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Eigenclasses

... and Other Meta-Programming Concepts

Eigenclasses

... Why do we care?

Include some methods in an obj? # 1

```
# attempt 1
module MyModule
  def my_method
    puts :in_my_method
  end
end

class << self
  ...

  self.class_eval do
    include MyModule
  end
end
```

Include some methods in an obj? # 2

```
# attempt 2
module MyModule
  def my_method
    puts :in_my_method
  end
end

class << self
  ...

  self.instance_eval do
    include MyModule
  end
end
```

Include some methods in an obj? # 3

```
# attempt 3
module MyModule
  def my_method
    puts :in_my_method
  end
end

class << self
  ...

  self.instance_eval do
    extend MyModule
  end
end
```

Include some methods in an obj? # 4

```
# attempt 4
module MyModule
  def self.my_method
    puts :in_my_method
  end
end

class << self
  ...

  self.class_eval do
    extend MyModule
  end
end
```

SO CONFUSE

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What was I not getting?

`class_eval` and
`instance_eval`:

- Eigenclasses
- Class Scope
- What is `self`

`class << self:`

- Eigenclasses

`include` and `extend`:

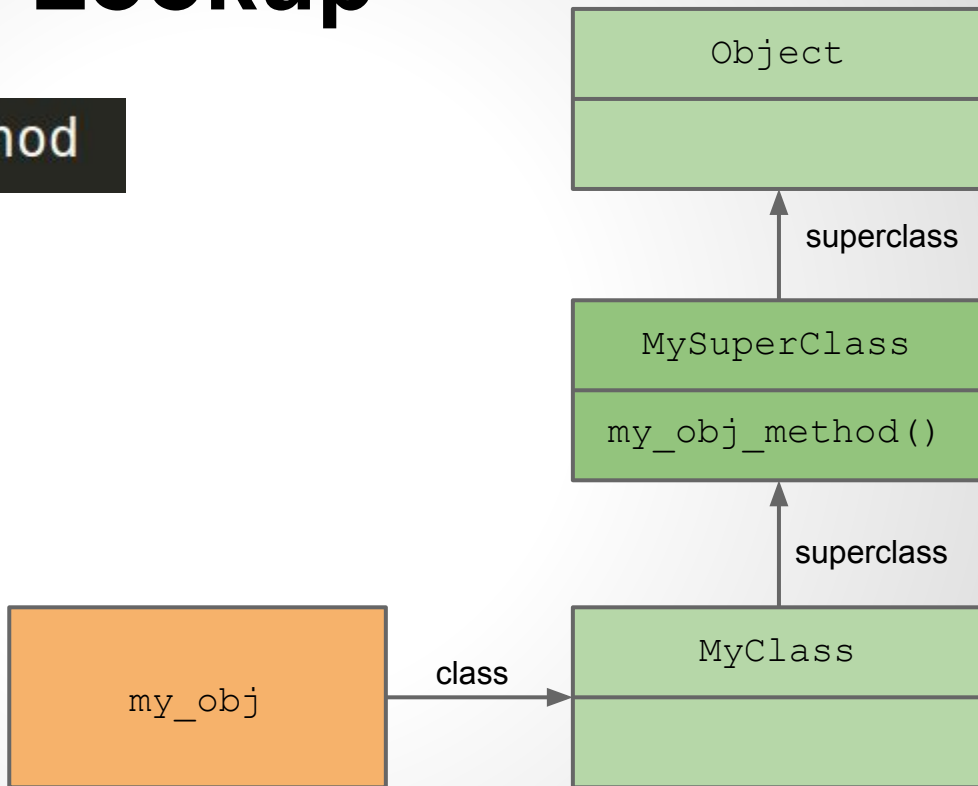
- Eigenclasses

Eigenclasses

```
class MyClass
  class << self
    def my_method
      puts :my_method
    end
  end
end
```

