## DP algorithm for two-person game

Consider the starting condition (x, y) to mean that pile 1 has x rocks and pile 2 has y rocks.

Define a matrix M[0...x, 0...y] by

- ▶ *M*[0,0] = 2
- If i + j > 0 then M[i, j] is 1 if and only if Player 1 has a winning strategy for starting condition (i, j).

Questions to class:

- ▶ What is *M*[1,0]?
- ▶ What is *M*[2,0]?
- ▶ What is *M*[3,0]?
- ▶ What is *M*[1,1]?

How should M[i, j] be defined, algorithmically?