

Suppose that  $f: E \rightarrow E'$  is a fibre homotopy equivalence and let  $h: E' \rightarrow E$  be its fibre homotopy inverse. Now we define the action of  $G$  on  $E$  by letting  $g: E' \rightarrow E'$  correspond to  $fg h: E \rightarrow E$ . We must only check that this is well defined, that is that  $f(gg')h = (fgh)(fg'h)$ . Now  $(fgh)(fg'h) = fg(hf)g'h$  and  $hf: E' \rightarrow E'$  is homotopic to the identity by a homotopy which lies over the identity on  $X$ . Hence  $(fgh)(fg'h)$  is homotopic to  $fgg'h: E \rightarrow E$  by a homotopy lying over the identity on  $X$ . But since the fibres of  $E \xrightarrow{p} X$  are discrete, this homotopy must be the constant homotopy and so  $(fgh)(fg'h) = f(gg')h$ .

A similar Hattori-Yoshida type theorem holds for principal fibrations with discrete fibres. In this case the fibre homotopy equivalence would be between  $E \xrightarrow{p} X$  and  $E_G \times K \rightarrow E_G \times E \rightarrow X$  where the discrete group  $K$  acts on  $E_G \times E$  as described in the paragraph following Proposition 4. This action implies that the lifting of  $G$  on the original  $E \xrightarrow{p} X$  lifts as a principal bundle action. This argument gives us the following theorem.

Theorem 6: If  $\tilde{X} \xrightarrow{p} X$  is a regular covering, there is a principal bundle lifting of  $G$  to  $\tilde{X}$  if and only if  $\tilde{X} \xrightarrow{p} X$  is a pullback by  $i$  of a regular covering over  $X_G$ .