Make cmvec.sty available to your LATEX installation. A simple way to do this is to copy cmvec.sty into the same directory as your source LATEX document. Then, add the following to your preamble:

\usepackage{cmvec}

The cmvec package provides a number of macros, but mostly, there are only two that you will need:

- 1. \CMIndexedSymbol[arrowtype]{macroname}{symbol}
- 2. \CMSuperIndexedSymbol[arrowtype]{macroname}{symbol}{superscript}

Each of these macros defines a macro \macroname that supports left, right, and leftright vector symbols and also provides Python-like indexing. These commands can be used anywhere in the document, but typically, one should declare them just once in the preamble. Valid arrowtypes are: arrow and harpoon; the default value is harpoon. The macro that is defined by this command supports the following syntax:

\macroname(direction)[start][end]

All three options (direction), [start] [end] are optional. Valid directions are <, >, <> for left, right, and leftright directions. This is best explained through example:

```
% Define the indexed symbol
\CMIndexedSymbol[harpoon]{MS}{X}

% Now use it
$\begin{matrix*}[1]
\MS & \MS[0] & \MS[0][L] & \MS[L][]\\
\MS(<) & \MS(>) & \MS(<) & \MS(<)[0] & \MS(<)[t]
\end{matrix*}$</pre>
```

$$\begin{array}{ccccc} X & X_0 & X_{0:L} & X_{:L} & X_{L:} \\ \overline{X} & \overline{X} & \overline{X} & \overline{X}_0 & \overline{X}_t \end{array}$$

Note that practically one will choose to use the indexing notation (as in $X_{a:b}$) or the vector notation, but not both (with exception to adding a time index for a semi-infinite sequence).

Suppose you plan on indexing both X and Y, then you define both:

```
\CMIndexedSymbol{MSi}{X} % input
\CMIndexedSymbol{MSo}{Y} % output
$\lim_{L \to \infty} I[ \MSi[0][L] : \MSo[0][L] ] \stackrel{?}{=} I[ \MSi(<)[t] : \MSo(>)[t]]$
```

$$\lim_{L \to \infty} I[X_{0:L}:Y_{0:L}] \stackrel{?}{=} I[\overleftarrow{\boldsymbol{X}}_t:\overrightarrow{\boldsymbol{Y}}_t]$$

It may also be helpful to freeze arrow directions to certain macro names:

```
\CMIndexedSymbol{MS}{X}
\CMIndexedSymbol{ms}{x}
\newcommand{\Past}{\MS(<)}
\newcommand{\past}{\ms(<)}
\newcommand{\future}{\MS(>)}
\newcommand{\future}{\ms(>)}
\newcommand{\future}{\ms(>)}
\begin{align*}
\Past[0] &= \cdots \MS[-3] \MS[-2] \MS[-1] &
\Future[0] &= \MS[0] \MS[1] \MS[2] \cdots \\
\past[0] &= \cdots \ms[-3] \ms[-2] \ms[-1] &
\future[0] &= \ms[0] \ms[1] \ms[2] \cdots \\
\end{align*}
```

$$\bar{X}_0 = \cdots X_{-3} X_{-2} X_{-1}
\bar{x}_0 = \cdots x_{-3} x_{-2} x_{-1}
\bar{x}_0 = x_0 x_1 x_2 \cdots$$

That's pretty much it.

The package defines a number of other lower-level commands that might be of more general use, but probably not. These are described now.

• Proper argmin and argmax:

```
\begin{align*}
    &\arg\min_x (2x^2 - 3x + 5) \\
    &\argmin_x (2x^2 - 3x + 5)
\end{align*}
```

$$\arg\min_{x}(2x^2 - 3x + 5)$$
$$\arg\min_{x}(2x^2 - 3x + 5)$$

• For summations with wide subscripts...

```
\begin{align*}
A &= \sum_{i, j \in B_{ij}} X_i^j\\
A &= \sum_{\mathclap{i, j \in B_{ij}}} X_i
\end{align*}
```

$$A = \sum_{i,j \in B_{ij}} X_i^j$$
$$A = \sum_{i,j \in B_{ij}} X_i$$

• When you want to center math within a box whose width is specified by other math.

```
$aaabbbccc$\\
$aaa\phantomword[c]{bbb}{Q}ccc$
```

aaabbbccc $aaa\ Q\ ccc$

• A customizable vector symbol. Macros should use this.

```
\CMvector[symbol=\leftarrow]{X} \quad
\CMvector[symbol=\leftarrow, pre=\Large\textcolor{red}, ]{X} \quad
\CMvector[symbol=\leftarrow, post=*]{X} \quad
\CMvector[symbol=\leftarrow, raise=1.8]{X}
```

$$\overline{X}$$
 \overline{X} \overline{X}^* \overline{X}

• Although \leftharpoonup and \rightharpoonup exist, there is no left-right harpoon. Here is a customized version that combines the ones that do exist. The spacing is hardcoded and probably will only look good with certain fonts.

```
$\leftharpoonup \: \leftrightharpoonup \: \rightharpoonup$
```

