

Class relations: has-a

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Literal and figurative has-a

Compare:

```
class Segment {  
private:  
    Point starting_point, ending_point;  
}  
  
...  
    Segment somesegment;  
    Point somepoint = somesegment.get_the_end_point();
```

Versus:

```
class Segment {  
private:  
    Point starting_point;  
    float length, angle;  
}
```

Implementation vs API.

Polymorphism in constructors

You have to decide what to store and what to derive, but you can construct two ways:

```
class Segment {  
private:  
    // up to you how to implement!  
public:  
    Segment( Point start,float length,float angle )  
        { .... }  
    Segment( Point start,Point end ) { ... }
```

Advantage: with a good API you can change your mind about the implementation!

Exercise 1

Make a class `LinearFunction` with two constructors:

```
LinearFunction( Point input_p2 );  
LinearFunction( Point input_p1, Point input_p2 );
```

where the first stands for a line through the origin.
Implement again the `evaluate` function so that

```
LinearFunction line(p1,p2);  
cout << "Value at 4.0: " << line.evaluate_at(4.0) << endl;
```

Exercise 2

Make a class `Rectangle` (sides parallel to axes) with two constructors:

```
Rectangle(Point bl,Point tr);  
Rectangle(Point bl,float w,float h);
```

and functions

```
float area(); float width(); float height();
```

Let the `Rectangle` object store two `Point` objects.

Then rewrite your exercise so that the `Rectangle` stores only one point (say, lower left), plus the width and height.