative landing(unsuccesful mission) are both there here.

# Launch Success Yearly Trend

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- The success rate since 2013 kept increasing till 2020
- 2010-2013 had no success rate

# All Launch Site Names

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## ➤ QUERY EXPLANATION

- `select DISTINCT Launch_Site from tblSpaceX`
- Using the word `DISTINCT` in the query means that it will only show Unique values in the `Launch_Site` column from `tblSpaceX`

launch_site
CCAFS LC-40
CCAFS SLC-40
KSC LC-39A
VAFB SLC-4E



# Launch Site Names Begin with 'KSC'

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## ➤ SQL QUERY

➤ %sql select \* from spacex where launch\_site like 'CCA%' limit 5

## ➤ QUERY EXPLANATION

➤ Using the word TOP 5 in the query means that it will only show 5 records from tblSpaceX and LIKE keyword has a wild card with the words 'KSC%' the percentage in the end suggests that the Launch\_Site name must start with KSC

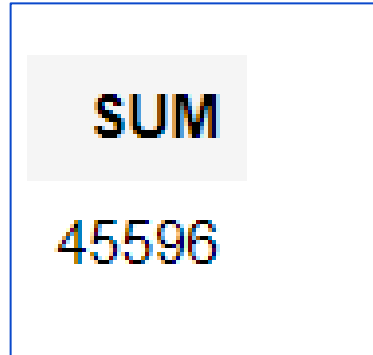
DATE	time_utc	booster_version	launch_site	payload	payload_mass_kg_	orbit	customer	mission_outcome	landing_outcome
2010-06-04	18:45:00	F9 v1.0 B0003	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon Spacecraft Qualification Unit	0	LEO	SpaceX	Success	Failure (parachute)
2010-12-08	15:43:00	F9 v1.0 B0004	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C1, two CubeSats, barrel of Brouere cheese	0	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS) NRO	Success	Failure (parachute)
2012-05-22	7:44:00	F9 v1.0 B0005	CCAFS LC-40	Dragon demo flight C2	525	LEO (ISS)	NASA (COTS)	Success	No attempt
2012-10-08	0:35:00	F9 v1.0 B0006	CCAFS LC-40	SpaceX CRS-1	500	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt
2013-03-01	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 QUERY

- %sql select sum(payload\_mass\_kg\_) as SUM from spacex where customer like 'NASA (CRS)'



<b>SUM</b>
45596

- QUERY EXPLANATION

- Using the function SUM summates the total in the column PAYLOAD\_MASS\_KG\_
  - The WHERE clause filters the dataset to only perform calculations on Customer NASA (CRS)

# Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

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- SQL QUERY

- %sql select avg(payload\_mass\_kg\_) as AVG from spacex where booster\_version = 'F9 v1.1'

**AVG**

**2928**

- QUERY EXPLANATION

- Using the function AVG works out the average in the column PAYLOAD\_MASS\_KG\_
  - The WHERE clause filters the dataset to only perform calculations on Booster\_version F9 v1.1

# First Successful Ground Landing Date

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- SQL QUERY

- %sql select min(date) as DATE from spacex where landing\_outcome like '%ground pad%'

**DATE**

2015-12-22

- QUERY EXPLANATION

- Using the function MIN works out the minimum date in the column Date
  - The WHERE clause filters the dataset to only perform calculations on Landing\_Outcome Success (drone ship)

# Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

- SQL QUERY

- `%%sql select booster_version as name from spacex where landing_outcome like '%drone%' and payload_mass_kg_ > 4000 and payload_mass_kg_ < 6000`

name
F9 FT B1020
F9 FT B1022
F9 FT B1026
F9 FT B1021.2
F9 FT B1031.2

- QUERY EXPLANATION

- Selecting only Booster\_Version
- The WHERE clause filters the dataset to Landing\_Outcome = Success (drone ship)
- The AND clause specifies additional filter conditions Payload\_MASS\_KG\_ > 4000 AND Payload\_MASS\_KG\_ < 6000

