

# MeTime R package

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`add_col_stats`

*Function to check normality and add data to col data*

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## Description

A method applied on the s4 object of class "metime\_analyser" to check normality of the metabolites and add it to corresponding columns

## Usage

```
add_col_stats(object, which_data, type, metab_names, all)
```

## Arguments

<code>object</code>	An object of class metime_analyser
<code>which_data</code>	dataset on which the method is to be applied
<code>type</code>	type of test, "shapiro" and "kruskal" are available
<code>metab_names</code>	column that has the metabolite names in col_data.
<code>all</code>	logical to add all kinds of available stats.

## Value

S4 object with shapiro wilk test related data in the col\_data

## Examples

```
object <- add_col_normality(object=data, which_data=c("lipid_data", "nmr_data"), type="shapiro", metab_names=c("m
```

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```
add_distribution_vars_to_rows
```

*Function to add measurements taken at screening time for samples to be added to all timepoints in row data*

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### Description

A method applied on the s4 object of class "metime\_analyser" to add all those datapoints that were measured only during screening to all the respective samples at all timepoints in row\_data lists

### Usage

```
add_distribution_vars_to_rows(
  object,
  screening_vars,
  distribution_vars,
  which_data
)
```

### Arguments

object	An object of class metime_analyser
which_data	dataset to which the information is to be added(only 1 can be used at a time)
vars	A character naming the vars of interest

### Value

object of class metime\_analyser with phenotype data added to row data

### Examples

```
# adding APOEGrp, PTGENDER, and diag group to all data points and prepping the object for viz_distribution_plotter()
object <- add_distribution_vars_to_rows(object=data, screening_vars=c("APOEGrp", "DXGrp_longi", "PTGENDER"),
distribution_vars=c("Age", "BMI", "ADNI_MEM", "ADNI_LAN", "ADNI_EF", "APOEGrp", "DXGrp_longi", "PTGENDER"), which_data="row_data")
```

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```
add_metabs_as_covariates
```

*Function to add metabolites as covariates for network construction*

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### Description

Method applied on metime\_analyser object to add other metabolite data to a certain dataset

### Usage

```
add_metabs_as_covariates(object, which_data, which_metabs)
```

**Arguments**

object	A S4 object of class metime_analyser
which_data	Dataset to which the metab data is to be added(please note that this a single character)
which_metabs	list of names of metabs and name of the list represents the dataset from which the metabs are to be acquired. eg: which_metabs=list(nmr_data=c("metab1", "metab2"), lipid_data=c(""))

**Value**

S4 object with metabs added for GGM to another dataset

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add_node_features	<i>Function to add features to visnetwork plot from another plotter object</i>
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**Description**

Function to add node features to see the nodes in the network that affected differently

**Usage**

```
add_node_features(
  network_plotter_object,
  guide_plotter_object,
  which_type,
  metab_colname
)
```

**Arguments**

network_plotter_object	plotter object with network information
guide_plotter_object	guide from which the colors are to be extracted
which_type	type of the guide plotter object to be used. Current options are "regression" and "conservation"
metab_colname	name of the column in guide plotter object that represents the metabolites

**Value**

network plotter object with new node colors/features

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add\_phenotypes\_as\_covariates

*Function to add covariates to the dataset of interest for GGMs*

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### Description

adds Covariates to data matrices in metime\_analyser S4 object

### Usage

```
add_phenotypes_as_covariates(
  object,
  which_data,
  covariates,
  class.ind,
  phenotype
)
```

### Arguments

object	object of class metime_analyser
which_data	Dataset to which the covariates is to be added
covariates	character vector names of covariates.
class.ind	Logical to convert factor variables into class.ind style or not
phenotype	Logical. If True will extract from phenotype dataset else uses row data

### Value

S4 object with covariates added to the dataset

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add\_screening\_vars

*Function to add measurements taken at screening time for samples to be added to all timepoints*

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### Description

A method applied on the s4 object of class "metime\_analyser" to add all those datapoints that were measured only during screening to all the respective samples at all timepoints

### Usage

```
add_screening_vars(object, vars)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class metime_analyser
vars	A character naming the vars of interest

**Value**

phenotype data which can be replaced into the original object or use it separately with a different object

**Examples**

```
# adding APOEGrp, PTGENDER to all data points
new_with_apoegrp_sex <- add_screening_vars(object=metime_analyser_object, vars=c("APOEGrp", "PTGENDER"))
```

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calc_colinearity	<i>Function to calculate colinearity</i>
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**Description**

Function to calculate colinearity in a dataset

**Usage**

```
calc_colinearity(object, which_data, cols_for_meta, show_all)
```

**Arguments**

object	An S4 object of class metime_analyser
which_data	Dataset to check for colinearity
cols_for_meta	character vector to columns needed in metadata. Id and class name is needed
show_all	logical. True will only filter out colinear data

**Value**

plotter object with data for heatmap information

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`calc_conservation_metabolite`*Function to calculate metabolite conservation index*

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## Description

Method applied on the object `metime_analyser` to calculate the metabotype conservation index

## Usage

