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#### **Executive Summary**

- Data Collection: Collected data using SpaceX API and web scraping from Wikipedia.
- Data Wrangling: Applied one-hot encoding for categorical features like booster version and handled missing values.
- Exploratory Data Analysis: Conducted EDA using SQL and data visualization to explore relationships between flight number, launch sites, payload mass, and orbit types.
- Interactive Analytics: Created interactive visual analytics using Folium maps and Plotly Dash.
- Predictive Analysis: Built and tuned machine learning models (Logistic Regression, Decision Tree, SVM) to predict landing success.

#### Introduction

- Context: SpaceX aims to reduce costs by reusing the first stage of the Falcon 9 rocket, which can drastically lower the price of space missions.
- Problem: Predicting whether the Falcon 9 first stage will land successfully based on factors such as payload mass, orbit, and booster version.
- Questions: What factors influence landing success?
- How do various features interact to determine landing success?



#### Methodology

#### **Executive Summary**

- Data Collection:
  - Used SpaceX API to collect information on rocket launches.
  - Web scraped Wikipedia to gather historical launch records.
- Data Wrangling:
  - Cleaned data and filled missing values.
  - Performed one-hot encoding for categorical data.
- EDA:
  - Used SQL and Python to explore the dataset and identify key trends.
- Interactive Visualizations:
  - Created interactive maps with Folium to display launch locations and success rates.
  - Built a Plotly Dash dashboard to visualize the relationship between payload and success.
- Machine Learning:

Built classification models (Logistic Regression, Decision Trees) and used GridSearchCV for hyperparameter tuning.

#### **Data Collection**

- API Data: Collected launch details such as booster version, landing outcome, and payload mass using the SpaceX API.
- Web Scraping: Parsed HTML tables from Wikipedia to retrieve Falcon 9 launch records using BeautifulSoup.

## Data Collection - SpaceX API

#### Process:

- Used Python's requests library to fetch data from SpaceX API.
- Cleaned and converted data to pandas DataFrame for further analysis.
- Notebook Link:

https://github.com/capponelson/Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/Collecting%2ODate%2OReboot.ipynb

