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One problem related to covering problem is whether one object has Rupert property. An object $K$ in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$ has the Rupert property if a hole could be cut through one copy of $K$ with the same size to permit another copy to pass through it. There are objects in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$ which have Rupert property, such as a cube. But not all of objects in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$ has Rupert property, such as a sphere. It is interesting to check that a given object has Rupert property. In this work, we construct useful lemmas for studying this problem. Furthermore, we apply these lemmas to show that most of the 13 Archimedean solids have Rupert property by numerical optimization.


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## CHAPTER I

## INTRODUCTION

Questions about when, and whether, one set can cover another set are fundamental to study of shapes in geometry. These problems are called covering problem.

Definition 1.1. Let $K, K^{\prime}$ and $H$ be sets in $\mathbb{R}^{n}$. We say $K^{\prime}$ is a congruent copy of $K$ if there is an isometry $f$ on $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ such that $f(K)=K^{\prime}$. We say a set $K$ covers $H$ if $K$ contains a congruent copy of $H$. In this case, we also say $H$ fits in $K$.

There are a lot of studies related to this question. In 1964, H. Steinhaus 5] asked for a necessary and sufficient condition on the six sides $a, b, c, a^{\prime}, b^{\prime}, c^{\prime}$ for the triangle $T^{\prime}$ with sides $a^{\prime}, b^{\prime}, c^{\prime}$ to fit into the triangle $T$ with sides $a, b, c$. Separate necessary conditions and sufficient conditions are easy to give, but a condition that is both necessary and sufficient is more elusive. In 1993, K. A. Post [3] gave a list of 18 inequalities which is both necessary and sufficient in the sense that if one of the inequalities correct, the $T^{\prime}$ fits in $T$ and if $T^{\prime}$ fits in $T$, then at least one of the inequalities is correct. Moreover, in this paper K. A. Post also proved the following theorem.

Theorem 1.2. If a largest scaled copy of a triangle is a subset of another triangle, then one of its sides coincides along a side of the containing triangle.

In 2002, J. E. Wetzel [8] found the largest square that fits into a given triangle. Later, J. M. Sullivan [6] generalized this theorem to the case of a convex polygon in a triangle.

One problem related to these questions is Prince Rupert's problem. More than three hundred years ago, Prince Rupert won a wager that a hole could be cut through one of two cubes with the same size to permit another cube to pass through
it. This property is called a Rupert property for cube. In 1968, C. J. Scriba [4] showed that the tetrahedron and the octahedron have the same property. In 2017, R. P. Jerrard, J. E. Wetzel and L. Yuan [2] found that the dodecahedron and the icosahedron also have the same property. Thus all Platonic solids, including the tetrahedron, the cube, the octahedron, the dodecahedron and the icosahedron, have Rupert property. Some compact, convex subsets in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$ do not have Rupert property, such as the unit sphere and the circular cylinder with radius $r$ and height $2 r$. That is a compact, convex subset in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$ does not need to have Rupert property.

Due to lack of counterexample, J. E. Wetzel and L. Yuan conjectured in [2] that every convex polyhedron has Rupert property. Therefore, the interesting thing is to check whether a given convex polyhedron has Rupert property.

In Chapter II, we recall some basic definitions and lemmas related to this work.
In Chapter III, we study some properties about covering of objects in $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ which relate to this work.

In Chapter IV, we will mention many relations between Prince Rupert's problem and covering problem.

In the last chapter, we suggest some ideas to study the further research about Prince Rupert's problem.

## CHAPTER II

## PRELIMINARIES

In this chapter, we recall some definitions and lemmas used in this work. Throughout this work, we use an object to refer to a compact, convex subset of $\mathbb{R}^{3}$. Moreover, we use a planar set to refer to a subset of $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ or an isometric image of a subset of $\mathbb{R}^{2}$.

### 2.1 CONVEX SET AND AFFINE MAP

First, we introduce definitions about convex set and lemmas related to this work.

Definition 2.1. A subset $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{n}$ is called convex if and only if, for points $x_{1}, x_{2}$ in $X$ and $\lambda \in[0,1]$,

$$
\lambda x_{1}+(1-\lambda) x_{2} \in X .
$$

The next definition is the definition of the convex hull of a set.
Definition 2.2. The convex hull of a set $X$ of points in $\mathbb{R}^{n}$ is the smallest convex set that contains X . Moreover, the convex hull $C$ of a set of $N$ points $p_{1}, \ldots, p_{N}$ is then given by the expression

$$
C=\left\{\sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_{i} p_{i}: \lambda_{i} \geq 0 \text { for all } i \text { and } \sum_{i=1}^{N} \lambda_{i}=1\right\} .
$$

We will use $\mathbb{H}(X)$ refers to the convex hull of a set $X$.
In this work, we use some mappings which are affine map.
Definition 2.3. An affine transformation or affine map $f: \mathbb{R}^{3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3}$ is a map of the form $x \mapsto L(x)+k$ where $L$ is a linear map on the space $\mathbb{R}^{3}, x$ is a point in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$, and $k$ is a point in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$.

The next three lemmas are about convex set and affine map related to this work.

Lemma 2.4. Let $f: \mathbb{R}^{3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3}$ be an affine map. If a set $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{3}$ is convex, then $f(X)$ is also convex.

Proof. Assume that a set $X \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{3}$ is convex. Let $x_{1}, x_{2} \in X$ and $\lambda \in[0,1]$. Since $f$ is an affine map, $f(x)=L(x)+k$ for some linear map $L$ on $\mathbb{R}^{3}$ and some point $k$ in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$. We have

$$
\begin{aligned}
\lambda f\left(x_{1}\right)+(1-\lambda) f\left(x_{2}\right) & =\lambda\left(L\left(x_{1}\right)+k\right)+(1-\lambda)\left(L\left(x_{2}\right)+k\right) \\
& =\lambda L\left(x_{1}\right)+\lambda k+(1-\lambda) L\left(x_{2}\right)+(1-\lambda) k \\
& =L\left(\lambda x_{1}+(1-\lambda) x_{2}\right)+k \\
& =f\left(\lambda x_{1}+(1-\lambda) x_{2}\right) \\
& \in f(X) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Hence $f(X)$ is convex.
Lemma 2.5. Let $f: \mathbb{R}^{3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{3}$ be an affine map and let $p_{1}, \ldots, p_{n} \in \mathbb{R}^{3}$. Suppose that $\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{n} \in \mathbb{R}$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i}=1$. Then $f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} p_{i}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} f\left(p_{i}\right)$.

