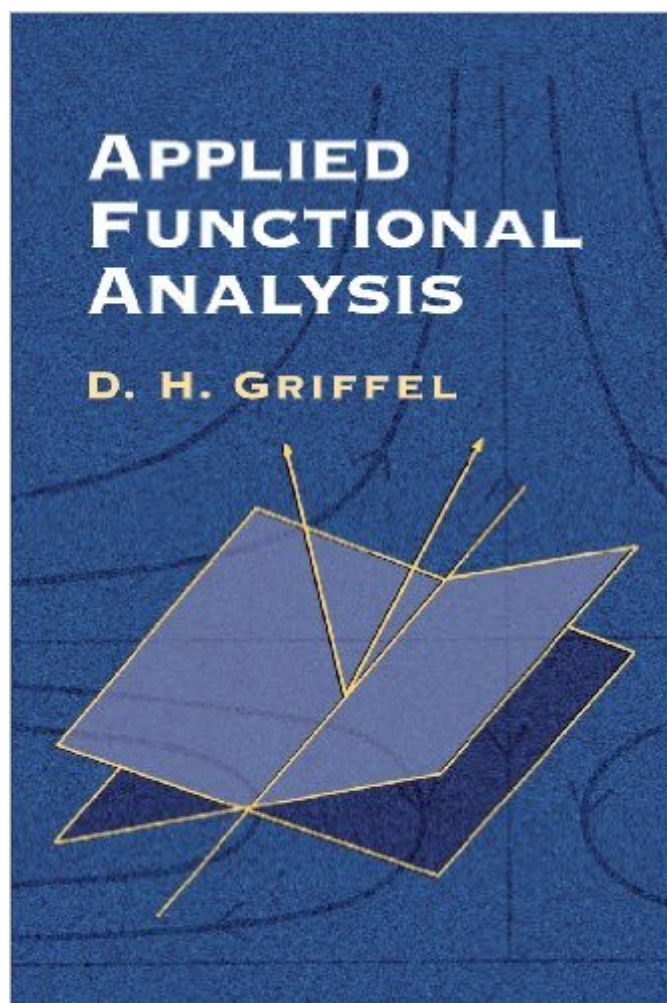


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I don't know what all these people are trying to do by saying that this book is "the best book on functional analysis". It's not. I think if one is looking for a "Functional Analysis-Lite" kind of book, you could do better. If you want to learn about Banach and Hilbert spaces, other books would be more thorough and helpful, especially for physicists learning about it grad school having to grapple with it all the time. The book is divided into 4 parts, and I will discuss each part. I. Distribution Theory and Green's Functions II. Banach Spaces and Fixed Point Theorems III. Operators in Hilbert Spaces IV. Further Developments PART I: This is actually a bit more confusing and unclear than it needs to be. A lot of it could be done with more motivation. The actual chapter on Green's functions and PDEs is

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