# Total Number of Successful and Failure Mission Outcomes

- SQL QUERY

- `%sql select count(*) as successful_launches from spacex where mission_outcome like '%Success%';`
- `%sql select count(*) as failed_launches from spacex where mission_outcome like '%Failure%'`

successful_launches
100

failed_launches
1

- QUERY EXPLANATION

- The LIKE `'%foo%'` wildcard shows that in the record the foo phrase is in any part of the string in the records



# Boosters Carried Maximum Payload

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- SQL QUERY

- %%sql select booster\_version as MAX\_PAYLOAD\_BOOSTERS from spacex where payload\_mass\_kg\_ = (select max(payload\_mass\_kg\_) from spacex)

- QUERY EXPLANATION

- Using the word DISTINCT in the query means that it will only show Unique values in the Booster\_Version column from tblSpaceX
  - GROUP BY puts the list in order set to a certain condition.
  - DESC means its arranging the dataset into descending order

max_payload_boosters
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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- SQL QUERY

- %%sql select booster\_version, launch\_site, landing\_outcome from spacex where Year(date) = 2015 and landing\_outcome like '%Failure%drone%'

booster_version	launch_site	landing_outcome
F9 v1.1 B1012	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)
F9 v1.1 B1015	CCAFS LC-40	Failure (drone ship)

- QUERY EXPLANATION

- NVARCHAR the MONTH function returns name month.
- The function CONVERT converts NVARCHAR to Date.
- WHERE clause filters Year to be 2015

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

- SQL QUERY

- %%sql select landing\_outcome, count(landing\_outcome) as COUNT from spacex group by landing\_outcome order by count(landing\_outcome) desc

- QUERY EXPLANATION

- Function COUNT counts records in column
- WHERE filters data
- LIKE (wildcard)
- AND (conditions)
- AND (conditions)

landing_outcome	COUNT
Success	38
No attempt	22
Success (drone ship)	14
Success (ground pad)	9
Controlled (ocean)	5
Failure (drone ship)	5
Failure	3
Failure (parachute)	2
Uncontrolled (ocean)	2
Precluded (drone ship)	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

# All launch sites with markers

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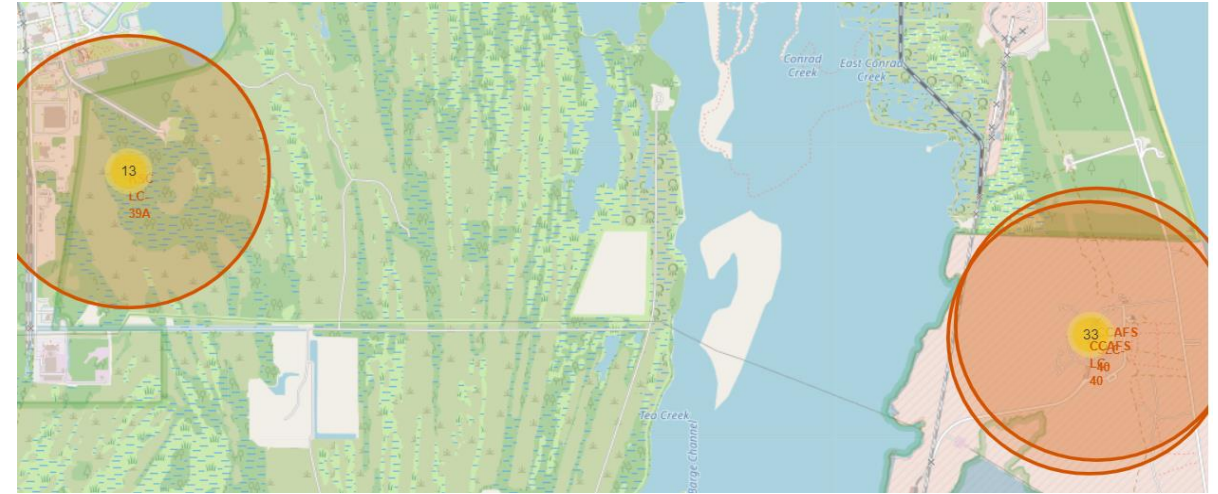