Proof. Let $\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{n} \in \mathbb{R}$ be such that $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i}=1$. Since $f$ is an affine map, $f(x)=L(x)+k$ for some linear map $L$ on $\mathbb{R}^{3}$ and some point $k$ in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$. Then

$$
\begin{aligned}
f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} p_{i}\right) & =L\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} p_{i}\right)+k \\
& =\sum_{i=1}^{n} L\left(\lambda_{i} p_{i}\right)+k \\
& =\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} L\left(p_{i}\right)+\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} k
\end{aligned}
$$

$$
\begin{aligned}
& =\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i}\left(L\left(p_{i}\right)+k\right) \\
& =\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} f\left(p_{i}\right) .
\end{aligned}
$$

Lemma 2.6. Let $P$ be a set of finite points in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$. A convex hull of an affine map $f$ of $P$ is the image of a convex hull of $P$ under $f$.

Proof. Since $P \subseteq \mathbb{H}(P), f(P) \subseteq f(\mathbb{H}(P))$. By Lemma 2.4, $f(\mathbb{H}(P))$ is convex. Then $\mathbb{H}(f(P)) \subseteq f(\mathbb{H}(P))$.

On the contrary, let $p$ be a point in $\mathbb{H}(p)$. Then $p=\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} p_{i}$ where $p_{1}, \ldots, p_{n} \in$ $P$ and $\lambda_{1}, \ldots, \lambda_{n} \geq 0$ such that $\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i}=1$ for some $n \in \mathbb{N}$. By Lemma 2.5, we have $f(p)=f\left(\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} p_{i}\right)=\sum_{i=1}^{n} \lambda_{i} f\left(p_{i}\right) \in \mathbb{H}(f(P))$. Hence $f(\mathbb{H}(P)) \subseteq \mathbb{H}(f(P))$.

### 2.2 OBJECTS RELATED TO THIS WORK

In this section, we will give definitions about objects which we study in this work.

Definition 2.7. A polygon is a compact planar set bounded by a finite number of straight line segments connected to form a closed polygonal chain.

Definition 2.8. A polyhedron is an object bounded by flat polygonal faces, straight edges and sharp corners.

Definition 2.9. A Platonic solid is a regular, convex polyhedron which is constructed by congruent regular polygonal faces with the same number of faces meeting at each vertex.

| Platonic Solid | Figure |
| ---: | :---: |
| Tetrahedron |  |
| Cube |  |
| Octahedron |  |
| Icosahedron |  |
| Dodecahedron |  |

Table 2.2: List of all Platonic solids

Definition 2.10. An Archimedean solid is a convex polyhedron which has a similar arrangement of nonintersecting regular convex polygons of two or more different types arranged in the same way about each vertex with all sides the same length.

| Platonic Solid | Figure |
| :---: | :---: |
| Truncated tetrahedron |  |
| Cuboctahedron |  |
| Truncated cube |  |
| Truncated octahedron |  |




Table 2.4: List of all Archimedean solids

The following is a definition of width of a nonempty compact subset of $\mathbb{R}^{2}$.
Definition 2.11. Let $K$ be a nonempty compact subset of $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ and $l$ be a line in $\mathbb{R}^{2}$. The width of $K$ in direction of $l$ is the minimum distance between two lines perpendicular to $l$ with $K$ in between them. The minimum width of $K$
is the minimum of width among every direction. Similarly, for an object $K$ in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$, the width of $K$ in direction of $l$ is the minimum distance between two planes perpendicular to $l$ with $K$ in between them.

The following is a definition of an interesting type of object in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$.
Definition 2.12. An object $K$ is said to have constant width $w$ if the width is $w$ in every direction.

A sphere and Meissner tetrahedra are the examples of objects with constant width.


Figure 2.1: the sphere (left) and the Meissner tetrahedra (right)

### 2.3 RUPERT PROPERTY AND NIEUWLAND CONSTANT

From [2], R. P. Jerrard, J. E. Wetzel and L. Yuan gave a definition of Rupert property stating as follows.

Definition 2.13. Let $K$ be an object in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$. $K$ has Rupert property if and only if there are planes $M$ and $N$ so that the (orthogonally) projected images of $K$ to $M$ fits in the interior of the (orthogonally) projected images of $K$ to $N$.

From its definition, we may simply regard Rupert property as follows.
Lemma 2.14. Let $K$ be an object in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$. $K$ has Rupert property if and only if there is a plane $M$ and two congruent copies of $K$ whose (orthogonally) projected images to $M$ has one image in the interior of the other.

Remark 2.15. It is clear that Prince Rupert's problem relates to a covering problem of the projections of 2 congruent copies of any given object.

In 1816, Pieter Nieuwland published [7] the solution of the question of what is the largest cube that can be passed through a cube of unit size, i.e., how large a positive scalar $\nu$ that a scaled congruent copy $\nu C$ of cube $C$ can pass through in $C$. This question for any object is called Nieuwland's question. For an object $K$ in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$, we define the Nieuwland's constant $\nu(K)$ by
$\nu(K)=\sup \{\nu>0 \mid$ there is a hole in $K$ that an object $\nu K$ can pass through it $\}$.

Note that for any convex object $K$, we have $\nu(K) \geq 1$. By direct observation, we have the following obvious lemma.

Lemma 2.16. An object $K$ in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$ has Rupert property if and only if $\nu(K)>1$.
Table 2.5 from [2] shows the known estimates of the Nieuwland constants for all Platonic solids.

| Platonic Solid | Nieuwland Estimate |
| :--- | :--- |
| Tetrahedron $\mathfrak{T}$ | $\nu(\mathfrak{T}) \geq \frac{2}{5} \sqrt{3}(\sqrt{6}-1)>1.004235$ |
| Cube $\mathfrak{C}$ קพาลง | $\nu(\mathfrak{C})=\frac{3}{4} \sqrt{2} \geq 1.060660$ |
| Octahedron $\mathfrak{O}$ | $\nu(\mathfrak{O}) \geq \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{2} \geq 1.060660$ |
| Dodecahedron $\mathfrak{D}$ | $\nu(\mathfrak{D}) \geq \frac{171}{170}>1.005882$ |
| Icosahedron $\mathfrak{I}$ | $\nu(\mathfrak{I}) \geq \frac{1108}{1098}>1.009107$ |

Table 2.5: Nieuwland constant estimates for all Platonic solids [2]

