

# DANGEROUS IDEAS

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[[DL78], Theorem 2.4]: Each (small) symmetric closed category  $\mathcal{V}$  admits a symmetric closed full embedding into a symmetric monoidal closed category  $[\mathcal{A}, \mathbf{Ens}]$ .



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