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#### 5.1.1.11 Built-in classes

The abstract special built-in class called object is the superclass for all classes that do not explicitly extend another class.

The pseudo definition of that class is:

**type class @abstract @builtin** object {

// This function will return a tool-specific descriptive string by default

// but can be overridden by subclasses  
   **public function** toString() **return universal charstring**;

// Indicates wether some object is semantically equivalent to this one,

// according to some equivalence relation.

// The default implementation returns true if and only if both this and obj

// are the same object instance, otherwise returns false.

**public function** equals(object obj) **return boolean** {

**return** this == obj;

}

}

NOTE: The @builtin is only added for illustrative purposes and not part of the TTCN-3 language.

EXAMPLE:

**type class** Square {  
…  
 **public function** equals(object obj) **return boolean** {  
 **if** (obj **of** Rectangle) {  
 // a rectangle is a suare if it has 4 sides of equal lengths  
 **var** Rectangle rectangle := obj => Rectangle;  
 **if** (rectangle.getNofSides() != 4) {  
 **return false**;  
 }

**var** **integer** tempSideLength := rectangle.getSideLength(0);  
 **return** tempSideLength == rectangle.getSideLength(1) **and** tempSideLength == rectangle.getSideLength(2) **and** tempSideLength == rectangle.getSideLength(3);  
 }  
  
 **return** this == obj;  
 }  
}

**type class** Rectangle {  
…  
 **public function** getNofSides() **return integer** { … }  
 **public function** getSideLength(in integer index) **return integer** { … }  
 **public function** equals(object obj) **return boolean** {  
 **if** (obj **of** Square) {  
 // a square is always a rectangle  
 **return true;**  
 }  
  
 **return** this == obj;  
 }  
}