- Findings
  - We can see that the SpaceX launch sites are in the United States of America coasts. Florida and California
  - all the sites are located close to the equator as it takes less fuel to launch a rocket from the equator



# Colour Labelled Markers

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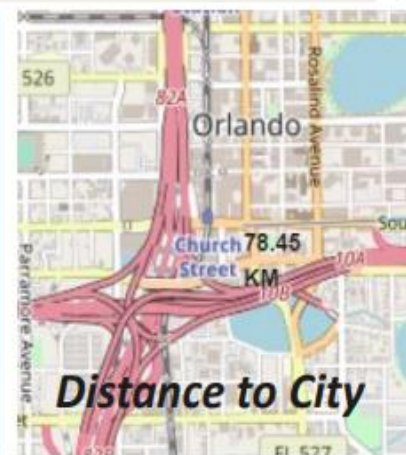
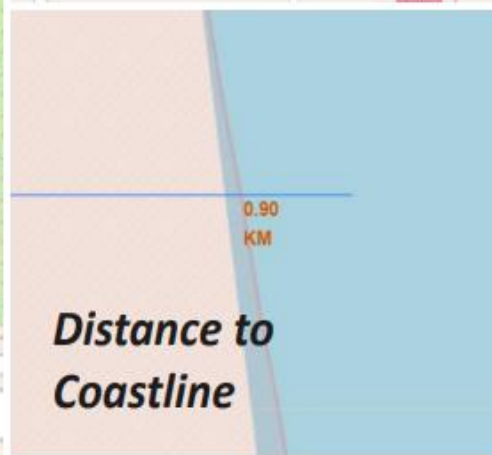
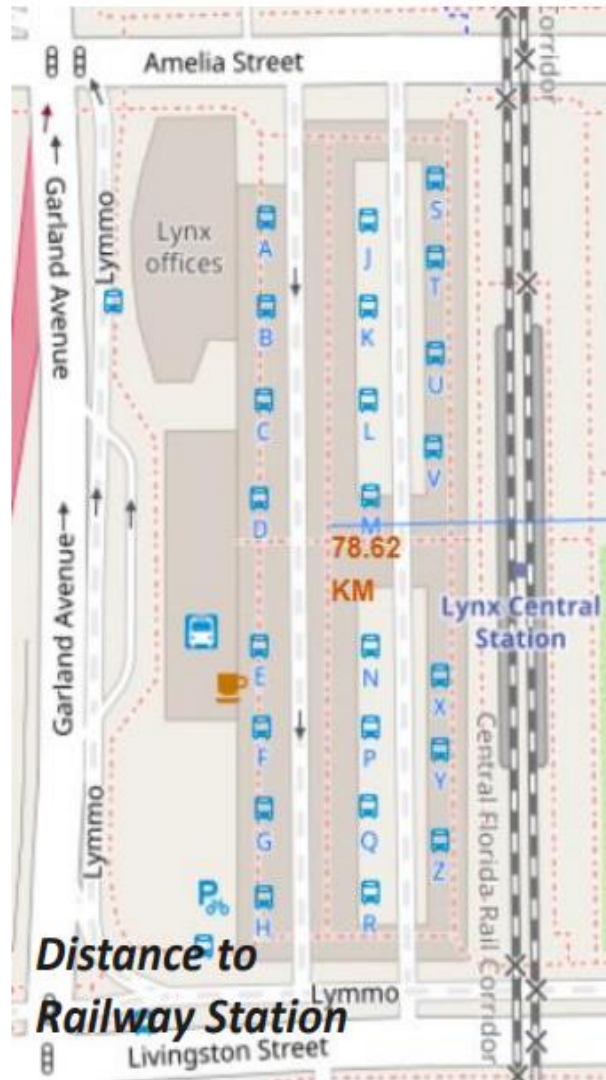
- **Green** Marker shows successful Launches and **Red** Marker shows Failures





# Distance to proximities

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- 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





