

Now the Hattori-Yoshida theorems for principal bundle liftings hold for T-bundles, for regular coverings, for free actions and of course also for trivial actions. This suggests that there is a Hattori-Yoshida theorem for all principal lifting problems. This is false and a counter example is based on the following theorem, due to Glen Bredon, which classifies the principal lifting problem for transitive actions. Note that if G acts transitively on X , then X may be thought of as a homogeneous space G/H where H is the isotropy subgroup of G and G acts on G/H on the left.

Theorem 7: Suppose G acts transitively on G/H with isotropy subgroup H and suppose $E \xrightarrow{p} G/H$ is a principal K bundle. Then G has a principal bundle lifting if and only if the classifying map, k , of $E \xrightarrow{p} G/H$ factors up to homotopy as

$$k: G/H \xrightarrow{i} B_H \xrightarrow{B\phi} B_K$$

where $\phi: H \rightarrow K$ is some homomorphism.

Proof: Suppose there is a principal bundle lifting of G to E . Then $G \times K$ acts transitively on E with an isotropy subgroup isomorphic to H . Hence E is homeomorphic to $(G \times K)/H$ where H is the subgroup of $G \times K$ given