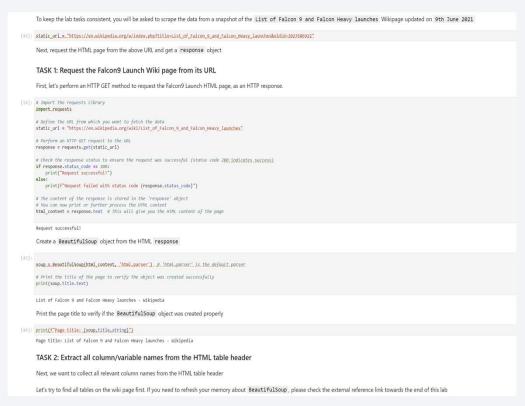
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Below we will define a series of helper functions that will help us use the API to extract information using identification numbers in the launch data.
       From the rocket column we would like to learn the booster name
[54]: # Takes the dataset and uses the rocket column to call the API and append the data to the list
       def getBoosterVersion(data):
    for x in data['rocket']:
              if x:
    response = requests.get("https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/rockets/"+str(x)).json()
                BoosterVersion.append(response['name'])
       From the launchpad we would like to know the name of the launch site being used, the logitude, and the latitude.
[55]: # Takes the dataset and uses the Launchpad column to call the API and append the data to the list
       def getLaunchSite(data):
    for x in data['launchpad']:
                response = requests.get("https://api.spacexdata.com/y4/launchpads/"+str(x)).ison()
                 Latitude.append(response['latitude'])
      From the payload we would like to learn the mass of the payload and the orbit that it is going to
[56]: # Takes the dataset and uses the payloads column to call the API and append the data to the lists
           for load in data['payloads']:
               response = requests.get("https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/payloads/"+load).json()
PayloadWass.append(response["mass_kg"])
orbit.append(response["orbit"])
       From cores we would like to learn the outcome of the landing, the type of the landing, number of flights with that core, whether gridfins were used, w
       specific core has been reused, and the serial of the core
[57]: # Takes the dataset and uses the cores column to call the API and append the data to the lists
      def getCoreData(data):
           for core in data['cores']:
                   if core['core'] |= None:
                        response = requests.get("https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/cores/"+core['core']).json()
Block.append(response['block'])
                        ReusedCount.append(response['reuse_count'])
Serial.append(response['serial'])
                    Serial.append(None)
Outcome.append(str(core['landing_success'])+' '+str(core['landing_type']))
                    Flights.append(core['flight'])
GridFins.append(core['gridfins'])
                    Reused.append(core['reused'])
Legs.append(core['legs'])
LandingPad.append(core['landpad'])
       Now let's start requesting rocket launch data from SpaceX API with the following URL:
[58]: spacex url="https://api.spacexdata.com/v4/launches/past"
[60]: response = requests.get(spacex_url)
```

## **Data Collection - Scraping**

#### Process:

- Used BeautifulSoup to extract launch records from Wikipedia.
- Parsed HTML tables and converted them to DataFrame for analysis.
- Notebook Link:

   https://github.com/capponelso
   n/Applied-Data-Science Capstone/blob/main/Web%20
   scraping%20Falcon%209%2
   Oand%20Falcon%20Heavy.ip
   ynb



## **Data Wrangling**

#### Process:

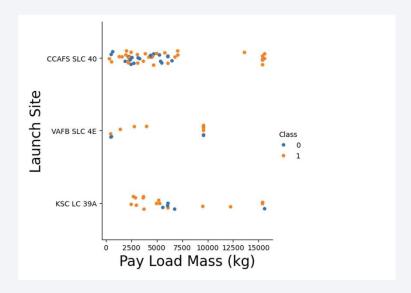
- Cleaned the data by checking for missing values and applying transformations.
- Created the landing outcome column and exported results to CSV for further use.
- Notebook Link: <u>https://github.com/capponelson/Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/Data%20Wrangling.ipynb</u>

Identify and calculate the percentage of the missing values in each attribute [6]: df.isnull().sum()/len(df)\*100 [6]: FlightNumber 0.000000 0.000000 BoosterVersion 0.000000 PayloadMass 0.000000 Orbit 0.000000 LaunchSite 0.000000 Outcome 0.000000 Flights 0.000000 GridFins 0.000000 Reused 0.000000 0.000000 Legs LandingPad 28.888889 Block 0.000000 ReusedCount 0.000000 Serial 0.000000 Longitude 0.000000 Latitude 0.000000 dtype: float64 Identify which columns are numerical and categorical: [7]: df.dtypes [7]: FlightNumber object BoosterVersion object PayloadMass float64 Orbit object LaunchSite object Outcome object Flights int64 GridFins hoo1 Reused bool Legs bool LandingPad object Block float64 ReusedCount int64 Serial object Longitude float64 Latitude float64 dtype: object

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

- Queries:
- Found unique launch sites, calculated payload mass for different boosters, and identified mission outcomes.
- Notebook Link:
   https://github.com/capponelson/Applied-Data-Science Capstone/blob/main/EDA%20with%20Visualiz ation.ipynb



#### **EDA** with SQL

#### • Queries:

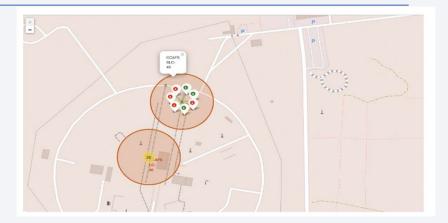
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- Notebook Link:

   https://github.com/capponelson/A
   pplied-Data-Science Capstone/blob/main/SQL%20Note
   book%20for%20Peer%20Assign
   ment.ipynb