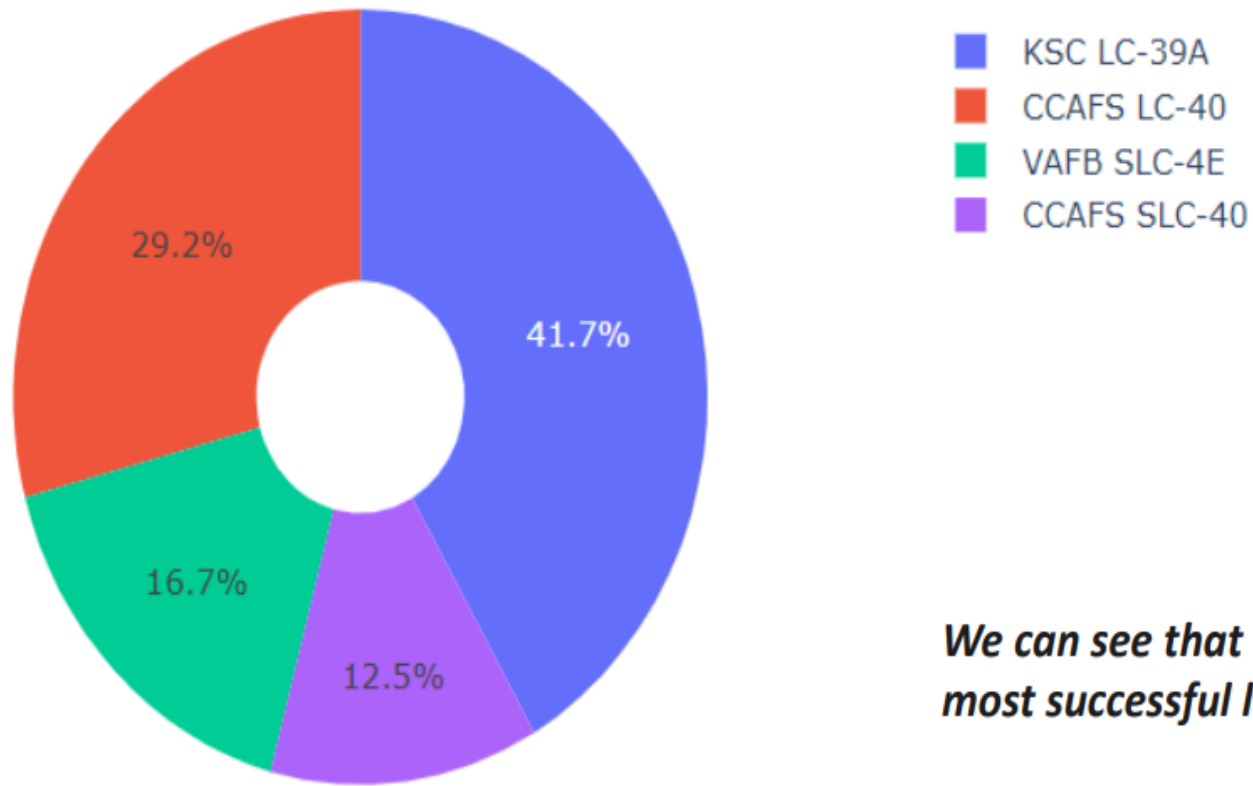
Section 4

# Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

# Launch Success Count Ratio For all site

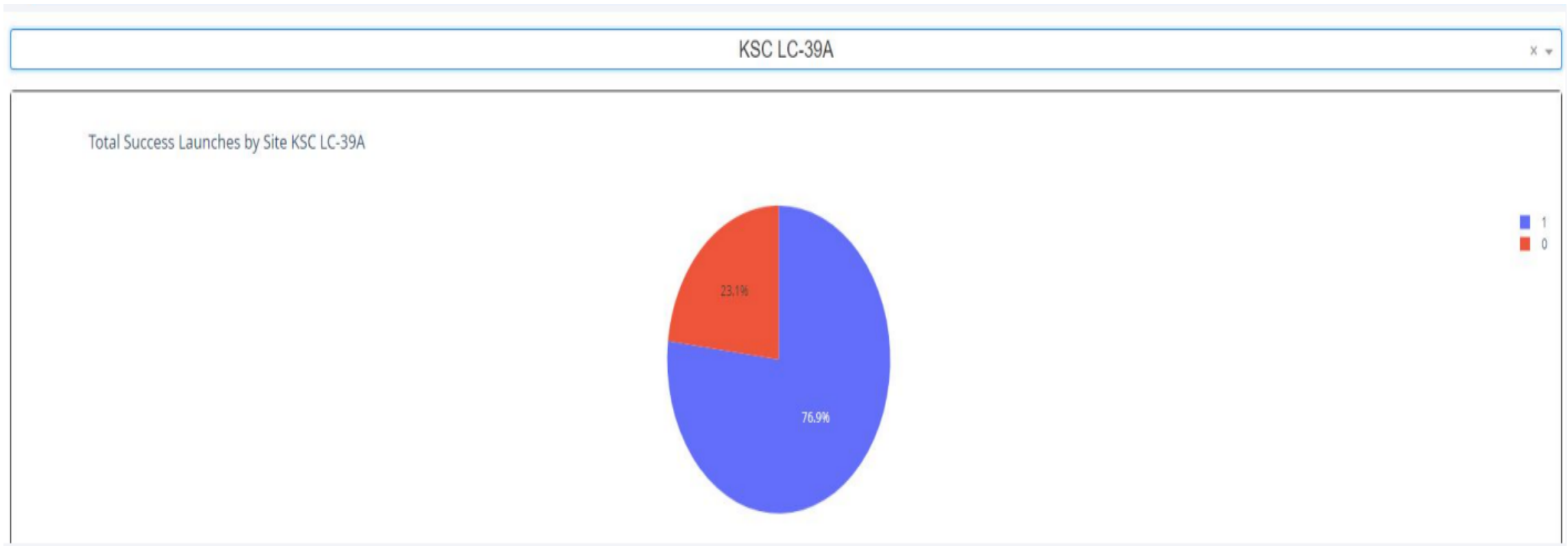
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Total Success Launches By all sites



*We can see that KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches from all the sites*

