Recursive formulation

Theorem.

$$c[i,j] = \begin{cases} c[i-1, j-1] + 1 & \text{if } x[i] = y[j], \\ \max\{c[i-1,j], c[i,j-1]\} & \text{otherwise.} \end{cases}$$

Proof. Case $x[i] = y[j]$: