

Calling fun in a derived class using base class ptr/ref.

(unit - 4)

Q) How are fun called using a ptr & using a ref?

A) Functions r called thru ptr using an arrow operator

eg  $bptr \rightarrow fun();$   
 $\rightarrow (base\ ptr)$

Fun r called thru ref, using . dot operator

eg  $bref.fun();$   
 $\hookrightarrow (base\ ref)$

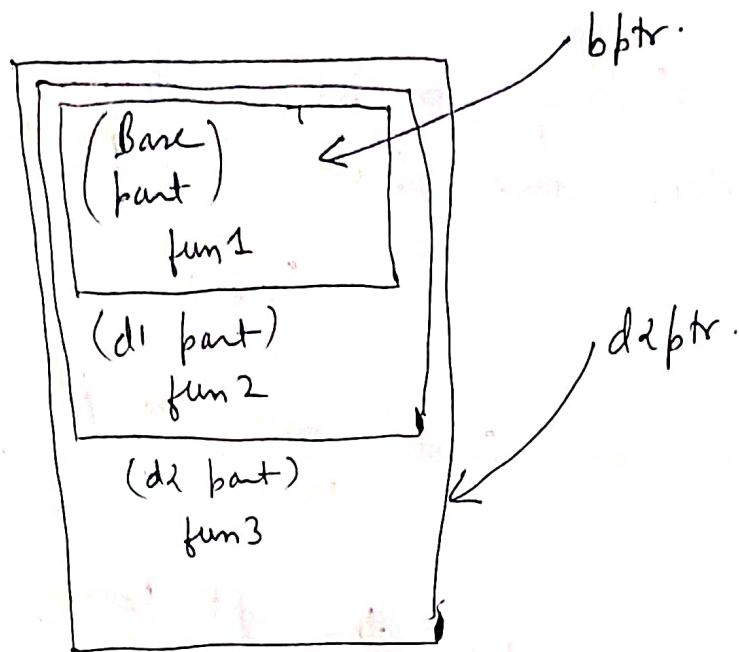
Q) Which fun can be called by a baseptr & which fun " " " " in derived class ptr?

A

B	fun1 "fun in base"
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d1	fun2 "fun in d1"
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d2	fun3 "fun in d2"
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	fun1 } inherited
	fun2 }

• Here d2 contains 3 fun, where fun1 & fun2 r inherited.

• Suppose a base class ptr is pointing to d2 obj, then wh. of these fun can be called by the ptr?



obj of d2

- Suppose a bptr & derived class ptr i.e d2ptr is pointing to this d2 obj.
- bptr can only <sup>call</sup> fun wh. r in base part means wh. r inherited from base.

bptr can call only fun1()

It can't call fun2(), fun3()

- But, d2ptr can call all funs in d2 obj.  
d2ptr can call fun1(), fun2(), fun3();

• For Ex-1

Create a bptr & ptr to d2 obj.

This ptr can call only fun1(),

dr obj-dr; // create a dr obj

base \*bptr;

bptr = &obj-dr; // bptr ptr. to dr

bptr → fun1(); // bptr can call only fun1()

// bptr → fun2(); // X not allowed.  
// bptr → fun3(); // compiler error.

### EX-2

Create a dr ptr & ptr. to dr obj.  
This ptr. can call all fun in dr.

dr obj-dr;

dr \*drptr;

drptr = &obj-dr; // ptr. to dr.

drptr → fun1();

drptr → fun2();

drptr → fun3();

} All fun can be  
called by  
dr ptr.

- Similar behaviour will be shown by base class references.

### Summary

- Base ptr can only call fun wh. r in base class -