```
Spacex DataSet
 !pip install sqlalchemy==1.3.9
Collecting sqlalchemy==1.3.9
 Downloading SQLAlchemy-1.3.9.tar.gz (6.0 MB)
                                            6.0/6.0 MB 77.9 MB/s eta 0:00:00:00:010:01
 Preparing metadata (setup.py) ... done
Building wheels for collected packages: sqlalchemy
 Building wheel for sqlalchemy (setup.py) ... done
 Created wheel for sqlalchemy: filename=SQLAlchemy-1.3.9-cp311-linux_x86_64.whl size=1142923 sha256=f6
cfd2769ca175e2765b88bb92cb5df1a34500df3eda725306b9be6daeb4e7d9
 Stored in directory: /home/jupyterlab/.cache/pip/wheels/3a/7c/1e/12404784a68083eb969f877a1808a1847bab897684
Successfully built sqlalchemy
Installing collected packages: sqlalchemy
 Attempting uninstall: sqlalchemy
   Found existing installation: SQLAlchemy 2.0.30
   Uninstalling SQLAlchemy-2.0.30:
     Successfully uninstalled SQLAlchemy-2.0.30
ERROR: pip's dependency resolver does not currently take into account all the packages that are installed. Th
is behaviour is the source of the following dependency conflicts.
jupyterhub 4.1.5 requires SQLAlchemy>=1.4, but you have sqlalchemy 1.3.9 which is incompatible.
Successfully installed sqlalchemy-1.3.9
```

#### Build an Interactive Map with Folium

- Process:
- Mapped all launch sites and marked the success or failure of launches. Analyzed launch site proximity to highways, railways, and cities.
- Create a `folium.PolyLine` object using the coastline coordinates and launch site coordinate
- Create a marker with distance to a closest city, railway, highway relative to CCAFS SLC-40
- Notebook Link:
   https://github.com/capponelson/Applied-Data-Science Capstone/blob/main/Launch%20Sites%20Locations%20Analysis%20with%20Folium.ipynb





## Build a Dashboard with Plotly Dash

- Visuals:
- Plotted success rates and payload vs. outcome relationships across launch sites.
- Notebook Link:

   https://github.com/capponelson/Appli
   ed-Data-Science Capstone/blob/main/Dashboard%20w
   ith%20Plotly%20Dash.py



## Predictive Analysis (Classification)

- Process:
- Built classification models to predict landing success, using GridSearchCV for tuning.
- Evaluated models based on accuracy and selected the best performing one.
- Notebook Link: <a href="https://github.com/capponelson/Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/SpaceX\_Machine%20Learning%20Prediction\_Part\_5.ipy\_nb">https://github.com/capponelson/Applied-Data-Science-Capstone/blob/main/SpaceX\_Machine%20Learning%20Prediction\_Part\_5.ipy\_nb</a>

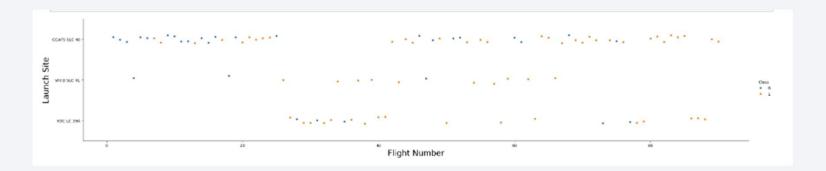
#### Results

- Key Findings:
- Larger payloads are associated with lower success rates.
- Certain orbits (e.g., LEO, GEO) have higher success rates.
- The Decision Tree classifier had the highest accuracy for landing prediction.



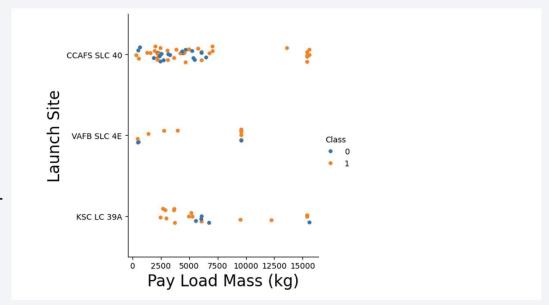
## Flight Number vs. Launch Site

- Show a scatter plot of Flight Number vs. Launch Site
- Show the screenshot of the scatter plot with explanations