Besides 5 Platonic solids, Y. Chai, L. Yuan and T. Zamfirescu studied 8 of the 13 Archimedean solids to find the estimates of their Nieuwland constants [1]. Table 2.6 from [1] shows the estimates of the Nieuwland constants for 8 of the 13 Archimedean solids.

| Solid | Nieuwland Estimate |
| :--- | :--- |
| Cuboctahedron $\mathcal{C}$ | $\nu(\mathcal{C})>1.01461$ |
| Truncated cube $\mathfrak{C}_{t}$ | $\nu\left(\mathfrak{C}_{t}\right)>1.02036$ |
| Truncated octahedron $\mathcal{O}_{t}$ | $\nu\left(\mathcal{O}_{t}\right)>1.00815$ |
| Rhombicuboctahedron $\mathcal{R}$ | $\nu(\mathcal{R})>1.00609$ |
| Truncated cuboctahedron $\mathcal{C}_{t}$ | $\nu\left(\mathcal{C}_{t}\right)>1.00370$ |
| Icosidodecahedron $\mathcal{I}$ | $\nu(\mathcal{I})>1.00015$ |
| Truncated dodecahedron $\mathcal{D}_{t}$ | $\nu\left(\mathcal{D}_{t}\right)>1.00014$ |
| Truncated icosahedron $I_{t}$ | $\nu\left(I_{t}\right)>1.00004$ |

Table 2.6: Nieuwland constant estimates for 8 of the 13 Archimedean solids [1]

In chapter IV, we will improve Nieuwland constant estimates for the tetrahedron, the dodecahedron and the icosahedron. For the 13 Archimedean solids, the truncated tetrahedron and the truncated icosidodecahedron have not been studied yet. We show that their Nieuwland constant is greater than 1. Consequently, they have Rupert property.

## CHAPTER III COVERING OF OBJECTS IN 2D

In this chapter, we give some properties about covering of objects in $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ which relate to this work.

Recall that Prince Rupert's problem can be converted to a covering problem of the projections of 2 congruent copies of any given object. We will construct lemmas and corollaries related to covering problem that may be helpful to study Prince Rupert's problem.

First, we have an obvious lemma by the property of width as follows.
Lemma 3.1. Let $K$ and $H$ be compact planar sets. If $K$ is in the interior of $H$, then the width of $K$ is less than width of $H$ for every direction.

The following corollary follows from Lemma 3.1.
Corollary 3.2. Let $K$ and $H$ be compact, convex planar sets. If there exists a direction such that the width of $K$ is more than or equal to the width of $H$, then $K$ is not in the interior of $H$.

We will use Corollary 3.2 to construct a lemma to check that a given object does not have Rupert property in chapter IV.

If we use the property of convex hull, we will have a lemma about covering of a set of points in a convex planar set as follows.

Lemma 3.3. A planar set $H$ fits in the interior of a convex planar set $K$ if and only if a convex hull of $H$ fits in the interior of $K$.

Proof. Assume that $H$ fits in the interior of a convex planar set $K$. There is an isometry $f$ on $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ such that $f(H) \subseteq \operatorname{int}(K)$. Then $H \subseteq f^{-1}(\operatorname{int}(K))$. Since $f^{-1}(\operatorname{int}(K))$ is convex, $\mathbb{H}(H) \subseteq \mathbb{H}\left(f^{-1}(\operatorname{int}(K))\right) \subseteq f^{-1}(\operatorname{int}(K))$. Thus $f(\mathbb{H}(H)) \subseteq$
$\operatorname{int}(K)$. On the contrary, assume that a convex hull of $H$ fits in int $(K)$. There is an isometry $f$ on $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ such that $f(\mathbb{H}(H)) \subseteq \operatorname{int}(K)$. Then $H \subseteq \mathbb{H}(H) \subseteq f^{-1}(\operatorname{int}(K))$. Therefore $f(H) \subseteq \operatorname{int}(K)$.

In the case that we know the order of vertices of a convex polygon, we construct lemmas and corollaries which are useful for numerical computation. By basic property of a convex polygon, we have the following remark.

Remark 3.4. The interior of a convex polygon $K$ is represented as the intersection of every left side of counterclockwise edge around the polygon $K$.


Figure 3.1: the interior of a pentagon is the intersection of every left side of counterclockwise edge around the pentagon

This remark leads to the following lemma.

Lemma 3.5. Let $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}$ be vertices of a convex polygon $K$ in counterclockwise order. A point $p$ is in the interior of $K$ if and only if $p$ lies to the left side of the ray $a_{i} a_{i+1}$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$ where $a_{n+1}=a_{1}$.

In this work, we use two concepts to check whether a point lies to the left of a ray. The first one is a concept using dot product. For another concept, we use a mapping similar to a cross product in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$ which is defined as follows.

Definition 3.6. A map $\otimes: \mathbb{R}^{2} \times \mathbb{R}^{2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}$ is defined by $\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right) \otimes\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right)=$ $x_{1} y_{2}-x_{2} y_{1}$ for $\left(x_{1}, y_{1}\right),\left(x_{2}, y_{2}\right) \in \mathbb{R}^{2}$.

For convenience, we will define the following definition.
Definition 3.7. Let $\vec{v}$ be a vector in $\mathbb{R}^{2}$. A vector $\vec{v}^{*}$ is the counterclockwise rotation of the vector $\vec{v}$ around $(0,0)$ for angle $\frac{\pi}{2}$.

Remark 3.8. For points $p, q, r \in \mathbb{R}^{2}$, we notice as follows.

1. $\overrightarrow{q r}^{*} \cdot \overrightarrow{q p}$ is equal to $\overrightarrow{q r} \otimes \overrightarrow{q p}$.
2. A point $p$ lies to the left side of ray $q r$ if and only if $\overrightarrow{q r^{*}} \cdot \overrightarrow{q p}>0$ if and only if $\overrightarrow{q r} \otimes \overrightarrow{q p}>0$.
3. A point $p$ lies to the right side of ray $q r$ if and only if $\overrightarrow{q r}^{*} \cdot \overrightarrow{q p}<0$ if and only if $\overrightarrow{q r} \otimes \overrightarrow{q p}<0$.
4. Points $p, q, r$ are collinear if and only if $\overrightarrow{q r}^{*} \cdot \overrightarrow{q p}=0$ if and only if $\overrightarrow{q r} \otimes \overrightarrow{q p}=0$. By Lemma 3.5 and Remark 3.8, we have two following lemmas.