Ruby Method Lookup

```
my_obj.my_obj_method
```



Singleton Methods

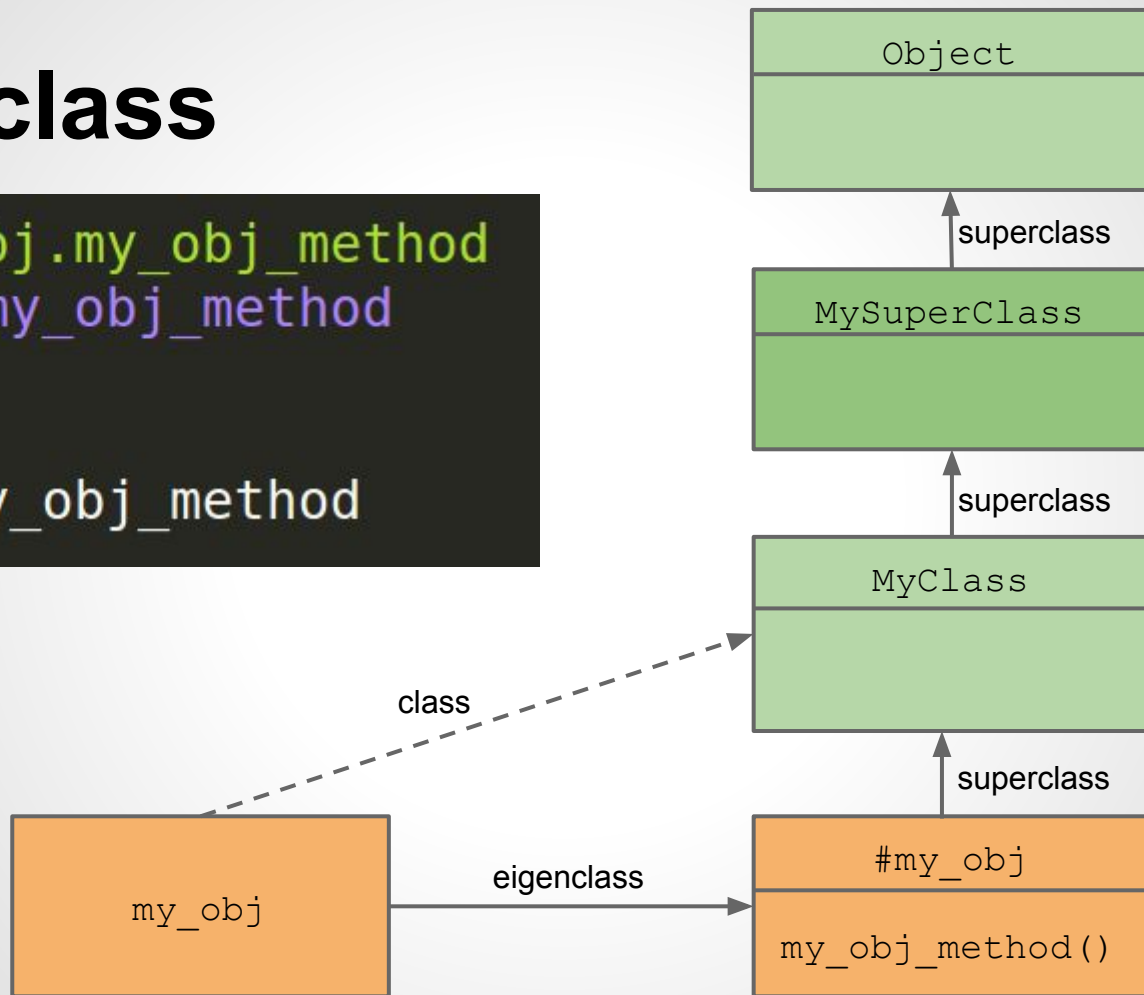
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def my_obj.my_obj_method  
  puts :my_obj_method  
end
```

```
my_obj.my_obj_method
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Eigenclass

```
def my_obj.my_obj_method  
  puts :my_obj_method  
end
```