```
calc_conservation_metabolite(  
  object,  
  which_data,  
  timepoints,  
  verbose,  
  cols_for_meta  
)
```

## Arguments

<code>object</code>	An object of class <code>metime_analyser</code>
<code>which_data</code>	Name of the dataset to be used
<code>timepoints</code>	character vector with timepoints of interest
<code>verbose</code>	Information provided on steps being processed
<code>cols_for_meta</code>	A list of a Character vector to define column names that are to be used for plotting purposes

## Value

List of conservation index results

## Examples

```
#calculating metabolite_conservation_index  
out <- calc_metabolite_conservation(object=metime_analyser_object, which_data="Name of the dataset")
```

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`calc_conservation_metabotype`*Function to calculate metabotype conservation index*

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**Description**

Method applied on the object `metime_analyser` to calculate the metabotype conservation index

**Usage**

```
calc_conservation_metabotype(  
  object,  
  which_data,  
  timepoints,  
  verbose,  
  cols_for_meta  
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	An object of class <code>metime_analyser</code>
<code>which_data</code>	Name of the dataset to be used
<code>timepoints</code>	character vector with timepoints of interest
<code>verbose</code>	Information provided on steps being processed
<code>cols_for_meta</code>	Character vector to define column names that are to be used for plotting purposes

**Value**

List of conservation index results

**Examples**

```
#calculating metabotype_conservation_index  
out <- calc_metabotype_conservation(object=metime_analyser_object, which_data="Name of the dataset")
```

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`calc_correlation_pairwise`*Function to calculate correlation*

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**Description**

calculate pairwise correlations This function creates a dataframe for plotting from a dataset.

**Usage**

```
calc_correlation_pairwise(object, which_data, method)
```

**Arguments**

object	S4 Object of class metime_analyser
which_data	specify datasets to calculate on. One or more possible
method	default setting: method="pearson", Alternative "spearman" also possible

**Value**

data.frame with pairwise results

**Examples**

```
# Example to calculate correlations
dist <- calc_correlation(object=metime_analyser_object, which_data="name of the dataset",
  method="pearson")
```

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```
calc_dimensionality_reduction
```

*Function to calculate dimensionality reduction methods such as tsne, umap and pca.*

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**Description**

A method to apply on s4 object of class metime\_analyse in order to obtain information after dimensionality reduction on a dataset/s

**Usage**

```
calc_dimensionality_reduction(
  object,
  which_data,
  type,
  cols_for_metabs,
  cols_for_samples,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class metime_analyser
which_data	a character vector - Names of the dataset from which the samples will be extracted



type	type of the dimensionality reduction method to be applied. Accepted inputs are "UMAP", "tSNE", "PCA"
cols_for_metabs	a list of character vectors for getting metadata for columns for plotting purposes
cols_for_samples	a character vector to define the columns to extract metadata for plotting purposes
...	additional arguments that can be passed on to prcomp(), M3C::tsne() and umap::umap()

**Value**

a list with two plotter objects containing the dimensionality reduction information that can be parsed into plotting function 1) samples - data of the individuals(".\$samples") 2) metabs - data of the metabolites(".\$metabs")

**Examples**

```
#calculate PCA
pca <- calc_dimensionality_reduction(object=metime_analyser_object, which_data="name/s of the dataset/s", type="PCA")
#calculate UMAP
pca <- calc_dimensionality_reduction(object=metime_analyser_object, which_data="name/s of the dataset/s", type="UMAP")
#calculate tSNE
pca <- calc_dimensionality_reduction(object=metime_analyser_object, which_data="name/s of the dataset/s", type="tSNE")
```

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calc\_distance\_pairwise

*Function to calculate dissimilarity using distance measures*

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**Description**

calculate pairwise distances This function creates a dataframe for plotting from a dataset.

**Usage**

```
calc_distance_pairwise(object, which_data, method)
```

**Arguments**

object	S4 Object of class metime_analyser
which_data	specify datasets to calculate on. One or more possible
method	default setting: method="euclidean", Alternative "maximum", "minimum", "manhattan", "canberra", "minkowski" are also possible

**Value**

data.frame with pairwise results

**Examples**

```
# Example to calculate pairwise distances
dist <- calc_pairwise_distance(object=metime_analyser_object, which_data="name of the dataset",
                              method="euclidean")
```

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`calc_featureselection_boruta`*Function to calculate dependent variables*

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**Description**

An S4 method to be applied on the metime\_analyser object so as to calculate dependent variables

