

Quasi finitely axiomatizable totally categorical theories (G.Ahlbrandt, M.Ziegler, 1986). Erratum

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Part (i) of Corollary 1.4 is false.¹ To see this consider structures \mathfrak{A} and \mathfrak{B} where \mathfrak{B} is a disjoint union of \mathfrak{A} and a structure \mathfrak{C} . Then φ and ψ as in the statement exist: φ extends an automorphism of \mathfrak{A} by the identity on \mathfrak{C} , and ψ restricts an automorphism of \mathfrak{B} to \mathfrak{A} . On the other hand \mathfrak{A} is a retract of \mathfrak{B} only if \mathfrak{B} is interpretable in \mathfrak{A} . The correct statement for Corollary 1.4 (i) is

\mathfrak{A} is a retract of \mathfrak{B} iff there are continuous homomorphisms

$\text{Aut } \mathfrak{A} \xrightarrow{\varphi} \text{Aut } \mathfrak{B} \xrightarrow{\psi} \text{Aut } \mathfrak{A}$ such that $\psi \circ \varphi = 1$ and the image of ψ has finitely many orbits.

¹and should not be attributed to Coquand.