Lemma 3.9. Let $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}$ be vertices of a convex polygon $K$ in counterclockwise order. A point $p$ is in the interior of $K$ if and only if ${\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{i+1}}}^{*} \cdot \overrightarrow{a_{i} p}>0$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$ where $a_{n+1}=a_{1}$.

Lemma 3.10. Let $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}$ be vertices of a convex polygon $K$ in counterclockwise order. A point $p$ is in the interior of $K$ if and only if $\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{i+1}} \otimes \overrightarrow{a_{i} p}>0$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$ where $a_{n+1}=a_{1}$.

By basic property of convex sets, we have the following lemma.
Lemma 3.11. Let $K$ and $H$ be two convex polygons. Then $K$ is in the interior of $H$ if and only if every vertex of $K$ lies in the interior of $H$.

By Lemma 3.9 and Lemma 3.11, we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 3.12. Let $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}$ be vertices of a convex polygon $H$ in counterclockwise order. A convex polygon $K$ is in the interior of $H$ if and only if every vertex $p$ of $K$ satisfies conditions that $\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{i+1}}{ }^{*} \cdot \overrightarrow{a_{i} p}>0$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$ where $a_{n+1}=a_{1}$.

By Lemma 3.10 and Lemma 3.11, we obtain the following corollary.

Corollary 3.13. Let $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}$ be vertices of a convex polygon $H$ in counterclockwise order. A convex polygon $K$ is in the interior of $H$ if and only if every vertex $p$ of $K$ satisfies conditions that $\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{i+1}} \otimes \overrightarrow{a_{i} p}>0$ for all $1 \leq i \leq n$ where $a_{n+1}=a_{1}$.

Remark 3.14. If we know about the order of vertices of a convex polygon in clockwise order, then we will have similar properties by flipping the inequality sign.

Next, we will construct lemmas to verify whether a point fits in a convex hull of arbitrary finite points. First, we define a definition of tangent strip as follows.

Definition 3.15. The tangent strip containing a set $H$ in direction of $\vec{v}$ is the region between the two lines parallel to $\vec{v}$ and tangent to $H$.

We obtain the following lemma from a property of convex polygon.
Lemma 3.16. $A$ convex polygon $H$ is the intersection the tangent strips containing $H$ in every direction parallel to an edge of $H$. Moreover, let $V$ be a set of vectors, if vectors parallel to each edge of $H$ is in $V$, then $H$ is also the intersection the tangent strips containing $H$ in every direction $\vec{v}$ in $V$.

The next two lemmas follow from the geometric interpretations of the dot product and the map $\otimes$.

Lemma 3.17. Let $S$ be a tangent strip between lines $l_{1}$ and $l_{2}$ parallel to $v$ with $p_{1} \in l_{1}$ and $p_{2} \in l_{2}$. A point $p$ lies on the interior of $S$ if and only if $\vec{v}^{*} \cdot \vec{p}$ is between $\vec{v}^{*} \cdot \overrightarrow{p_{1}}$ and $\vec{v}^{*} \cdot \overrightarrow{p_{2}}$.

Lemma 3.18. Let $S$ be a tangent strip between lines $l_{1}$ and $l_{2}$ parallel to $v$ with $p_{1} \in l_{1}$ and $p_{2} \in l_{2}$. A point $p$ lies on the interior of $S$ if and only if $\vec{v} \otimes \vec{p}$ is between $\vec{v} \otimes \overrightarrow{p_{1}}$ and $\vec{v} \otimes \overrightarrow{p_{2}}$.

By Lemma 3.16 and Lemma 3.17, we have the following lemma.

Lemma 3.19. Let $H$ be a set of points $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}$. A point $p$ is in the interior of $\mathbb{H}(H)$ if and only if $\min _{1 \leq k \leq n}{\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}}}^{*} \cdot \overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{k}}<\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}^{*}} \cdot \overrightarrow{a_{i} p}<\max _{1 \leq k \leq n}{\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}}}^{*} \cdot \overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{k}}$ for all $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ and $i \neq j$.

By Lemma 3.16 and Lemma 3.18, we have the following lemma.
Lemma 3.20. Let $H$ be a set of points $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}$. A point $p$ is in the interior of $\mathbb{H}(H)$ if and only if $\min _{1 \leq k \leq n} \overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}} \otimes \overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{k}}<\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}} \otimes \overrightarrow{a_{i} p}<\max _{1 \leq k \leq n} \overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}} \otimes \overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{k}}$ for all $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ and $i \neq j$.

By Lemma 3.11 and Lemma 3.19, we obtain the following corollary.
Corollary 3.21. Let $H$ be a set of points $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}$. A convex polygon $K$ is in the interior of $\mathbb{H}(H)$ if and only if every vertex $p$ of $K$ satisfies conditions that $\min _{1 \leq k \leq n}{\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}}}^{*} \cdot \overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{k}}<\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}^{*}} \cdot \overrightarrow{a_{i} p}<\max _{1 \leq k \leq n} \overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}} \cdot \overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{k}}$ for all $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ and $i \neq j$.

By Lemma 3.11 and Lemma 3.20, we obtain the following corollary.
Corollary 3.22. Let $H$ be a set of points $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}$. A convex polygon $K$ is in the interior of $\mathbb{H}(H)$ if and only if every vertex $p$ of $K$ satisfies conditions that $\min _{1 \leq k \leq n} \overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}} \otimes \overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{k}}<\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}} \otimes \overrightarrow{a_{i} p}<\max _{1 \leq k \leq n} \overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}} \otimes \overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{k}}$ for all $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ and $i \neq j$.

Remark 3.23. In Lemma 3.19, Lemma 3.20, Corollary 3.21 and Corollary 3.22, it is enough to consider a set of all vectors $\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}}$ which are not parallel to each other in this set instead of a set of vectors $\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}}$ for all $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ and $i \neq j$.

# CHAPTER IV <br> COVERING OF OBJECTS RELATED TO RUPERT PROPERTY 

In this chapter, we will construct lemmas related to covering problem that may be helpful to study Prince Rupert's problem.

In this work, we will use $X Y$-plane in Lemma 2.14 for convenience to numerical optimization. Let $\pi_{0}: \mathbb{R}^{3} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2}$ be a projection to $X Y$-plane such that $\pi_{0}((x, y, z))=(x, y)$ for every point $(x, y, z)$ in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$. By Lemma 2.14 and basic property of rotation, without loss of generality we may use the projection $\pi_{0}$ as in the following lemma.

