tion for work in theoretical physics. Viewed in light of these remarks, Stakgold's book is an excellent introduction to the methodology of abstract spaces applied to boundary value problems but does not give sufficient attention to the manipulative aspects of the subject to be the sole text for a course in mathematical physics.

The subject matter in this first volume consists of the theory of Green's functions, an introduction to linear spaces, and applications to linear integral equations and the spectral theory of second-order differential operators. Throughout, the writing is lucid and the account of elementary aspects of the theory is agreeably complete. Parenthetically, one might wish for a more complete development of matrix theory, but there is some account of the theory as a specialization of some of the more abstract theory. A distinct deficiency is a lack of motivation for the abstract theory. Nevertheless, I would definitely recommend this book as a supplementary text for a course in mathematical physics or applied mathematics if it were accompanied by suitable material on solution techniques.

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