

Theorem 1: There is a lifting of the action of  $G$  on  $X$  to a fibration fibre homotopy equivalent to  $E \xrightarrow{p} X$  if and only if  $E \xrightarrow{p} X$  is fibre homotopy equivalent to the pullback by  $i: X \rightarrow X_G$  of a fibration over  $X_G$ .

The remainder of this section will be devoted to a proof of this theorem.

Lemma 2: If  $E \xrightarrow{p} X$  is a  $G$ -fibration, then it is a pullback by  $i$  of a fibration over  $X_G$  up to fibre homotopy equivalence.

Proof: Since  $E \xrightarrow{p} X$  is a  $G$ -fibration, there is an action on  $E$  such that  $p$  is equivariant. Hence  $p$  induces a map  $\bar{p}: E_G \times_G E \rightarrow E_G \times_G X = X_G$ . If we knew that  $\bar{p}$  were a Hurewicz fibration then  $\bar{p}$  would be the required fibration over  $X_G$ . We avoid that question and instead consider the following commutative diagram where the horizontal rows are principal  $G$ -fibrations arising from the diagonal action of  $G$  on  $E_G \times X$  and  $E_G \times E$ .

$$\begin{array}{ccc}
 E_G \times E & \xrightarrow{\quad} & E_G \times_G E \\
 \downarrow 1 \times p & & \downarrow \bar{p} \\
 E_G \times X & \xrightarrow{\quad} & X_G
 \end{array}$$