  - Flight Number vs. Launch Site shows a positive trend in landing success over time, particularly at the KSC LC-39A and CCAFS SLC-40 sites



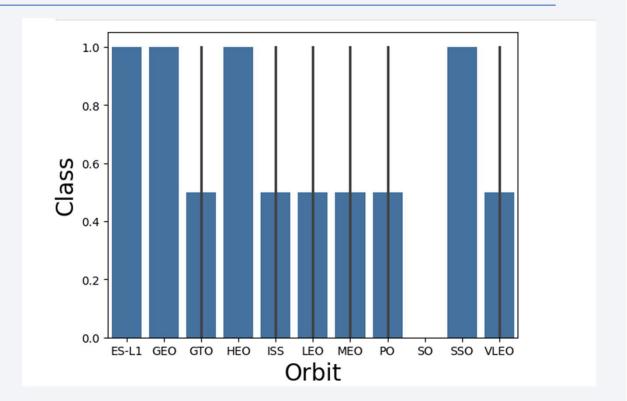
## Payload vs. Launch Site

- Show a scatter plot of Payload vs.
   Launch Site
- Show the screenshot of the scatter plot with explanations
  - CCAFS SLC-40 is the most reliable site for launching heavy payloads, whereas KSC LC-39A excels with lighter and moderately heavy payloads.



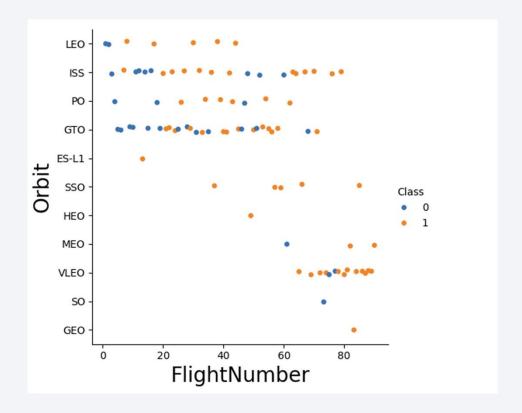
#### Success Rate vs. Orbit Type

- Show a bar chart for the success rate of each orbit type
- Show the screenshot of the scatter plot with explanations
  - Orbits such as ES-L1, GEO, HEO, PO, SO, and SSO have near-perfect success rates
  - GTO, LEO, and VLEO show lower success rates, suggesting that these orbits may involve more challenging landing condition



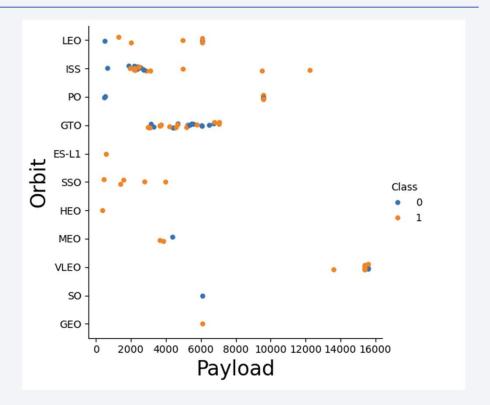
# Flight Number vs. Orbit Type

- Show a scatter point of Flight number vs. Orbit type
- Show the screenshot of the scatter plot with explanations
  - In orbits such as LEO and ISS, SpaceX's success rate improves with higher flight numbers
  - GTO orbit seems to pose challenges, as success rates remain mixed across all flight numbers



## Payload vs. Orbit Type

- Show a scatter point of payload vs. orbit type
- Show the screenshot of the scatter plot with explanations
  - With heavy payloads, successful landing rates are higher for Polar, LEO, and ISS missions.
     However, for GTO missions, it is challenging to differentiate between successful and unsuccessful landings, as both outcomes are observed.



## Launch Success Yearly Trend

- Show a line chart of yearly average success rate
- Show the screenshot of the scatter plot with explanations

#### All Launch Site Names

- Find the names of the unique launch sites
- DISTINCT was used to show unique sites

# Launch Site Names Begin with 'CCA'

- Find 5 records where launch sites begin with `CCA`
- SQL query was used with a limit 5 to display 5 records

	# Display 5 records where Launch sites begin with "CCA" %sql SELECT * FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE LAUNCH_SITE LIKE 'CCA%' LIMIT 5;									
	* sqlite: Done.	///my_data1	.db							
[29]:	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	CCAFC IC 40	SpaceX CRS-2	677	LEO (ISS)	NASA (CRS)	Success	No attempt

## **Total Payload Mass**

- Calculate the total payload carried by boosters from NASA
  - Total Payload and Average showed

## Average Payload Mass by F9 v1.1

- Calculate the average payload mass carried by booster version F9 v1.1
- Average Payload shown

## First Successful Ground Landing Date

- Find the dates of the first successful landing outcome on ground pad
- First successful landing in December 2015

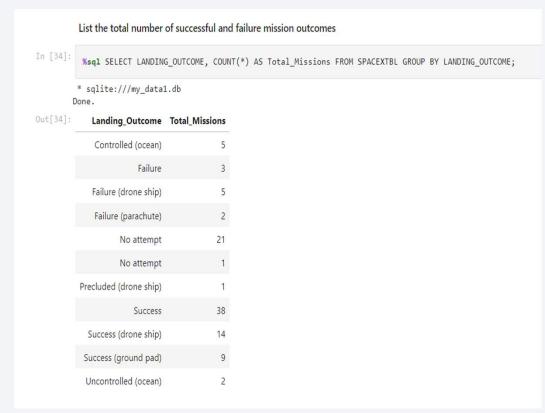
#### Successful Drone Ship Landing with Payload between 4000 and 6000

- List the names of boosters which have successfully landed on drone ship and had payload mass greater than 4000 but less than 6000