**Usage**

```
calc_featureselection_boruta(
  object,
  which_x,
  which_y,
  verbose,
  output_loc,
  file_name
)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	An object of class metime_analyser
<code>which_x</code>	Name of the dataset to be used for training
<code>which_y</code>	Name of the dataset to be used for testing
<code>verbose</code>	Information provided on steps being processed
<code>output_loc</code>	path to the parent directory where in the out file will be stored
<code>file_name</code>	name of the out file

**Value**

List of conservation index results

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calc\_gamm

*Function to perform Generalized additive models*


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**Description**

Function to perform Generalized additive models

**Usage**

```
calc_gamm(object, which_data, formula, cores)
```

**Arguments**

object	An S4 object of class metime_analyser
which_data	Dataset to be used for this analysis
formula	A dataframe listing the formulae of the gamms to be used
cores	number of cores of the system to be used. Can also be set to NULL

**Value**

plotter object with GAM results

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calc\_ggm\_genenet\_crosssectional

*An automated fuction to calculate GGM from genenet crosssectional version*


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**Description**

automated funtion that can be applied on metime\_analyser object to obtain geneNet network along with threshold used

**Usage**

```
calc_ggm_genenet_crosssectional(
  object,
  which_data,
  threshold,
  timepoint,
  all,
  cols_for_meta,
  covariates,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

object	S4 object of class metime_analyser
which_data	a character or a character vector naming the datasets of interest
threshold	type of threshold to be used for extracting significant edges. allowed inputs are "li", "FDR", "bonferroni"
all	Logical to extract all edges without any pval correction
cols_for_meta	list of character vector for extracting metadata of metabolites for plotting
covariates	covariates to be used for this analysis
...	additional arguments for GeneNet
timepoints	timepoints of interest that are to be used to build networks(as per timepoints in rows)

**Value**

Network data as a plotter object

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calc\_ggm\_genenet\_longitudnal

*An automated fuction to calculate GGM from genenet longitudinal version*

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**Description**

automated funtion that can be applied on metime\_analyser object to obtain geneNet network along with threshold used

**Usage**

```
calc_ggm_genenet_longitudnal(
  object,
  which_data,
  threshold,
  timepoints,
  all,
  cols_for_meta,
  covariates,
  ...
)
```

**Arguments**

object	S4 object of class metime_analyser
which_data	a character or a character vector naming the datasets of interest
threshold	type of threshold to be used for extracting significant edges
timepoints	timepoints of interest that are to be used to build networks(as per timepoints in rows)
all	Logical to get all edges without any cutoff.
cols_for_meta	a list of character vectors for getting metadata for columns for plotting purposes
covariates	covariates to be used for this analysis
...	additional arguments for genenet network

**Value**

Network data as a plotter object

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calc\_ggm\_multibipartite\_lasso

*An automated function to calculate GGM from multibipartite lasso approach*

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**Description**

automated function that can be applied on s4 object of class metime\_analyser to calculate a network using multibipartite lasso

**Usage**

```
calc_ggm_multibipartite_lasso(
  object,
  which_data,
  alpha,
  nfolds,
  timepoints,
  cols_for_meta
)
```

**Arguments**

object	S4 object of class metime_analyser
which_data	a character or a character vector naming the datasets of interest
alpha	tuning parameter for lasso + ridge regression in glmnet
nfolds	nfolds for cv.glmnet
timepoints	timepoints of interest that are to be used to build networks(as per timepoints in rows)
cols_for_meta	a list of character vectors of column names to be used for visualization of the networks.

**Value**

list of plotter objects that can be used for plotting.

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calc_li_thresh	<i>Function to calculate multiple tests using method described by li</i>
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**Description**

li test to check for colinearity and use it for feature selection

**Usage**

```
calc_li_thresh(object, which_data, verbose)
```

**Arguments**

object	an S4 object of class metime_analyser
which_data	dataset to be used for testing
verbose	Logical to print out the number of independent tests

**Value**

li threshold value

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calc_lmm	<i>Function to perform Linear Mixed Models</i>
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**Description**

Function to perform linear mixed models on dataset of interest

**Usage**

```
calc_lmm(object, which_data, formula = NULL, cores = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

object	An S4 object of class metime_analyser
which_data	Dataset to be used
formula	Formulae to define the equation to be used in linear mixed models
cores	Numeric to define the number of cores to be used

**Value**

Returns a plotter object for plotting forest plots of the results

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calc_parafac	<i>Function to perform PARAFAC analysis</i>
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**Description**

Method to be applied on S4 object of class metime\_analyser to perform PARAFAC analysis

**Usage**

```
calc_parafac(object, which_data, timepoints, nfac = 3, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	S4 object of class metime_analyser
which_data	character vector for dataset to be used
timepoints	character vector to define timepoints of interest
nfac	parameter nfac for parafac(). Numeric value to define the number of factors. Default is set to 3
...	Additional arguments to be used for the function parafac()

