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*Segalic Models of  $(\infty, n)$ -categories*

Simpson and Tamsamani have both given definitions of weak  $n$ -category involving simplicial objects in a given category which satisfy the Segal condition and whose zeroeth level ('object of objects') is, in an appropriate sense, discrete. We give a general framework for studying Segalic models of  $(\infty, n)$ -categories – explicitly, models that rely on a notion of discrete object.