- Retrieves a list of booster versions that have successfully landed on a drone ship and carried a payload mass between 4000 kg and 6000 kg



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

- Calculate the total number of successful and failure mission outcomes
  - There were 38 successful landings in total (without specifying where they landed), 14 of which were successful landings on drone ships, and 9 on ground pads. This shows that more than half of the missions had a successful recovery.



# **Boosters Carried Maximum Payload**

- List the names of the booster which have carried the maximum payload mass
  - The results show multiple boosters (e.g., F9 B5 B1048.4, F9 B5 B1049.4, etc.) that carried the maximum payload.
  - The booster version format (e.g., F9 B5 B1048.4) refers to SpaceX's Falcon 9 rocket (F9), Block 5 (B5), and the specific booster number (B1048.4).

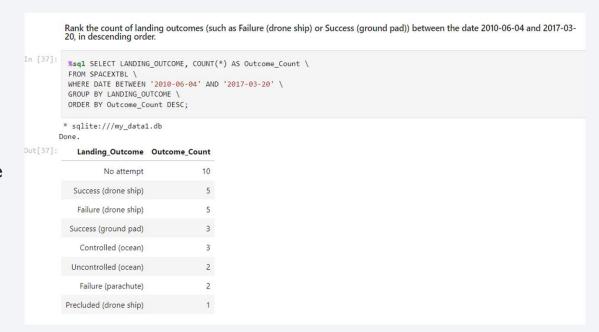
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List the names of the booster_versions which have carried the maximum payload mass. Use a subquery
 %sql SELECT BOOSTER_VERSION FROM SPACEXTBL WHERE PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_ = (SELECT MAX(PAYLOAD_MASS__KG_) FROM SPACEXTBL);
* sqlite:///my_data1.db
Booster 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

- List the failed landing\_outcomes in drone ship, their booster versions, and launch site names for in year 2015
  - The query only includes records where the landing outcome was a "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
  - "No attempt" is the most common outcome during this period, reflecting that SpaceX didn't attempt to recover the booster for 10 missions.
  - The equal distribution of success and failure on drone ships (5 each) shows the early experimental nature of SpaceX's attempts to land on drone ships.





#### **Location for Launch Sites**

- The Equator runs at 0° latitude, and none of the launch sites shown on the map are near this line. The United States is far north of the Equator, with the closest launch sites being located in Florida, which is still around 28° latitude north of the Equator.
- launch sites are located very close to the coast.



# Markers showing sites (Color coded)

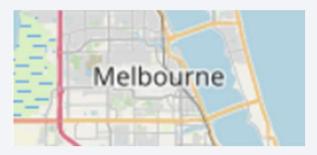
- Green Successful Launches
- Red Failed Launches



## Launch Site Proximity

- SpaceX launch site (LC-40 at Cape Canaveral Air Force Station) with a distance line indicating a distance of 0.90 km to a certain feature on the map
- Railway and highway map symbols to indicate nearby transportation infrastructure.

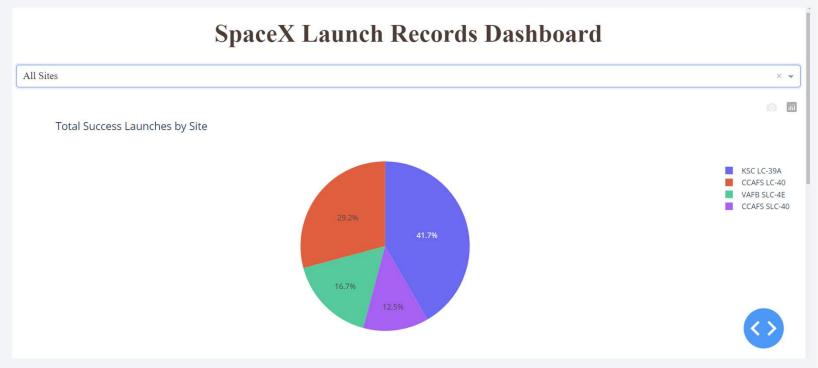






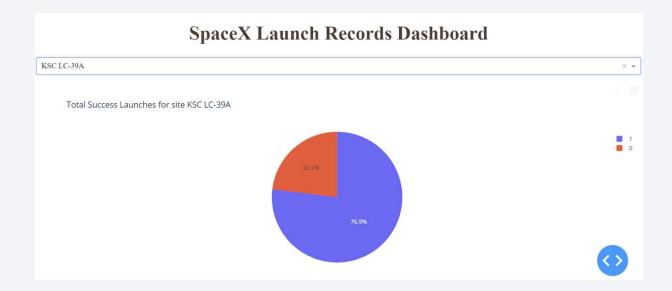
## Total Success of Launches by Site

KSC LC-39A
 had the most
 successful
 launches from
 all the sites.



#### Piechart for the launch site with highest launch success ratio

 Piechart for the launch site with highest launch success ratio