 \angle \angle \rightarrow

• Convenience functions that use \CMvector.

```
\CMlarrow{X} \: \CMrarrow{X} \\
\CMlharpoon{X} \: \CMrharpoon{X} \: \CMrharpoon{X} \\
```

$$\begin{array}{cccc} \overleftarrow{X} & \overrightarrow{X} & \overrightarrow{X} \\ \overleftarrow{X} & \overleftarrow{X} & \overrightarrow{X} \end{array}$$

• A macro that defines specialized vector symbols that make use of Python index notation and has clean support for the vector direction, depending on what notation you want to use.

```
\CMIndexedSymbol{MS}{X}
\[\begin{matrix}
\MS
                   & \MS[3][5]
                                 & \MS[][5]
                                               & \MS[5][]
       & \MS[3]
\MS(<) & \MS(<)[3] & \MS(<)[3][5] & \MS(<)[][5] & \MS(<)[5][] \\
\MS(>) & \MS(>)[3] & \MS(>)[3][5] & \MS(>)[][5] & \MS(>)[5][] \\
\MS(<>) & \MS(<>)[3] & \MS(<>)[3][5] & \MS(<>)[][5] & \MS(<>)[5][] \\
\end{matrix}\]
\CMIndexedSymbol[arrow]{MS}{X}
\[\begin{matrix}
                  & \MS[3][5]
                                & \MS[][5]
                                               & \MS[5][]
\MS
       & \MS[3]
\MS(<) & \MS(<)[3] & \MS(<)[3][5] & \MS(<)[][5] & \MS(<)[5][] \\
\MS(>) & \MS(>)[3] & \MS(>)[3][5] & \MS(>)[][5] & \MS(>)[5][] \\
\MS(<>) & \MS(<>)[3] & \MS(<>)[3][5] & \MS(<>)[][5] & \MS(<>)[5][] \\
\end{matrix}\]
```

• Typically, you'll want to set up a few of these for regular use:

```
% Put this in preamble somewhere
\CMIndexedSymbol[harpoon]{MS}{X}
\CMIndexedSymbol[harpoon]{ms}{x}
\CMSuperIndexedSymbol[arrow]{FCS}{S}{+}
% Some familiar commands
\newcommand{\BiInfinity}{\MS(<>)}
\newcommand{\biinfinity}{\ms(<>)}
\newcommand{\Past}{\MS(<)}</pre>
\newcommand{\past}{\ms(<)}</pre>
\newcommand{\Future}{\MS(>)}
\newcommand{\future}{\ms(>)}
% Now we can use them
\begin{displaymath}
\begin{matrix}
 \BiInfinity & \biinfinity & \Past & \past & \Future & \future \\
 \FCS[0] & \FCS(>)[3] & \MS[0][3] & \past[3] & \MS(<>)[3] & \Future[3]
\end{matrix}
\end{displaymath}
```

• Notation for single symbol, range of symbols. Two different options for semi-infinite sequences. If you might be using bi-infinite sequences, it is recommended you use the second option for semi-infinite sequences.

```
\CMIndexedSymbol[harpoon]{MS}{X}
\begin{align*}
\MS &&& \text{symbol}\\
\MS[t] &&& \text{symbol at time } t\\
\MS[-1][3] &&& \MS[-1] \MS[0] \MS[1] \MS[2]\\
&&&\\
\MS[][3] &&& \cdots \MS[0] \MS[1] \MS[2] \\
\MS[3][] &&& \MS[3] \MS[4] \MS[5] \cdots\\
&&&\\
\MS(<)[3] &&& \cdots \MS[0] \MS[1] \MS[2] \\
\MS(<)[3] &&& \cdots \MS[0] \MS[1] \MS[2] \\
\MS(<)[3] &&& \cdots \MS[0] \MS[1] \MS[2] \\
\MS(<)[3] &&& \MS[3] \MS[4] \MS[5] \cdots\\
\MS(<)[3] &&& \MS(3] \MS[4] \MS[5] \cdots\\
\MS(<)[3] &&& \MS(<)[3] \MS(<)[3] \MS(<)[3] \MS(<)[3] \\
\end{align*}
```

X	symbol
X_t	symbol at time t
$X_{-1:3}$	$X_{-1}X_0X_1X_2$
$X_{:3}$	$\cdots X_0 X_1 X_2$
$X_{3:}$	$X_3X_4X_5\cdots$
$ar{X}_3$	$\cdots X_0 X_1 X_2$
$ec{X}_3$	$X_3X_4X_5\cdots$
\overleftarrow{X}_3	$ar{X}_3 ec{X}_3$