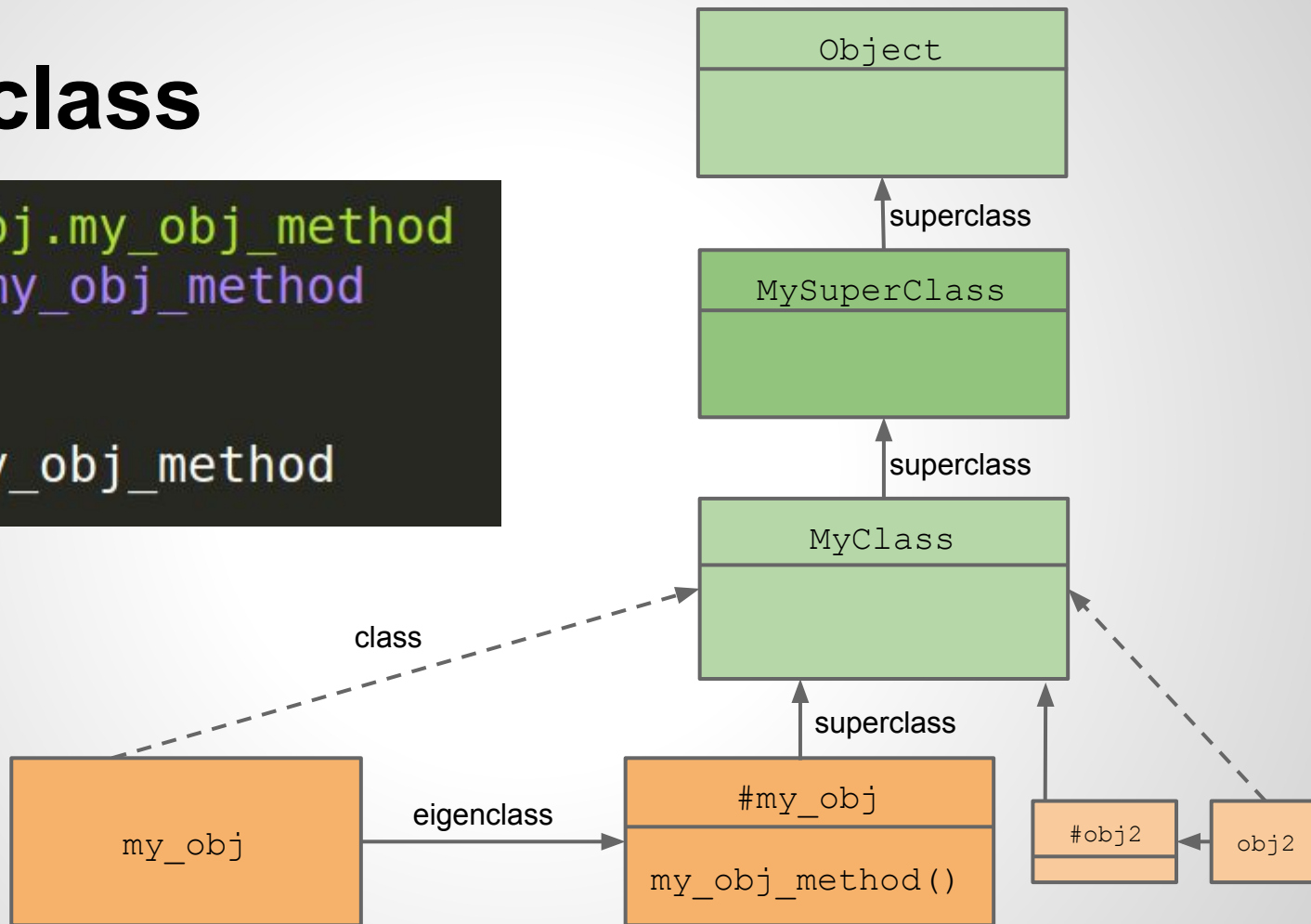
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my_obj.my_obj_method
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Eigenclass

```
def my_obj.my_obj_method  
  puts :my_obj_method  
end
```

```
my_obj.my_obj_method
```



Inside the Eigenclass

```
class << my_obj
  def my_obj_method
    puts :my_obj_method
  end
end
```

```
eigenclass = class << my_obj
  self
end
```

```
eigenclass # #<Class:#<MyClass:0x00000000bfdcf40>>
eigenclass.instance_methods # includes :my_obj_method
eigenclass.superclass # MyClass
```