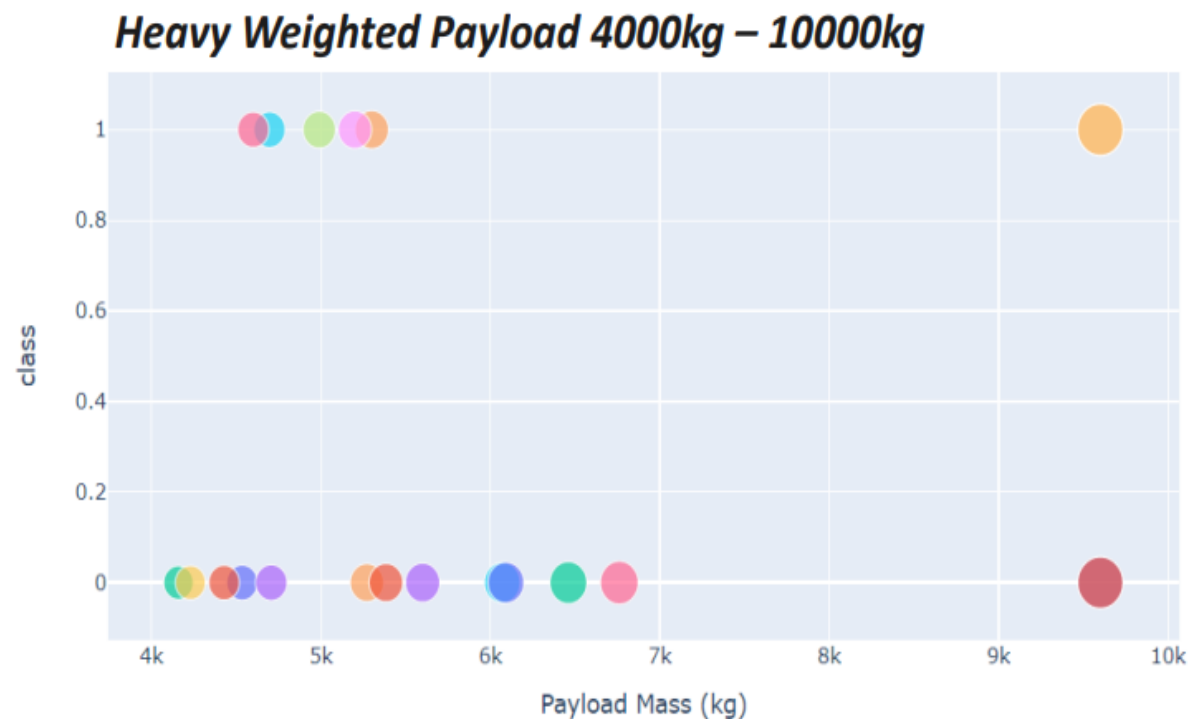
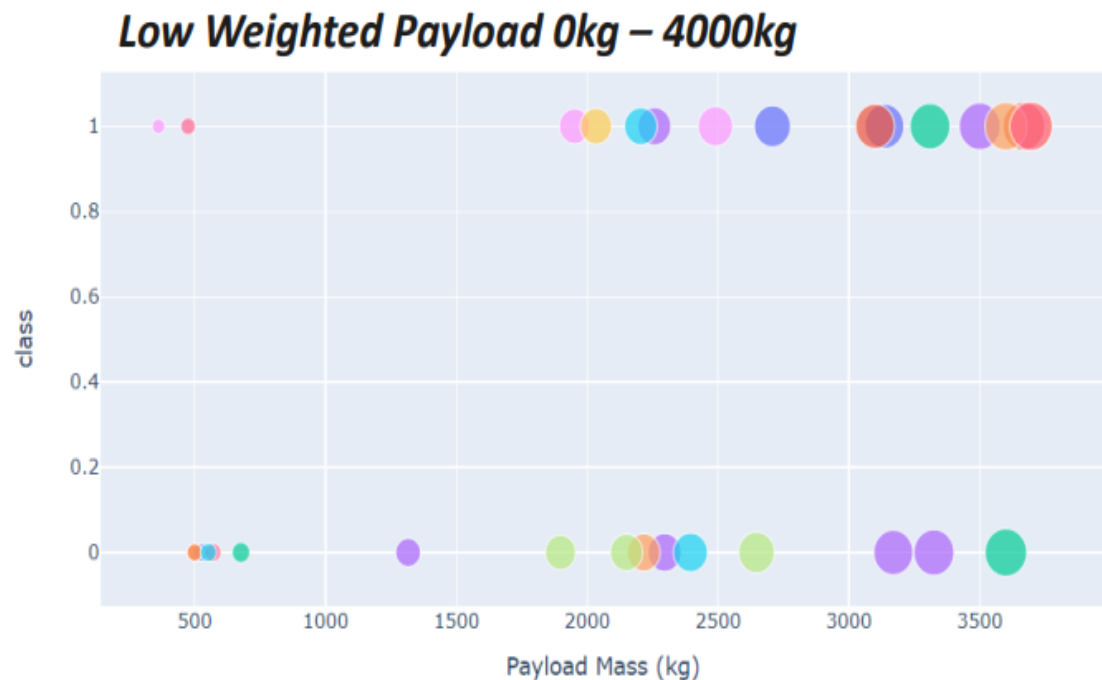
# Pie chart for the launch site with highest launch success ratio



- The KSC LC-39A has the highest no of successful launches of all sites, and this pie chart shows the success and failure share.
- We can see that it has 76.9% success rate

# Payload vs. Launch Outcome

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*We can see the success rates for low weighted payloads is higher than the heavy weighted payloads*



