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missingof( ) — Appropriate missing value

Description

missingof(A) returns a missing of the same element type as A:

- if A is real, a real missing is returned;

- if A is complex, a complex missing is returned;

- if A is pointer, NULL is returned;

- if A is string, "" is returned.

Syntax

>   *transmorphic scalar*   missingof(*transmorphic matrix A*)

Remarks and examples

missingof( ) is useful when creating empty matrices of the same type as another matrix; for example,

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newmat = J(rows(x), cols(x), missingof(x))
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Conformability

missingof(A)
A:	$r \times c$
result:	1×1

Diagnostics

None.

Also see

[M-4] **Utility** — Matrix utility functions

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