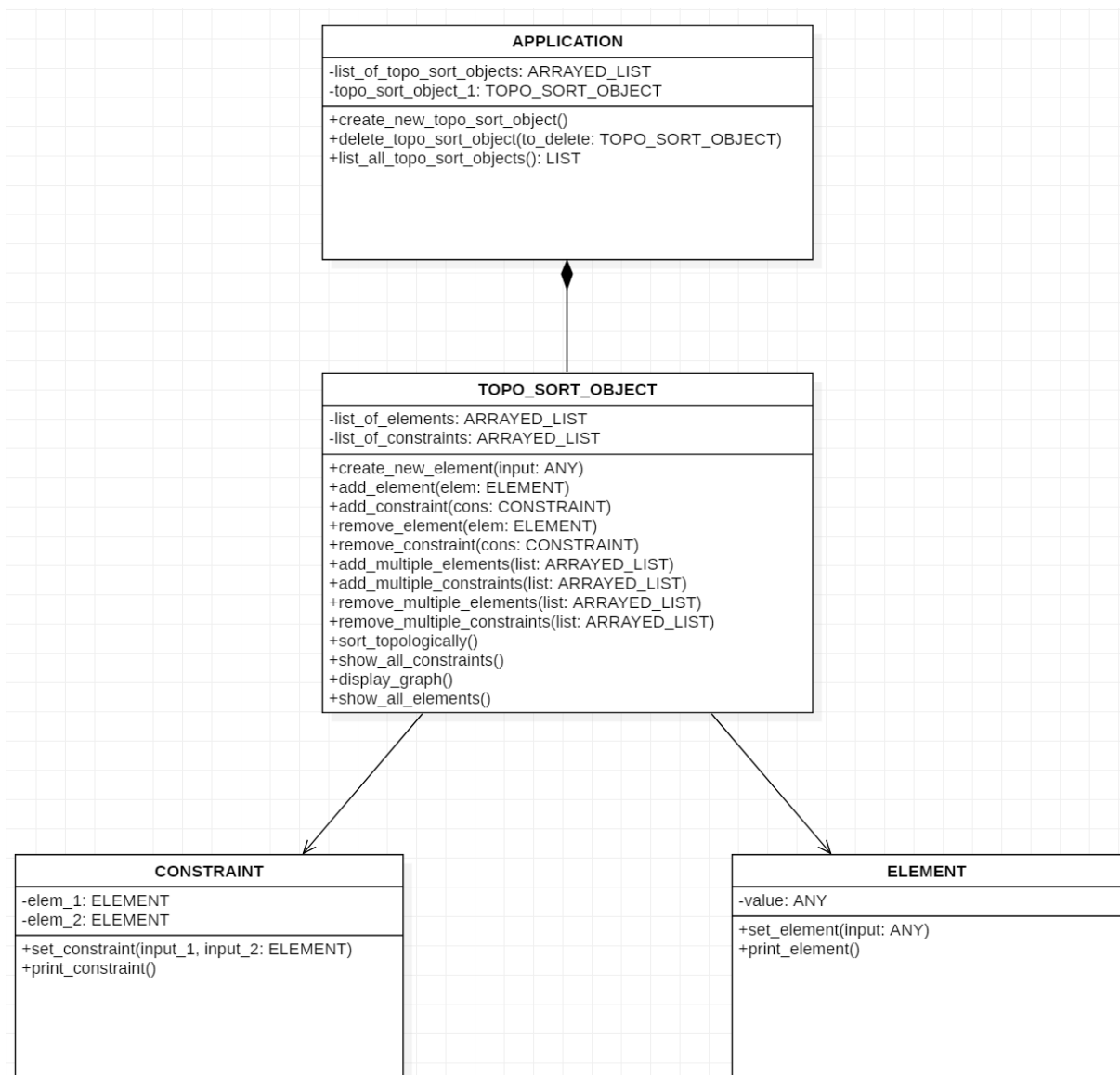


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Design pattern: Composite Pattern

We used 4 classes: **APPLICATION**, **TOPO_SORT_OBJECT**, **CONSTRAINT**, **ELEMENT**. **APPLICATION** is our root class. **TOPO_SORT_OBJECT** is the class which does most of the work. Within the **TOPO_SORT_OBJECT** the user adds and removes single elements and constraints and also adds and removes multiple elements and constraints at once. The class also provides the operation to display a graph of a non-cyclic topological order. **CONSTRAINT** is the class we use to create the different constraints which are then stored in the `list_of_constraints`. **ELEMENT** is the class we use to create elements which are then stored in the `list_of_elements`.

We used the composite design pattern because for us the tree structure represents our application the best. If the composite is called, it goes on to the children to solve the task. For example if you want to add an element, the **TOPO_SORT_OBJECT** knows how to add the element but in the **ELEMENT** class an element is defined.