The M Matrix

We now keep 3 different matrices:

M[i,j] = score of best alignment of x[1..i] and y[1..j] ending with a character-character **match or mismatch**.

X[i,j] = score of best alignment of x[1..i] and y[1..j] ending with a **space in X**.

Y[i,j] = score of best alignment of x[1..i] and y[1..j] ending with a **space in Y**.

By definition, alignment ends in a match.

$$M[i,j] = \text{match}(i,j) + \max \begin{cases} M[i-1,j-1] \\ X[i-1,j-1] \\ Y[i-1,j-1] \end{cases}$$

Any kind of alignment is allowed before the match.

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