Lemma 4.1. An object $K$ in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$ has Rupert property if and only if there are congruent copies $K_{1}$ and $K_{2}$ of $K$ that $\pi_{0}\left(K_{1}\right)$ is a subset of the interior of $\pi_{0}\left(K_{2}\right)$.

### 4.1 OBJECTS WHICH DO NOT HAVE RUPERT PROPERTY

Lemma 4.1 is suitable to check whether a given object $K$ has Rupert property but it is hard to check that a given object $K$ does not have Rupert property because there are uncountably many congruent copies of $K$ that we need to consider. Thus we will construct a lemma that can help to check that a given object does not have Rupert property. The property related to this lemma is the width of compact subsets of $\mathbb{R}^{2}$. From Corollary 3.2 and Lemma 4.1, we then have the following criteria for an object that does not have Rupert property.

Lemma 4.2. Let $K$ be an object in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$. If every congruent copy of $K$ has the same minimum width under the projection to the XY-plane, then $K$ does not have Rupert property.

Proof. Assume that every congruent copy of $K$ has the same minimum width $w$ under the projection to the $X Y$-plane. Let $K_{1}$ and $K_{2}$ be two congruent copies of $K$. There is a line $l$ in $\mathbb{R}^{2}$ such that the width of $\pi_{0}\left(K_{2}\right)$ in direction of $l$ is $w$. Then the width of $\pi_{0}\left(K_{1}\right)$ is greater than or equal to width of $\pi_{0}\left(K_{2}\right)$ in direction of $l$. By Corollary 3.2, $\pi_{0}\left(K_{1}\right)$ is not in the interior of $\pi_{0}\left(K_{2}\right)$. By Lemma 4.1, $K$ does not have Rupert property.

Remark 4.3. By Lemma 4.2, we then have the following observations.

1. We notice that an object with constant width $w$ has every projection with minimum width $w$. Then all objects of constant width do not have Rupert property. Hence, as it is a constant width, every sphere does not have Rupert property.
2. For the circular cylinder witch its radius is $r$ and its height is greater than or equal to $2 r$, the minimum width of its projection to the $X Y$-plane is $2 r$. Hence the circular cylinder does not have Rupert property.
3. For the prism which the base is a planar set of constant width $l$ and its height is greater than or equal to $l$, the minimum width of its projection to the $X Y$-plane is $l$. Hence it does not have Rupert property.

Due to lack of counterexample, J. E. Wetzel and L. Yuan conjectured in [2] that every convex polyhedron has Rupert property. Hence we will study about Rupert property for two famous kinds of convex polyhedrons which are Platonic solids and Archimedean solids in the next section.

### 4.2 OBJECTS WHICH HAVE RUPERT PROPERTY

In this section, we apply lemmas and corollaries to approximate the Nieuwland constants for some convex polyhedrons.

By Lemma 4.1, we can regard one congruent copy of polyhedron as its vertices.

Lemma 4.4. A polyhedron $K$ has Rupert property if and only if there are congruent copies $K_{1}$ and $K_{2}$ of $K$ that every point which is a projected vertex from $K_{1}$ by $\pi_{0}$ fits in the interior of $\pi_{0}\left(K_{2}\right)$.

Proof. Let $A$ be a set of points which are projected vertices from $K_{1}$ by $\pi_{0}$. By Lemma 2.6 and Lemma 3.3, for congruent copies $K_{1}$ and $K_{2}$ of $K$, we have that $\pi_{0}\left(K_{1}\right)$ fits in the interior of $\pi_{0}\left(K_{2}\right)$ if and only if $\pi_{0}(\mathbb{H}(A))$ fits in the interior of $\pi_{0}\left(K_{2}\right)$ if and only if $\mathbb{H}\left(\pi_{0}(A)\right)$ fits in the interior of $\pi_{0}\left(K_{2}\right)$ if and only if $\pi_{0}(A)$ fits in the interior of $\pi_{0}\left(K_{2}\right)$. By Lemma 4.1, we are done.

Let $R_{\beta}^{X}$ be the rotation around $X$-axis for angle $\beta$ (from $Y$-axis to $Z$-axis). Similarly, let $R_{\phi}^{Y}$ and $R_{\theta}^{Z}$ be the rotations around $Y$-axis for angle $\phi$ (from $X$-axis to $Z$-axis) and around $Z$-axis for angle $\theta$ (from $X$-axis to $Y$-axis), respectively. Regardless of translation, a congruent copy of an object $K$ can be written as $R_{\theta}^{Z}\left(R_{\phi}^{Y}\left(R_{\beta}^{X}(K)\right)\right)$ for some $\beta$, $\phi$ and $\theta$. To check Rupert property for a given object $K$ in $\mathbb{R}^{3}$ we can consider a projection $\pi_{0}$ to $X Y$-plane of all two possible congruent copies of $K$ as $\pi_{0}\left(R_{\theta_{1}}^{Z}\left(R_{\phi_{1}}^{Y}\left(R_{\beta_{1}}^{X}(K)\right)\right)\right)$ and $\pi_{0}\left(R_{\theta_{2}}^{Z}\left(R_{\phi_{2}}^{Y}\left(R_{\beta_{2}}^{X}(K)\right)\right)\right)$ for some $\beta_{1}, \phi_{1}$, $\theta_{1}, \beta_{2}, \phi_{2}$ and $\theta_{2}$. By elementary property of compact, convex sets with nonempty interiors and Lemma 4.1, Nieuwland constant can be written as follows.

Lemma 4.5. Let $R_{\omega}: \mathbb{R}^{2} \rightarrow \mathbb{R}^{2}$ be the rotation around $(0,0)$ for angle $\omega$. For an object $K$,

$$
\begin{aligned}
& \nu(K)= \max \left\{\alpha>0 \mid \alpha R_{\omega}\left(\pi_{0}\left(R_{\theta_{1}}^{Z}\left(R_{\phi_{1}}^{Y}\left(R_{\beta_{1}}^{X}(K)\right)\right)\right)\right)+\left(x_{0}, y_{0}\right) \subseteq \pi_{0}\left(R_{\theta_{2}}^{Z}\left(R_{\phi_{2}}^{Y}\left(R_{\beta_{2}}^{X}(K)\right)\right)\right)\right. \\
&\left.\quad \text { for } \omega, \beta_{1}, \phi_{1}, \theta_{1}, \beta_{2}, \phi_{2}, \theta_{2}, x_{0}, y_{0} \in \mathbb{R}\right\} \\
&=\max \left\{\alpha>0 \mid \alpha R_{\omega}\left(\pi_{0}\left(R_{\phi_{1}}^{Y}\left(R_{\beta_{1}}^{X}(K)\right)\right)\right)+\left(x_{0}, y_{0}\right) \subseteq \pi_{0}\left(R_{\phi_{2}}^{Y}\left(R_{\beta_{2}}^{X}(K)\right)\right)\right. \\
&\left.\quad \text { for } \omega, \beta_{1}, \phi_{1}, \beta_{2}, \phi_{2}, x_{0}, y_{0} \in \mathbb{R}\right\} .
\end{aligned}
$$