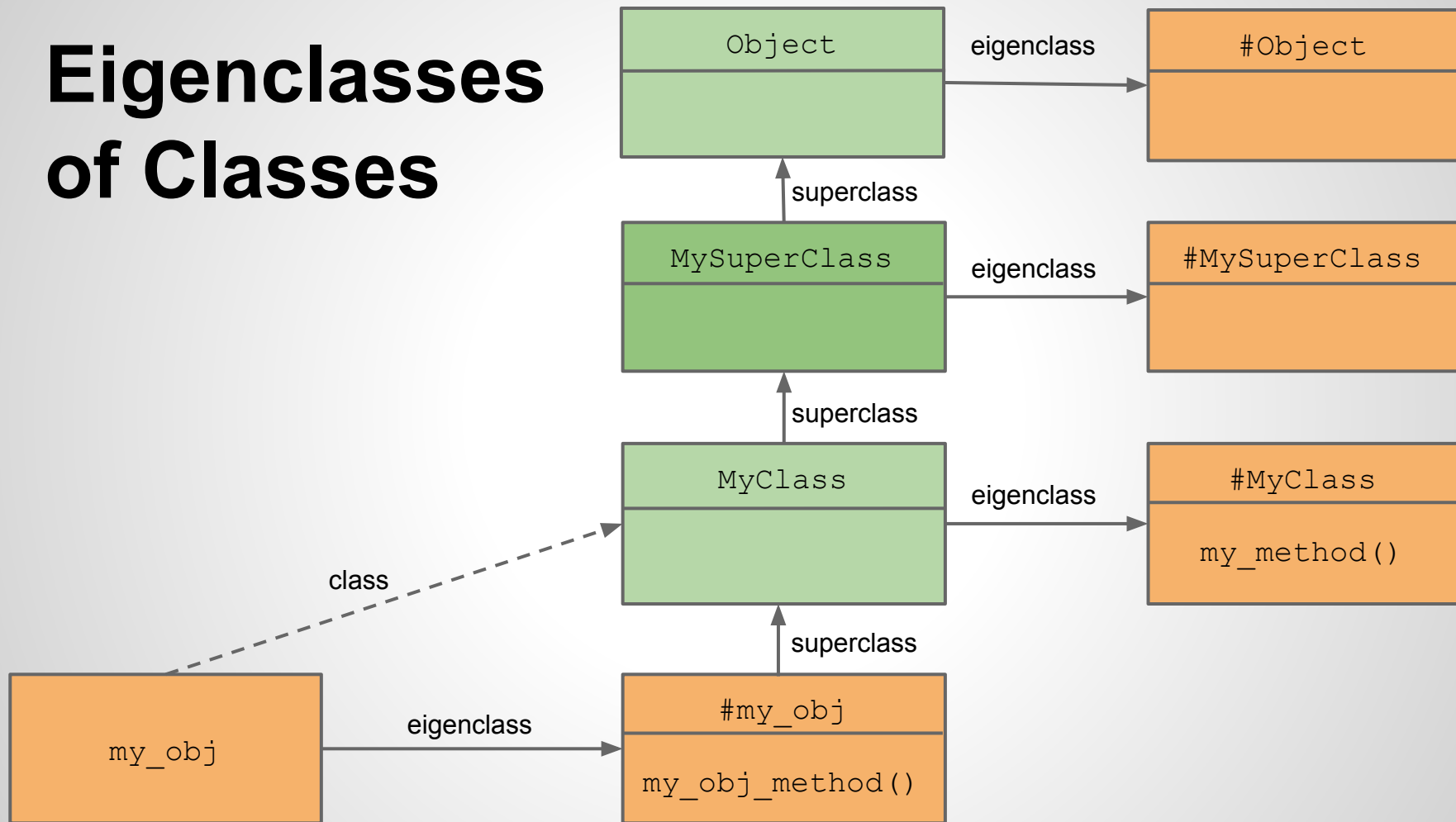
Class Methods = Singleton Methods

```
def MyClass.my_method  
  puts :my_method  
end
```

```
class MyClass  
  def self.my_method  
    puts :my_method  
  end  
end
```

