

Diaconescu's Theorem for Stacks

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The general version is found in

R. Diaconescu. "Change of Base for Toposes with Generators."

Jour. Pure Appl. Alg. 6 (1975), pp. 191-218.

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One reference: §§4-5 of

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where Σ is the set of “cartesian” morphisms.

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For a study of flat pseudo-functors see

M.E. Descotte, E.J. Dubuc, M. Szyld. “Sigma limits in 2-categories and flat pseudofunctors.” arXiv:1610.09429v3.

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