## Payload vs. Launch Outcome scatter plot

- payload mass range slider at the top allows the user to filter the payloads based on weight, ranging from 0 kg to 9000 kg. In the current view, the graph displays payloads between around 2000 kg and 7000 kg.
- The y-axis represents the success rate, where:1: Indicates a successful mission.O: Indicates a failure.





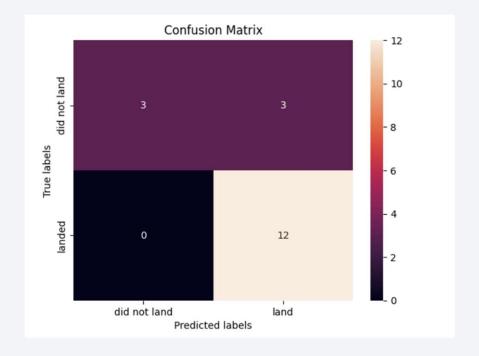
#### **Classification Accuracy**

• Decision tree classifier that finds the best parameters from the dictionary parameters.

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parameters = {'criterion': ['gini', 'entropy'],
               'splitter': ['best', 'random'],
               'max_depth': [2*n for n in range(1,10)],
               'max_features': ['auto', 'sqrt'],
               'min_samples_leaf': [1, 2, 4],
               'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10]}
          tree = DecisionTreeClassifier()
In [42]: tree_cv = GridSearchCV(tree,parameters,cv=10)
          tree_cv.fit(X_train, Y_train)
Out[42]: GridSearchCV(cv=10, estimator=DecisionTreeClassifier(),
                      param_grid={'criterion': ['gini', 'entropy'],
                                    'max_depth': [2, 4, 6, 8, 10, 12, 14, 16, 18],
                                    'max_features': ['auto', 'sqrt'],
                                    'min samples leaf': [1, 2, 4],
                                   'min_samples_split': [2, 5, 10],
                                   'splitter': ['best', 'random']})
        In a Jupyter environment, please rerun this cell to show the HTML representation or trust the notebook.
         On GitHub, the HTML representation is unable to render, please try loading this page with nbviewer.org.
          print("tuned hpyerparameters :(best parameters) ",tree_cv.best_params_)
          print("accuracy :",tree_cv.best_score_)
        tuned hpyerparameters : (best parameters) {'criterion': 'gini', 'max_depth': 2, 'max_features': 'sqrt', 'min_
        samples_leaf': 2, 'min_samples_split': 5, 'splitter': 'random'}
        accuracy: 0.875
```

#### **Confusion Matrix**

- Logistic regression successfully differentiates between the various classes, but the main issue lies in the false positives.
- Overview:
  - True Positive (TP) 12: The true label is "landed," and the model correctly predicts "landed."
  - False Positive (FP) 3: The true label is "not landed," but the model incorrectly predicts "landed."



#### Conclusions

- Successful Reusability of Boosters: The data shows that SpaceX majority of the launches have been successful, with a significant number of missions having successful booster recoveries on both ground pads and drone ships.
- Payload Mass and Landing Success: Analysis revealed a trend where larger payloads tend to have lower success rates.
- Importance of Launch Site: Certain launch sites, particularly KSC LC-39A and CCAFS SLC-40, have shown higher success rates.
- Predictive Model Performance: Among the machine learning models tested, the Decision Tree classifier showed the highest accuracy in predicting landing success.