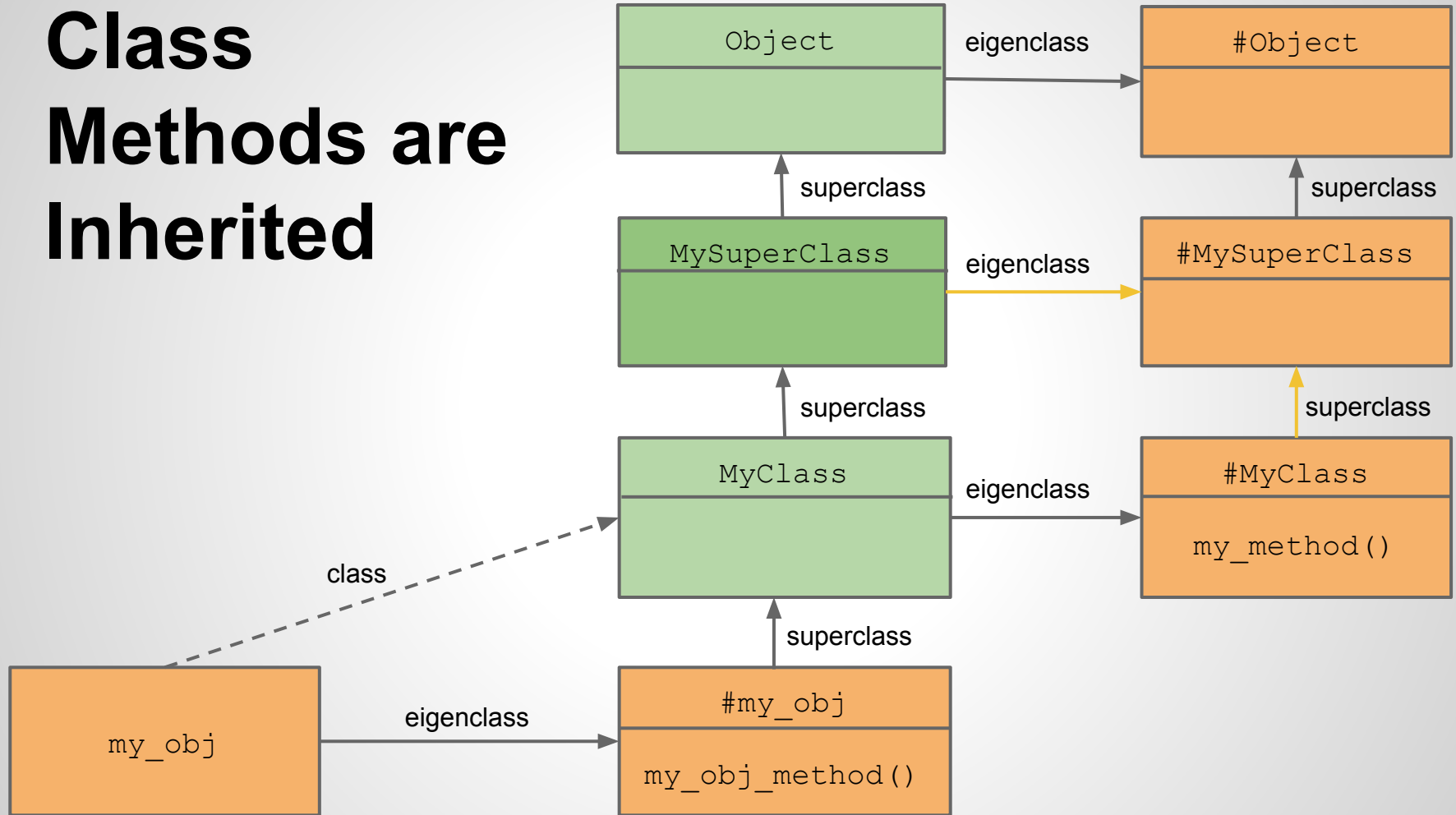
```
class MyClass  
  class << self  
    def my_method  
      puts :my_method  
    end  
  end  
end
```