Proof. The first equality follows from the definition of Nieuwland constant and elementary property of compact, convex set. We note that $R_{\omega} \circ \pi_{0} \circ R_{\theta_{1}}^{Z}=R_{\omega+\theta_{1}} \circ \pi_{0}$. For $A, B \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{2}$, we have that $R_{\theta_{1}}(A) \subseteq R_{\theta_{2}}(B)$ if and only if $R_{\theta_{1}-\theta_{2}}(A) \subseteq R_{0}(B)=$ $B$. Hence, for $K, H \subseteq \mathbb{R}^{3}$, we have that $R_{\omega}\left(\pi_{0}\left(R_{\theta_{1}}^{Z}(K)\right)\right) \subseteq \pi_{0}\left(R_{\theta_{2}}^{Z}(H)\right)$ if and only
if $R_{\omega+\theta_{1}}\left(\pi_{0}(K)\right) \subseteq R_{\theta_{2}}\left(\pi_{0}(H)\right)$ if and only if $R_{\omega+\theta_{1}-\theta_{2}}\left(\pi_{0}(K)\right) \subseteq \pi_{0}(H)$. Since $\omega$ is arbitrary, we may omit $\theta_{1}$ and $\theta_{2}$ as in the last expression.

For each object, we estimate its Nieuwland constant by using numerical optimization according to Lemma 4.5 to find $\alpha>1$ under variables $\omega, \beta_{1}, \phi_{1}, \beta_{2}, \phi_{2}, x_{0}$ and $y_{0}$. In particular, to verify whether a planar image fits in another image, we use Lemmas and corollaries in chapter 3 as the following corollary.

Corollary 4.6. These statements are equivalent.

1. A polyhedron $K$ has Rupert property.
2. There are congruent copies $K_{1}$ and $K_{2}$ of $K$ that $\pi_{0}\left(K_{1}\right)$ is a subset of interior of $\pi_{0}\left(K_{2}\right)$.
3. There are congruent copies $K_{1}$ and $K_{2}$ of $K$ that every point which is a projected vertex from $K_{1}$ by $\pi_{0}$ fits in the interior of $\pi_{0}\left(K_{2}\right)$.
4. There are congruent copies $K_{1}$ and $K_{2}$ of $K$ that every point $p$ which is a projected vertex from $K_{1}$ by $\pi_{0}$ satisfies conditions that, for all $1 \leq i \leq n$, $\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{i+1}}{ }^{*} \cdot \overrightarrow{a_{i} p}>0$ which $a_{1}, \overrightarrow{a_{2}}, \ldots, a_{n}$ be vertices of $\pi_{0}\left(K_{2}\right)$ in counterclockwise order and $a_{n+1}=a_{1}$.
5. There are congruent copies $K_{1}$ and $K_{2}$ of $K$ that every point $p$ which is a projected vertex from $K_{1}$ by $\pi_{0}$ satisfies conditions that, for all $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ and $i \neq j, \min _{1 \leq k \leq n}{\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}}}^{*} \cdot \overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{k}}<{\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}}}^{*} \cdot \overrightarrow{a_{i} p}<\max _{1 \leq k \leq n}{\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}}}^{*} \cdot \overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{k}}$ which points $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}$ are projected vertices from $K_{2}$ by $\pi_{0}$.
6. There are $\beta_{1}, \phi_{1}, \theta_{1}, \beta_{2}, \phi_{2}, \theta_{2}, x_{0}$ and $y_{0}$ that every point $p$ which is a projected vertex from $R_{\theta_{1}}^{Z}\left(R_{\phi_{1}}^{Y}\left(R_{\beta_{1}}^{X}(K)\right)\right)+\left(x_{0}, y_{0}\right)$ by $\pi_{0}$ satisfies conditions that, for all $1 \leq i, j \leq n$ and $i \neq j, \min _{1 \leq k \leq n}{\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}}}^{*} \cdot \overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{k}}<\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}} \cdot \overrightarrow{a_{i} p}<\max _{1 \leq k \leq n}{\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}}}^{*}$. $\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{k}}$ which points $a_{1}, a_{2}, \ldots, a_{n}$ are projected vertices from $R_{\theta_{2}}^{Z}\left(R_{\phi_{2}}^{Y}\left(R_{\beta_{2}}^{X}(K)\right)\right)$ by $\pi_{0}$.

Remark 4.7. By Remark 3.8 and Remark ??, we will obtain a similar corollary as Corollary 4.6 by using concept of a map $\otimes$.

We notice that we can find the Nieuwland constant as Lemma 4.5 by replacing a congruent copy $K_{1}$ of $K$ in Lemma 4.6 by $\alpha K_{1}$ and then constructing processes to find the maximum of $\alpha$. These processes give a lower bound of Nieuwland constant for each given object. In this work, we improve Nieuwland constant estimates for 3 of 5 Platonic solids as in Table 4.1. We also have result for 7 of 13 Archimedean solids about estimates of its Nieuwland constant as in Table 4.2.

| Platonic solid | Previous result | Our result |
| :--- | :--- | :--- |
| Tetrahedron $\mathfrak{T}$ | $\nu(\mathfrak{T}) \geq \frac{2}{5} \sqrt{3}(\sqrt{6}-1)>1.004235$ | $\nu(\mathfrak{T})>\mathbf{1 . 0 1 4 6 1 1}$ |
| Cube $\mathfrak{C}$ | $\nu(\mathfrak{C})=\frac{3}{4} \sqrt{2} \geq 1.060660$ | $\nu(\mathfrak{C}) \geq 1.060660$ |
| Octahedron $\mathfrak{O}$ | $\nu(\mathfrak{O}) \geq \frac{3}{4} \sqrt{2} \geq 1.060660$ | $\nu(\mathfrak{O}) \geq 1.060660$ |
| Dodecahedron $\mathfrak{D}$ | $\nu(\mathfrak{D}) \geq \frac{171}{170}>1.005882$ | $\nu(\mathfrak{D})>\mathbf{1 . 0 1 0 7 8 8}$ |
| Icosahedron $\mathfrak{I}$ | $\nu(\mathfrak{I}) \geq \frac{1108}{1098}>1.009107$ | $\nu(\mathfrak{I})>\mathbf{1 . 0 1 0 8 2 3}$ |

