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Problem: Forced Spring-Mass System

The 2-DOF spring-mass system of Figure 2 has the following matrix equation of motion

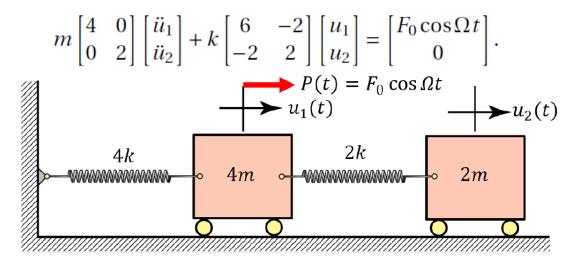


Figure 3: Two-DOF spring-mass system for Problem 2.

- a. Solve for the *natural frequencies* and *mode shapes*. Scale each mode so that its largest component is 1.
- b. Normalize the mode shape vectors (eigen vectors) with respect to the mass matrix. Verify that this normalization produces a mass normalized modal matrix by checking the generalized mass and stiffness matrices.
- c. The system is forced by a function P(t). Use the mass normalized modal matrix to perform modal analysis and determine the total (homogeneous and steady-state) response of the system. Assume the system is at complete rest at t = 0.