Eigenclasses of Classes



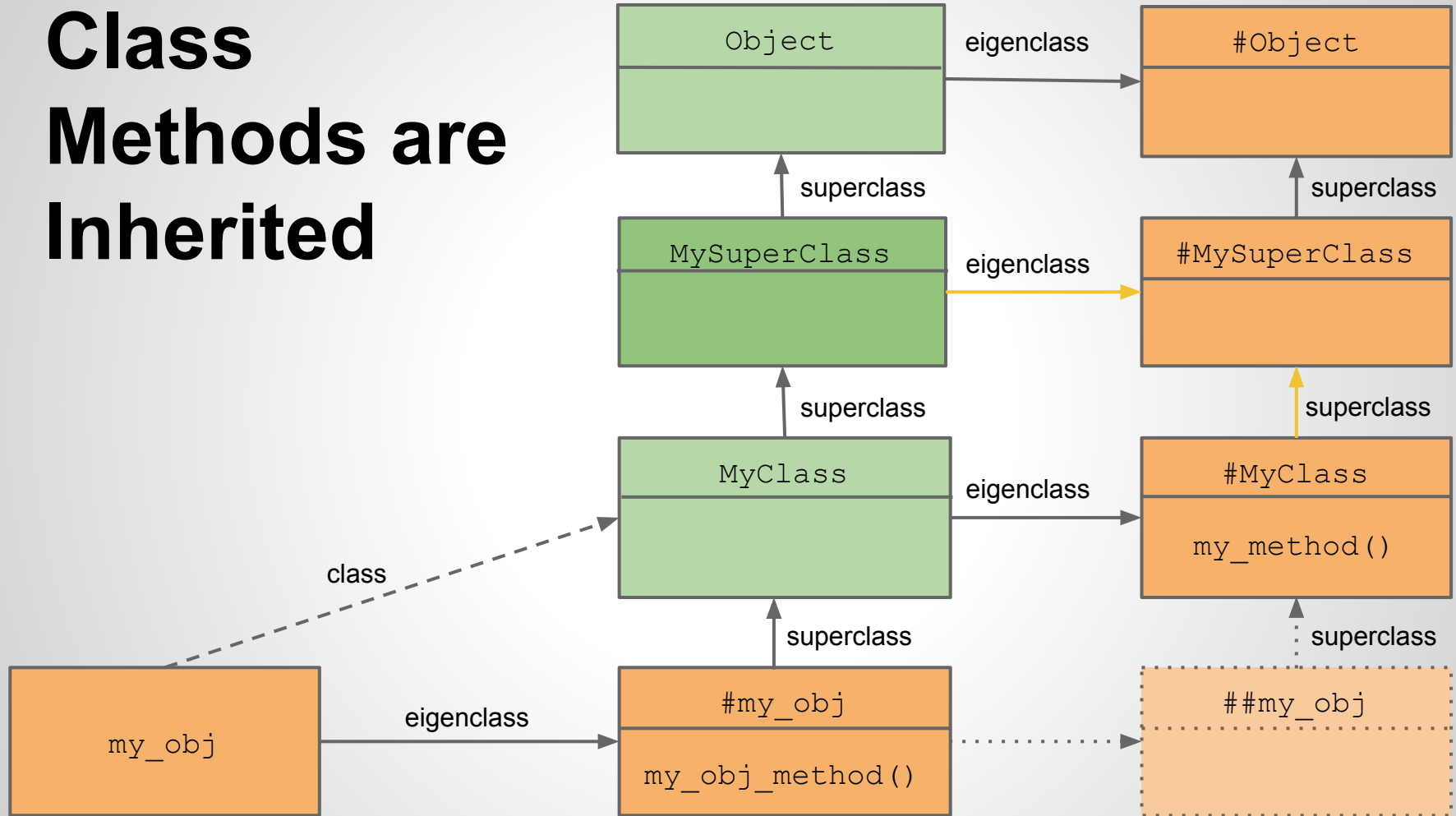
Class

Methods are Inherited



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class_eval and instance_eval

obj.class/instance_eval do

	self	Class Scope
class_eval	the class	the class
instance_eval	receiver (obj)	eigenclass

end

No Surprises

```
# instance method
MyClass.class_eval do
  def bye
    puts :bye
  end
end

# class method
MyClass.class_eval do
  def self.later
    puts :later
  end
end
```

```
m = MyClass.new

# singleton method
m.instance_eval do
  def hello
    puts :hello
  end
end

# singleton method
m.instance_eval do
  def self.hi
    puts :hi
  end
end
```

class_eval and instance_eval

obj.class/instance_eval do

	self	Class Scope
class_eval	the class	the class
instance_eval	receiver (obj)	eigenclass

end

... THE CLASS ?
WTF ?



