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All the material presented in my lectures of September 6, 2016 can be found (with all the details and many proofs) in the paper

1. C. Garoni, **C. Manni**, F. Pelosi, S. Serra-Capizzano, H. Speleers: *On the spectrum of stiffness matrices arising from isogeometric analysis*, Numerische Mathematik, 127 (2014) 751–799.

To deepen the comprehension of the lectures, I suggest to address the following Exercise. Its solution can be found in the paper above.

Exercise

Let us consider the differential problem

$$\begin{cases} -\Delta u = f, & \text{in } [0, 1]^2, \\ u = 0, & \text{on } \partial([0, 1]^2), \end{cases} \quad f \in L_2(\Omega).$$

- write the weak form of the problem;
- discretize the above weak form by using the Galerkin method based on the bivariate functions;

$$N_{i,p}(x)N_{j,p}(y), \quad i, j = 2, \dots, n + p - 1, \quad (x, y) \in [0, 1]^2$$

- express the resulting stiffness matrix in term of the matrices

$$K_n^{[p]}, M_n^{[p]}$$

used in the one dimensional case;

- analyze the spectral distribution of the stiffness matrix.