

# Constructor function properties



in any constructor function if we add any variable inside that using this will it got attached to prototype of that function or not

Excellent question, Vipul 🙌 — this touches a very **important concept** in JavaScript: the difference between **instance properties** and **prototype properties**.

Let's break it down clearly and step-by-step.

## 💡 Short Answer:

❌ No — if you add a variable or method using **this** **inside a constructor function**, it does **NOT** get attached to the prototype.

✅ It gets attached to the **individual object (instance)** created from that constructor.

## 🔍 Example:

```
js
function Counter() {
  this.count = 0; // added via `this`
  this.increment = function() {
    this.count++;
  };
}

const c1 = new Counter();
const c2 = new Counter();
```

Now let's inspect:

```
js
console.log(c1.hasOwnProperty("count")); // ✅ true
console.log(c1.hasOwnProperty("increment")); // ✅ true
console.log(Counter.prototype.hasOwnProperty("increment")); // ❌ false
```

## ✅ Explanation:

- Every time you use `new Counter()`,  
→ A new object is created.  
→ All properties declared with `this` (like `this.count`, `this.increment`) are **copied into that object**.
- So `c1` and `c2` each get **their own copies** of `count` and `increment`.  
They do **not share** them via the prototype.

## 🧠 If you attach to the prototype:

If you want to share the same method among all instances (more memory-efficient), you attach it like this:

```
js

function Counter() {
  this.count = 0; // instance property
}

Counter.prototype.increment = function() {
  this.count++;
  console.log(this.count);
};
```

Now:

```
js

const c1 = new Counter();
const c2 = new Counter();

console.log(c1.hasOwnProperty("increment")); // ✗ false
console.log(Counter.prototype.hasOwnProperty("increment")); // ✓ true
```

- ✓ **increment** is shared between all objects via the prototype
- ✓ **count** is unique to each instance

## Summary Table

| Where property is defined           | Example                                  | Belongs to | Shared among all instances? |
|-------------------------------------|--|------------|-----------------------------|
| Inside constructor with <b>this</b> | <b>this.count = 0</b>                    | Instance   | ✗ No                        |
| On prototype manually               | <b>Counter.prototype.increment = ...</b> | Prototype  | ✓ Yes                       |

Would you like me to also show how this works in **classes** (which are just syntactic sugar over prototypes)?