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I. INTRODUCTION

This document is meant to serve as an addendum to [1]. The main purpose of this addendum is to provide a mathematical demonstration to show that given a convex shape S and its bounding box B, the center point is the only point guaranteed to be part of S. This justifies the choice made in [1] to use the bounding box center point as pose initialization for the detected object.

II. ADDENDUM

Proposition 1. We consider the bounding box B of a convex shape S in the plane. The center point of B is the only point guaranteed to be inside S.



Proof: We call G the set of points that are guaranteed to be inside a convex shape S given its bounding box B. We want to show that $G = (x_0, y_0)$ with (x_0, y_0) the center point of B.

• Uniqueness: First, we show that $G \subseteq (x_0, y_0)$.

We consider the four corners of B: $(x_1, y_1), (x_2, y_1), (x_1, y_2), (x_2, y_2)$. We consider only convex shapes with non-zero area, so we have $x_1 < x_2$ and $y_1 < y_2$.

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• The segment S_1 between (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) is a convex shape corresponding to the bounding box B, so $G \subseteq S_1$.

· Likewise, the segment S_2 between (x_2, y_1) and (x_1, y_2) is a convex shape corresponding to the bounding box B, so $G \subseteq S_2$.

Therefore $G \subseteq S_1 \cap S_2$ and, as $S_1 \cap S_2 = (x_0, y_0)$, we have $G \subseteq (x_0, y_0)$.

♦ Existence: We want to show that $(x_0, y_0) \in G$. Let S be a convex shape with bounding box B. We have at least one point from S on each edge of B:

$\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{A}} = (x_1, y_A)$	$y_1 \le y_A \le y_2$
$\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{B}} = (x_2, y_B)$	$x_1 \le x_B \le x_2$
$\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{C}} = (x_C, y_2)$	$y_1 \le y_C \le y_2$
$\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{D}} = (x_D, y_1)$	$x_1 \le x_D \le x_2$

 $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{A}}, \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{B}}, \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{C}}, \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{D}} \in S.$

Note that these points are not necessarily distinct.

As S is convex, we have segment $[p_A, p_D] \subseteq S$.

If $y_A = y_1$ or $x_D = x_1$, we directly have a point from S on line L_1 between (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) , namely (x_1, y_1) .

• If $y_A > y_1$ and $x_D > x_1$, then the segment $[p_A, p_D]$ is not parallel to the line L_1 between (x_1, y_1) and (x_2, y_2) , as neither of the two points are on the line. We can write the equation of line L_1 as: $L_1(x) = \frac{y_2 - y_1}{x_2 - x_1}(x - x_1) + y_1$. As $L_1(x_1) = y_1$ and L_1 is strictly increasing we have:

$$y_A > L_1(x_1)$$
 and $y_1 < L_1(x_D)$,

meaning that $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{A}}$ and $\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{D}}$ are not on the same side of L_1 . Therefore we obtain an intersection point $(u_1, v_1) \in [p_A, p_D] \cap L_1$. As S is convex, we also have $(u_1, v_1) \in S$. Let's write the equations defining u_1 and v_1 :

$$\exists \alpha, \beta \in [0, 1], \begin{cases} u_1 = (x_D - x_1)\alpha + x_1 = (x_2 - x_1)\beta + x_1 \\ v_1 = (y_1 - y_A)\alpha + y_A = (y_2 - y_1)\beta + y_1. \end{cases}$$

We can solve these equations to find α and β :

First we express $\beta = \frac{x_D - x_1}{x_2 - x_1} \alpha$. Then by substitution we have:

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$$((y_2 - y_1)\frac{x_D - x_1}{x_2 - x_1} + y_A - y_1)\alpha = y_A - y_1$$

$$\Leftrightarrow \alpha = \frac{1}{1 + \frac{y_2 - y_1}{y_A - y_1} \frac{x_D - x_1}{x_2 - x_1}}$$

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Therefore we can express the value of v_1 :

$$v_1 = y_A - \frac{y_A - y_1}{1 + \frac{y_2 - y_1}{y_A - y_1} \frac{x_D - x_1}{x_2 - x_1}}$$

and find an upper bound:

$$\begin{split} v_1 &\leq y_A - \frac{y_A - y_1}{1 + \frac{y_2 - y_1}{y_A - y_1}} & \text{as } x_D \leq x_2 \\ &\leq y_A - \frac{(y_A - y_1)^2}{y_A + y_2 - 2y_1} \\ &\leq \frac{y_A^2 + y_A y_2 - 2y_A y_1 - y_A^2 + 2y_A y_1 - y_1^2}{y_A + y_2 - 2y_1} \\ &\leq \frac{y_A y_2 - y_1^2}{y_A + y_2 - 2y_1}. \end{split}$$

Let's define the function $f: y \mapsto \frac{yy_2 - y_1^2}{y + y_2 - 2y_1}$ for $y \in [y_1, y_2]$. Then $f'(y) = \frac{y_2(y + y_2 - 2y_1) - yy_2 + y_1^2}{(y + y_2 - 2y_1)^2}$ and:

$$\begin{aligned} f'(y) &\geq 0 \\ \Leftrightarrow \quad y_2(y+y_2-2y_1) &\geq yy_2-y_1^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow \quad y_2^2-2y_1y_2 &\geq -y_1^2 \\ \Leftrightarrow \quad (y_2-y_1)^2 &\geq 0 \end{aligned}$$

Therefore f is increasing on $[y_1, y_2]$. As $f(y_2) = \frac{y_2^2 - y_1^2}{2(y_2 - y_1)} = \frac{y_2 + y_1}{2} = y_0$, we have that $v_1 \leq y_0$.

Likewise, we can find a point $(u_2, v_2) \in [\mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{C}}, \mathbf{p}_{\mathbf{B}}] \cap L_1$ with $(u_2, v_2) \in S$ and $v_2 \geq y_0$.

S is convex, so the segment $[(u_1, v_1), (u_2, v_2)]$ is a subset of S. As $(x_0, y_0), (u_1, v_1), (u_2, v_2)$ are three points of the line L_1 with $v_1 \leq y_0 \leq v_2$, we have $(x_0, y_0) \in [(u_1, v_1), (u_2, v_2)].$

Therefore, $(x_0, y_0) \in G$.

 \therefore We have shown that $G = (x_0, y_0)$.

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