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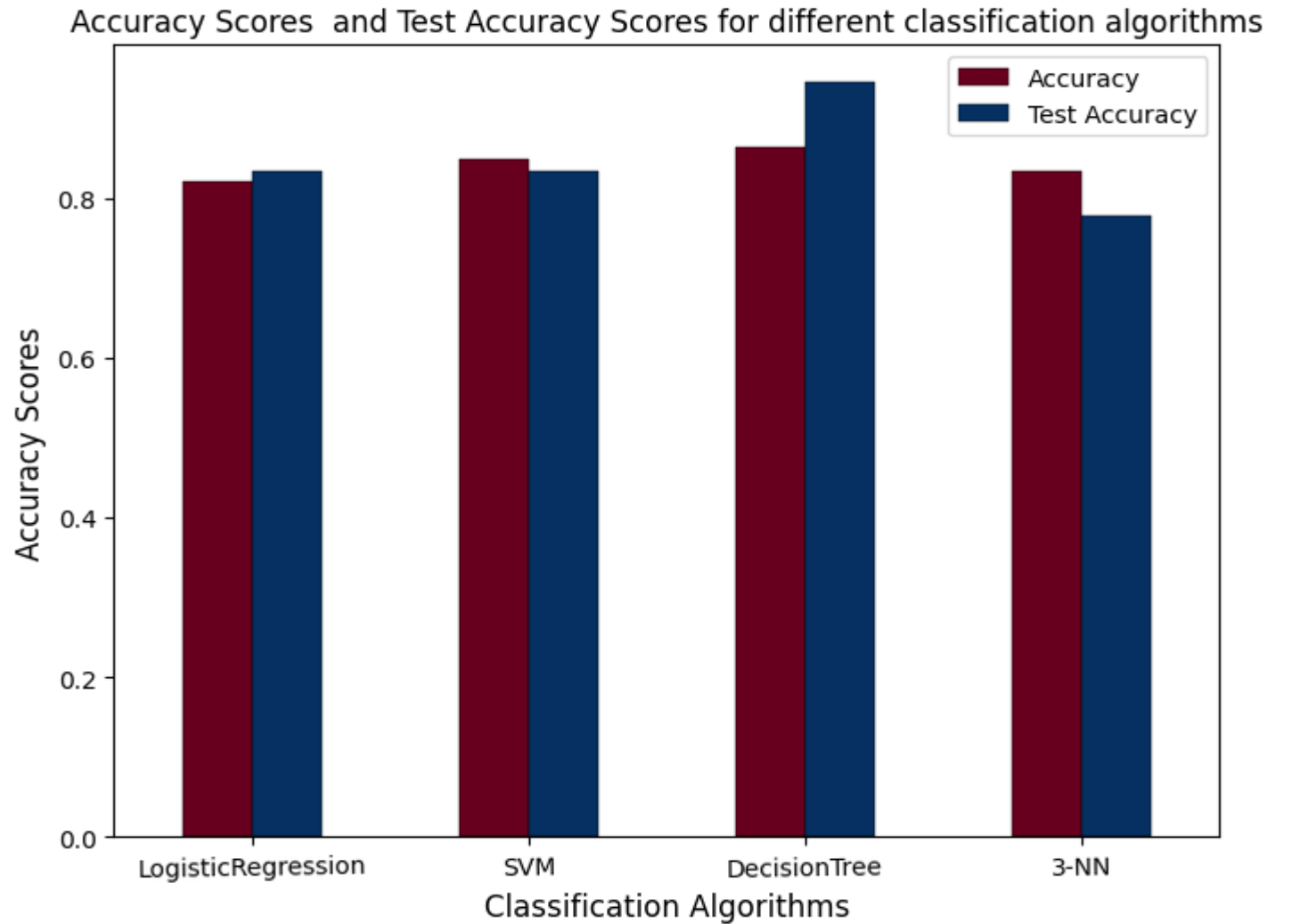
# Predictive Analysis (Classification)



# Classification Accuracy

- We can see that Decision Tree Classifier has the highest accuracy, while KNN with K=3 has the lowest accuracy score