Table 4.1: Our Nieuwland constant estimates for all Platonic solids compare with the previous result in [2]

| Archimedean solid | Previous result | Our result |  |  |  |
| :--- | :--- | :---: | :---: | :---: | :---: |
| Truncated tetrahedron $\mathcal{T}_{t}$ |  |  |  |  |  |
| Cuboctahedron $\mathcal{C}$ | $\nu(\mathfrak{C})>1.01461$ | $\nu(\mathcal{C})>1.014611$ |  |  |  |
| Truncated cube $\mathfrak{C}_{t}$ | $\nu(\mathfrak{T})>\mathbf{1 . 0 2 0 3 6}$ | $\nu\left(\mathfrak{C}_{t}\right)>1.013669$ |  |  |  |
| Truncated octahedron $\mathcal{O}_{t}$ | $\nu\left(\mathcal{O}_{t}\right)>\mathbf{1 . 0 0 8 1 5}$ | - |  |  |  |
| Rhombicuboctahedron $\mathcal{R}$ | $\nu(\mathfrak{T})>1.00609$ | $\nu(\mathcal{R})>\mathbf{1 . 0 1 2 8 1 9}$ |  |  |  |
| Truncated cuboctahedron $\mathcal{C}_{t}$ | $\nu(\mathfrak{T})>\mathbf{1 . 0 0 3 7 0}$ | $\nu\left(\mathcal{C}_{t}\right)>1.003005$ |  |  |  |
| Icosidodecahedron $\mathcal{I}$ | $\nu(\mathfrak{T})>1.00015$ | $\nu(\mathcal{I})>\mathbf{1 . 0 0 0 6 0 4}$ |  |  |  |
| Truncated dodecahedron $\mathcal{D}_{t}$ | $\nu\left(\mathcal{D}_{t}\right)>\mathbf{1 . 0 0 0 1 4}$ | - |  |  |  |
| Truncated icosahedron $I_{t}$ | $\nu\left(I_{t}\right)>\mathbf{1 . 0 0 0 0 4}$ | - |  |  |  |
| Truncated icosidodecahedron $\mathcal{I}_{t}$ | - |  |  |  | $\nu\left(\mathcal{I}_{t}\right)>\mathbf{1 . 0 0 1 9 1 5}$ |

Table 4.2: Our Nieuwland constant estimates for 7 of 13 Archimedean solids

Therefore these 7 solids have Rupert property. Among these 7 solids, the truncated tetrahedron and the truncated icosidodecahedron have not yet been studied before.


## CHAPTER V <br> FURTHER RESEARCH

In this dissertation, we study some properties to check whether some objects have Rupert property. Moreover, we get a lower bound of Nieuwland constant of some polyhedrons. We suggest some ideas to extend the research as follows.

1. In this work, we study Rupert property for 7 of the 13 Archimedean solids. So there are the remaining 6 of 13 Archimedean solids that we did not study yet. Hence we may find a new/method to check whether the remaining object has Rupert property.
2. We may find a new method to improve a lower bound of Nieuwland constant of some polyhedrons.
3. We can use this method to check Rupert property of some kinds of polyhedron, such as Catalan solids and Johnson solids.
4. We may construct some lemmas to check that some objects do not have Rupert property.

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## CHAPTER VI

## APPENDIX

We will give the algorithm that we use to find a lower bound of Nieuwland constant for a given convex polyhedron $K$ using concept of dot product as follows.

1. Find a set of vertices of a given convex polyhedron $K$.
2. Find set of all vector edges of $K$ which are not parallel to each other in set.
3. Find the maximum value of scalar $\alpha$ such that every point $p$ which is a projected vertex from $R_{\theta_{1}}^{Z}\left(R_{\phi_{1}}^{Y}\left(R_{\beta_{1}}^{X}(K)\right)\right)+\left(x_{0}, y_{0}\right)$ by $\pi_{0}$ satisfies conditions that $\min _{1 \leq k \leq n}{\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}}}^{*} \cdot \overrightarrow{a_{k}}<\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}} \cdot \cdot \overrightarrow{\alpha p}<\max _{1 \leq k \leq n}{\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}}}^{*} \cdot \overrightarrow{a_{k}}$ which vectors $\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}}$ are projected edges from $R_{\phi_{2}}^{Y}\left(R_{\beta_{2}}^{X}(K)\right)$ by $\pi_{0}$ from step 2.
4. Show the result, including the maximum value of $\alpha$ with values $\beta_{1}, \phi_{1}, \theta_{1}, \beta_{2}$, $\phi_{2}, x_{0}, y_{0}$ and figure of two projected images which one image in the interior of the other.

Using concept of a map $\otimes$, we have the algorithm as follows.

1. Find a set of vertices of a given convex polyhedron $K$.
2. Find set of all vector edges of $K$ which are not parallel to each other in set.
3. Find the maximum value of scalar $\alpha$ such that every point $p$ which is a projected vertex from $R_{\theta_{1}}^{Z}\left(R_{\phi_{1}}^{Y}\left(R_{\beta_{1}}^{X}(K)\right)\right)+\left(x_{0}, y_{0}\right)$ by $\pi_{0}$ satisfies conditions that $\min _{1 \leq k \leq n} \overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}} \otimes \overrightarrow{a_{k}}<\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}} \otimes \overrightarrow{\alpha p}<\max _{1 \leq k \leq n} \overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}} \otimes \overrightarrow{a_{k}}$ which vectors $\overrightarrow{a_{i} a_{j}}$ are projected edges from $R_{\phi_{2}}^{Y}\left(R_{\beta_{2}}^{X}(K)\right)$ by $\pi_{0}$ from step 2.
4. Show the result, including the maximum value of $\alpha$ with values $\beta_{1}, \phi_{1}, \theta_{1}, \beta_{2}$, $\phi_{2}, x_{0}, y_{0}$ and figure of two projected images which one image in the interior of the other.
```
name = "Cube";
proj[{x_, y_, z_}] = {x,y};
rot[{x_, y_}] = {-y, x};
scale[\mp@subsup{\alpha}{_}{\prime},p1_, p0_] := \alpha p1 + p0;
p0 = {x0, y0};
```