class_eval and instance_eval

```
obj.class/instance_eval do
```

	self	Class Scope
class_eval	the class class: that class instance: the eigenclass	the class class: that class instance: the eigenclass
instance_eval	receiver (obj)	eigenclass

```
end
```

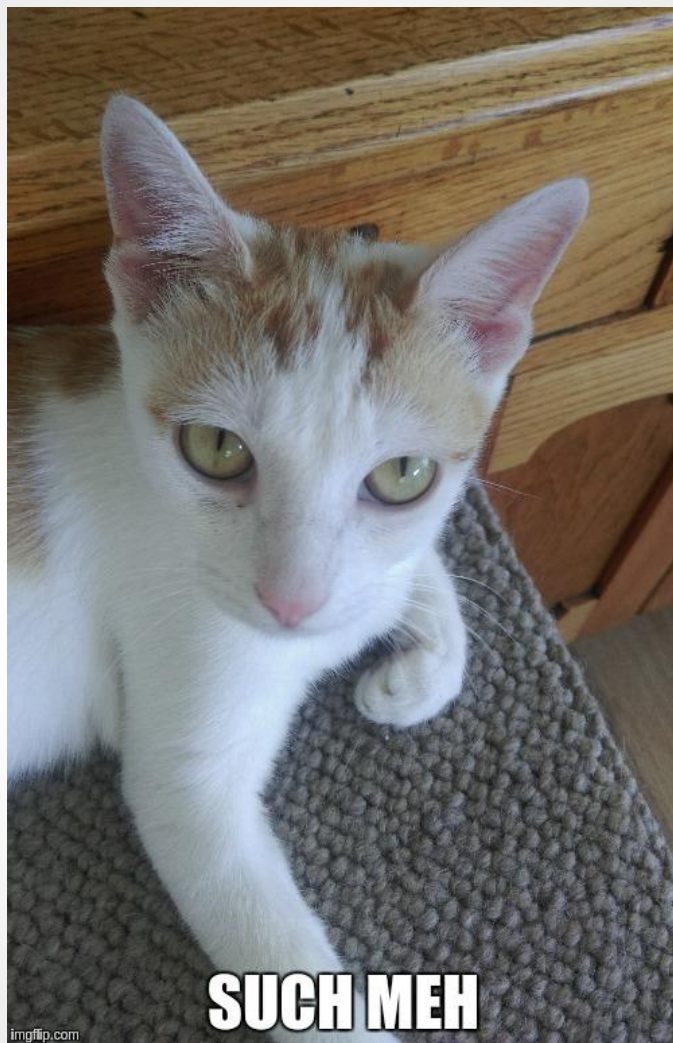
include VS extend

- `include MyModule`: Includes the ***instance methods*** of `MyModule` in the receiver ***class***
- `extend MyModule`: Includes the ***instance methods*** of `MyModule` in the ***Eigenclass*** of the receiver

include VS extend

```
class MyClass
  extend MyModule
end

class MyClass
  class << self
    include MyModule
  end
end
```



include in Eigenclass

```
class MyClass
  blah blah blah
  ...
  class << self
    blah blah
    blah blah
    ...
    include MyModule
    ...
    blah
  end
  blah
end
```

include VS extend

```
module MyModule
  def self.my_module_method
    puts :my_module_method
  end

  def my_method
    puts :my_method
  end
end

class MyClass
  include MyModule # instance methods => instance methods
  extend MyModule  # instance methods => class methods
end
```

Including Class Methods

```
module MyModule
  def my_module_method
    puts :my_module_method
  end
end

class MyClass
  extend MyModule
end
```


More Reading



The Pragmatic
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Metaprogramming Ruby

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