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Missing Indicator

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This technique includes creating a new feature with values True and False for each feature having missing values.

This newly added column indicates whether there is missing value or not at the corresponding indexes in the original feature.

True – Missing Value

False - Non-Missing Value

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	Age	Fare	Age_NA
329	16.0	57.9792	False
727	NaN	7.7375	True
764	16.0	7.7750	False
66	29.0	10.5000	False
815	NaN	0.0000	True
173	21.0	7.9250	False
254	41.0	20.2125	False
594	37.0	26.0000	False
867	31.0	50.4958	False
133	29.0	26.0000	False

This technique improves the accuracy of the model sometimes. This is so because adding Indicator helps the model learn about the missing values and corresponding observations information.

In SimpleImputer Class, we can set add_indicator=True to add a MissingIndicator for Each Feature with Missing Values.