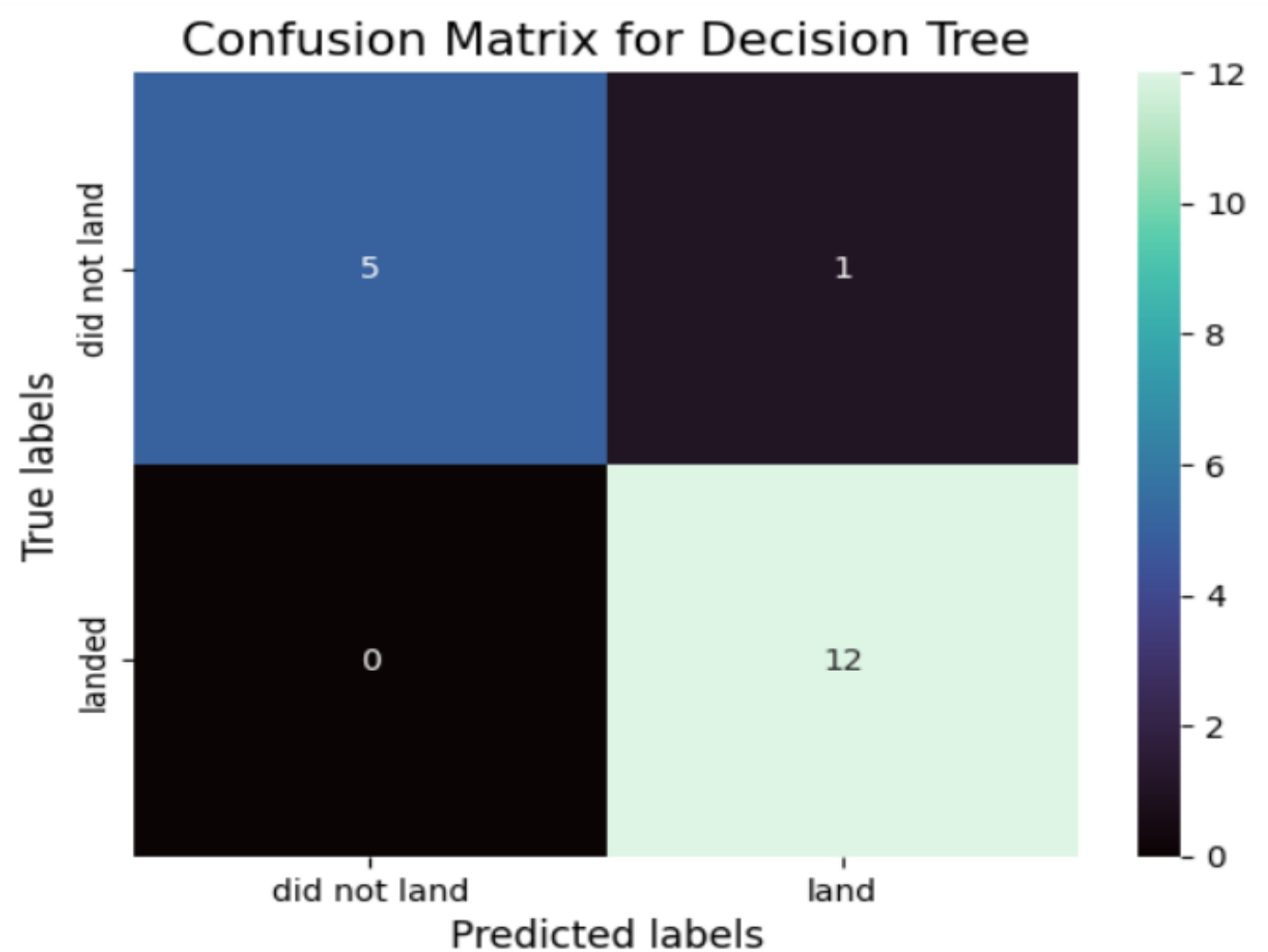
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# Confusion Matrix

The Decision Tree correctly classified 17 test points and misclassified only 1 test data points

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# Conclusions

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- ✓ The Tree Classifier Algorithm is the best for Machine Learning for this dataset
- ✓ Low weighted payloads perform better than the heavier payloads
- ✓ The success rates for SpaceX launches is directly proportional time in years they will eventually perfect the launches
- ✓ We can see that KSC LC-39A had the most successful launches from all the sites
- ✓ Orbit GEO,HEO,SSO,ES-L1 has the best Success Rate.
- ✓ Failure rate of new launches are low.
- ✓ Launches with payloads over 8000kg have high Success Rate.

Thank you!

