In programming language design, pub and var belong to the visibility and scope modifiers category. These keywords define how and where variables, properties, or methods can be accessed. Let's break it down:

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1. Visibility Modifiers

These control accessibility of variables, properties, or methods:

- pub (public): Accessible from anywhere (externally and internally).
- var (private): Accessible only within the defining scope (e.g., function, class).

Examples in Other Languages:

- JavaScript: Uses # for private fields (e.g., #name).
- Python: Uses underscores (_name for "protected," __name for "private").
- Java/C#: Uses public, private, protected.

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2. Scope Modifiers

These define the lifetime and context of variables:

- var: Typically indicates a variable scoped to its block (e.g., function, loop).
- pub: Indicates a variable or property that persists beyond its immediate scope.

Examples in Other Languages:

- JavaScript: var (function-scoped), let/const (block-scoped).
- Python: No explicit scope modifiers; relies on indentation and naming conventions.
- Rust: Uses pub for public visibility, no keyword for private (default).

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3. Grouping in Your Language

In your language, pub and var serve dual roles:

1. Visibility: Control access (pub = public, var = private).
2. Scope: Define where the variable exists (var = block-scoped, pub = persistent).

Comparison Table

Keyword	**Visibility**	**Scope**	**Example**
pub	Public	Persistent (function/class)	pub count = 0 (accessible globally)
var	Private	Block-scoped	var secret = 123 (internal only)

How They Fit into Language Design

1. Syntax Rules:
   - pub and var are reserved keywords.
   - They must precede variable declarations (e.g., pub name = "Alice").
2. Compiler/Interpreter Behavior:
   - pub: Adds the variable to the object's public interface (e.g., function.name or class.property).
   - var: Hides the variable from external access (e.g., throws an error if accessed outside its scope).
3. Error Handling:
   - Attempting to access a var property externally should result in a compile-time or runtime error.

Examples in Context

Functions

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```
function Counter() {
   pub count = 0  // Public property (Counter.count)
   var max = 3    // Private variable (internal only)

   return {
      increment: () => {
         if (count < max) {  //      Access private var
            count += 1
         }
      }
   }
}

Counter.count = 5  //      Public
Counter.max = 10   //      Private (error)
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Classes

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```
class User {
   pub name = "Guest"  // Public instance property
   var password = ""   // Private instance property

   constructor(pass) {
      this.password = pass  //      Internal access
   }
}

user = new User("secret123")
user.name = "Alice"  //
user.password = "hacked"  //      Private (error)
```

Why This Grouping Makes Sense

- Consistency: pub and var behave similarly across functions and classes.
- Intuitiveness: Developers can predict accessibility based on the keyword.
- Safety: var enforces encapsulation, reducing bugs from unintended access.

Comparison to Other Languages

Language	Public	Private	Scope
Your Lang	`pub`	`var`	Block/object-scoped
JavaScript	(default)	`#` (private fields)	Function/block-scoped
Python	(default)	`_` or `__`	Indentation-based
Java	`public`	`private`	Class-scoped

By grouping `pub` and `var` under **visibility and scope modifiers**, you create a clear, intuitive system for managing access and lifetime of variables. Want to refine this further?