(*Find a set of vertices of a given convex polyhedron*)
vertices $=$ N[PolyhedronData[name, "VertexCoordinates"]];
(*Find set of all vector edges which are not parallel to each other*)
allvec = \{\};
allvecid = \{\};
Do [
v = vertices[[vi[[1]]]] - vertices[[vi[[2]]]];
Do[If[Cross[u, v] = \{0, 0, 0\}, Goto[nextv]], \{u, allvec\}];
AppendTo[allvec, v];
AppendTo[allvecid, vi];
Label[nextv]
, \{vi, PolyhedronData[name, "EdgeIndices"]\}];
(*Find the maximum value of scalar alpha*)
$\mathrm{nm}=$ FindMaximum [Join [ $\{\alpha, \alpha<1.5\}$,
p1s = RotationTransform [日1] /@proj /@RotationTransform[ $\mathbf{~ 1 , ~ \{ 0 , ~ - 1 , ~ 0 \} ] ~ / @ ~}$
RotationTransform[ $\beta 1,\{1,0,0\}]$ /@vertices;

RotationTransform[ $\beta 2,\{1,0,0\}] / @$ vertices;
n2 = Table[rot[p[[1]]-p[[2]]], \{p, Table[p2s[[i]], \{i, allvecid\}]\}];
Table[\{min, max $=\operatorname{MinMax[Table[p.n,~\{ p,p2s\} ]];~}$
$\min \leq \operatorname{scale}[\alpha, \mathrm{p} 1, \mathrm{p} 0] . \mathrm{n} \leq \max ,\{\mathrm{p} 1, \mathrm{p} 1 \mathrm{~s}\},\{\mathrm{n}, \mathrm{n} 2\}]]$,
$\{\alpha,\{x 0,0\},\{y 0,0\}, \theta 1, \phi 1, \beta 1, \phi 2, \beta 2\}, \operatorname{MaxIterations} \rightarrow 5000] ;$
(*Show Result*)
p1s = (RotationTransform[日1] /@proj /@RotationTransform[ $\$ 1,\{0,-1,0\}] / @$
RotationTransform[ $\beta 1,\{1,0,0\}] / @$ vertices) /. nm[[2]];
p2s = (proj /@RotationTransform[ $\mathbf{~ 2 , ~ \{ 0 , - 1 , ~ 0 \} ] / @ ~}$
RotationTransform[ $\beta 2$, \{1, 0, 0\}] /@vertices) /. nm[[2]];
p0 = p0 /. nm[[2]];
Print[Column[\{nm[[2]]\}]];
If [nm[[1]] > 1, Print["****************** Rupert ******************"]];
Print [
Graphics3D[\{\{Red, Translate[Rotate[Rotate[Rotate[PolyhedronData[name, "Edges"],
$\beta 1,\{1,0,0\}], \phi 1,\{0,-1,0\}], \theta 1,\{0,0,1\}],\{x 0, y 0,0\}]\}$,
Rotate[Rotate[PolyhedronData[name, "Edges"], $\beta 2,\{1,0,0\}], \phi 2,\{0,-1,0\}]\} /$.
nm[[2]], Boxed $\rightarrow$ False, ViewPoint $\rightarrow\{0,0,100\}]$,
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    \phi1->4.12443\times10-11, \beta1 ->-2.34299\times10-12, \phi2 ->0.729728, \beta2 -> 1.10715}
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name = "Cube";
proj[{x_, y_, z__}] = {x, y};
rot[{x_, y_}] = {-y, x};
cross[{x1_, y1_} , {x2_, y2_}] := x1 y2 - x2 y1;
scale[\alpha_, p1_, p0_] := \alpha p1 + p0;
p0 = {x0, y0};
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(*Find a set of vertices of a given convex polyhedron*)
vertices $=\mathrm{N}$ [PolyhedronData[name, "VertexCoordinates"]];
(*Find set of all vector edges which are not parallel to each other*)
allvec = \{ \};
allvecid = \{\};
Do [
v = vertices[[vi[[1]]]] - vertices[[vi[[2]]]];
Do[If[Cross [u, v] == \{0, 0, 0\}, Goto[nextv]], \{u, allvec\}];
AppendTo[allvec, v];
AppendTo[allvecid, vi];
Label [nextv]
, \{vi, PolyhedronData[name, "EdgeIndices"]\}];
(*Find the maximum value of scalar alpha*)
nm = FindMaximum [Join [ $\{\alpha, \alpha<1.5\}$,
pls = RotationTransform[ $\theta 1$ ] /@proj /@RotationTransform $[\phi 1,\{0,-1,0\}] / @$
RotationTransform[ $\beta 1$, $\{1,0,0\}] / @$ vertices;
p2s = proj /@RotationTransform [ $\phi 2$, \{0, -1, 0\}] /@
RotationTransform[ $\beta 2$, $\{1,0,0\}] / @ \operatorname{vertices;~}$
E 2 = Table[p[[1]]-p[[2]], \{p, Table[p2s[[i]], \{i, allvecid\}]\}];
Table [\{min, max\} = MinMax[Table[cross[e, p], \{p, p2s\}]];
$\min \leq \operatorname{cross}[e, \operatorname{scale}[\alpha, \mathrm{p} 1, \mathrm{p} 0]] \leq \max ,\{\mathrm{p} 1, \mathrm{p} 1 \mathrm{~s}\},\{e, \mathrm{E} 2\}]]$,
$\{\alpha,\{x 0,0\},\{y 0,0\}, \theta 1, \phi 1, \beta 1, \phi 2, \beta 2\}$, MaxIterations $\rightarrow 5000]$;
(*Show Result*)
p1s = (RotationTransform[ 01 ]/@proj/@ RotationTransform $[\phi 1,\{0,-1,0\}] / @$
RotationTransform [ $\beta 1$, $\{1,0,0\}$ ] /@vertices) /. nm [ [2] ];
$\mathrm{p} 2 \mathrm{~s}=(\mathrm{proj} / @ \operatorname{RotationTransform}[\phi 2,\{0,-1,0\}] / @$

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RotationTransform[\beta2, {1, 0, 0}] /@vertices) /. nm[[2]];
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p0 = p0 / . nm[[2]];
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Print[Column [\{nm[[2]]\}]];
If [nm[[1] ] > 1, Print["****************** Rupert *****************"] ;
Print
Graphics3D [ \{ \{Red, Translate[Rotate[Rotate[Rotate[PolyhedronData[name, "Edges"],
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