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# Missing and Unseen Values

- Missing Data in Training Predictors: Treated as a “level”
- Missing Value in Training Target: Ignored
- Unseen Categorical Levels During Scoring: Treated as an “NA” value and classified with outliers

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