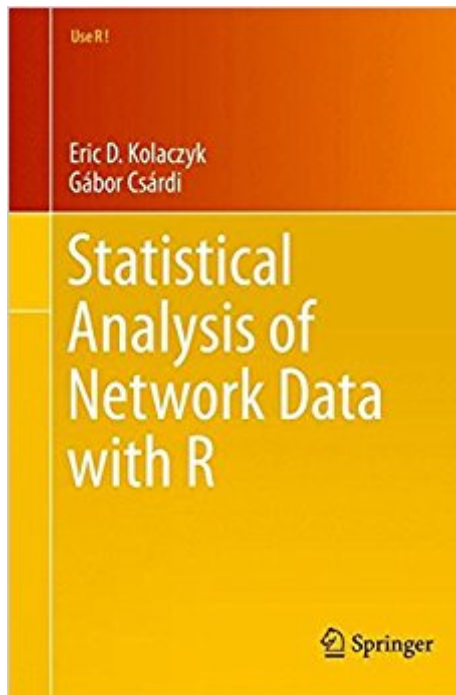




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This is a great introduction to the ‘igraph’ package for R. Someone who is just a beginner in using R can probably use this book, but it’s probably best to have already been using it for some time. The ‘igraph’ package is pretty extensive, but this book will give you enough tools to explore what else the package can do. It also covers the basics of doing network analyses. It doesn’t go very deeply into any topics, really (nor does it have proofs or much theory), so it is best used in conjunction with (or perhaps after reading) Kolaczyk’s other text (<http://amzn.com/038788145X>). I used this after having used the other text.

Great book for network analysis (although you need to know a little bit of R before you can use it).

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