

# 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	<b>✗ No</b>
On prototype manually	<b>Counter.prototype.increment = ...</b>	Prototype	<b>✓ Yes</b>

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