

Proposition 4: If  $E \xrightarrow{p} X$  is (principal) bundle equivalent to a pullback by  $i$  of a (principal) bundle over  $X_G$ , then the (principal) fibre bundle  $E_G \times E \xrightarrow{1 \times p} E_G \times X$  admits a (principal bundle) lifting of the diagonal action of  $G$  on  $E_G \times X$ .

Thus we get a lifting of  $G$  for the fibre bundle  $E_G \times F \rightarrow E_G \times E \longrightarrow X$ . If  $F$  is a topological group  $K$  and  $K \rightarrow E \rightarrow X$  is a principal  $K$  bundle, then the lifted action of  $G$  on  $E_G \times E$  will commute with the action of  $K$  on  $E_G \times E$  given by  $k \rightarrow (1 \times k: E_G \times E \rightarrow E_G \times E)$  where  $k \in K$  is regarded as a homeomorphism of  $E \rightarrow E$  arising from the principal action of  $K$  on  $E$ .

Now we state the Hattori-Yoshida theorem for coverings. This follows as a corollary to theorem 1.

Theorem 5: Suppose that  $E \xrightarrow{p} X$  is a fibre bundle with discrete fibres. Then  $G$  lifts if and only if  $p$  is a pullback by  $i$  of a fibration over  $X_G$ .

Proof: We shall show that if the bundle  $E \xrightarrow{p} X$  is homotopy equivalent to a bundle  $E' \xrightarrow{p'} X$  where  $G$  lifts to an action on  $E'$ , then  $G$  lifts to an action on  $E$ . Then theorem 1 will give us the result.