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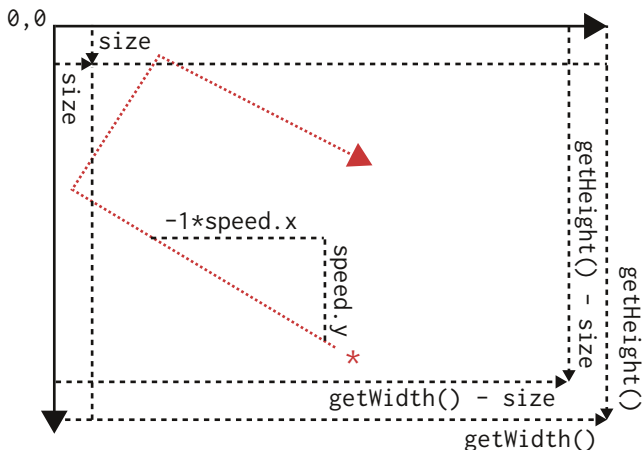
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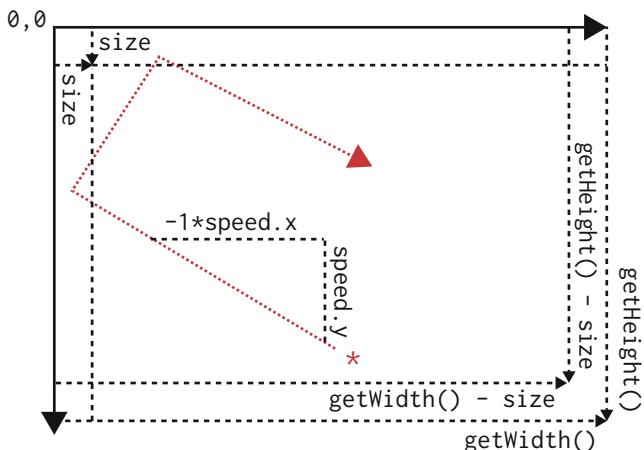
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    star.direction.x)
  local newY = star.y + (star.speed.y * dt *
    star.direction.y)

  if (newX > (love.graphics.getWidth() -
    star.size)) or (newX < star.size) then
    star.direction.x = star.direction.x * -1
  else
    star.x = newX
  end

  if (newY > (love.graphics.getHeight() -
    star.size)) or (newY < star.size) then
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