**Value**

An object of class PARAFAC. See multiway library for more information

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calc_temporal_ggm	<i>An automated function to calculate temporal network with lagged model</i>
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**Description**

calculates temporal networks for each dataset with a lagged model as used in graphical VAR

**Usage**

```
calc_temporal_ggm(
  object,
  which_data,
  lag,
  timepoints,
  alpha,
  nfolds,
  cols_for_meta,
  cores
)
```

**Arguments**

object	S4 object of class metab_analyser
which_data	dataset or datasets to be used
lag	which lagged model to use. 1 means one-lagged model, similiary 2,3,..etc
timepoints	timepoints of interest that are to be used to build networks(in the order of measurement)
alpha	parameter for regression coefficient
nfolds	nfolds parameter for glmnet style of regression
cols_for_meta	a list of character vectors of column names to be used for visualization of the networks.
cores	Number of cores to be used for the process

**Value**

temporal network data with edgelist and regression values

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calc\_trajectories\_by\_mean

*Function to get mean trajectories of metabolites and phenotypic traits*

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**Description**

function to extract mean trajectories

**Usage**

```
calc_trajectories_by_mean(object, which_data, columns)
```

**Arguments**

object	An S4 object of class metime_analyser
which_data	Dataset of interest
columns	Other data that you want to see along with metabolites(column names from row-data)

**Value**

plot\_data table that can be used to make the plotter object without metadata



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`calc_ttest_metabolites`*Function to calculate students t-test between metabolites at different timepoints*

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**Description**

Method for S4 object of class metime\_analyser for performing t-test

**Usage**

```
calc_ttest_metabolites(object, which_data, timepoints, split_var, type, paired)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	S4 object of class metime_analyser
<code>which_data</code>	dataset or datasets to be used for the analysis
<code>timepoints</code>	timepoints of interest to perform the test on
<code>split_var</code>	split variable for testing such as diagnostic group etc
<code>type</code>	type of ttest to be used either "two.sided", "less", or "greater"
<code>paired</code>	Logical to perform paired t.test or not

**Value**

plotter object with t-test results

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`calc_ttest_samples`*Function to calculate students t-test between samples at different timepoints*

---

**Description**

Method for S4 object of class metime\_analyser for performing t-test

**Usage**

```
calc_ttest_samples(object, which_data, timepoints, type, paired = TRUE)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	S4 object of class metime_analyser
<code>which_data</code>	dataset or datasets to be used for the analysis
<code>timepoints</code>	timepoints of interest to perform the test on
<code>type</code>	type of ttest to be used either "two.sided", "less", or "greater"
<code>paired</code>	Logical to perform paired t.test or not

**Value**

plotter object with t-test results

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calc\_wgcna\_eigenmetabolites

*Function to extract eigenmetabolites and modules from WGCNA*

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**Description**

Function to calculate modules and eigenmetabolites

**Usage**

```
calc_wgcna_eigenmetabolites(object, which_data, baseline, ...)
```

**Arguments**

object	An s4 object of class metime_analyser
which_data	Dataset to be used for the analysis
baseline	baseline timepoint

**Value**

plotter object with dendogram results

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check\_col\_normality     *Function to check for col\_normality data whether it is added or not.*

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**Description**

function to check whether col\_normality data is added to the object or not

**Usage**

```
check_col_normality(object, which_data)
```

**Arguments**

object	S4 object of class of metime_analyser
which_data	dataset/s to check

**Value**

NULL if it passes all the sanity checks

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check\_ids\_and\_classes *Function to check the ids in the data and data format*

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**Description**

sanity check to check for ids and order of the data

**Usage**

check\_ids\_and\_classes(object)

**Arguments**

object                S4 object of class of metime\_analyser

**Value**

NULL if it passes all the sanity checks

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check\_rownames\_and\_colnames  
*Function to check the format of rownames and colnames and if they are same or not*

---

**Description**

sanity check to check for rownames of the data

**Usage**

check\_rownames\_and\_colnames(object)

**Arguments**

object                S4 object of class of metime\_analyser

**Value**

NULL if it passes all the sanity checks

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```
check_scaling_and_transformation
```

*Function to check if the data is already scaled or log transformed*

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### Description

Function to be applied on metime\_analyser to check for log transformation and scaling

### Usage

```
check_scaling_and_transformation(object, which_data)
```

### Arguments

object	An S4 object of metime_anlyser class
which_data	the dataset/s to be checked

### Value

NULL but checks if the data is scaled or not

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```
comp_network_with_established
```

*Function to compare the network generated from data to an existing network*

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### Description

function to perform fishers exact test to decide which network is the best.

### Usage

```
comp_network_with_established(calc_networks, est_network)
```

### Arguments

calc_networks	list of networks calculated from data
est_network	established network to compare with the established network results Make sure that this network has only two columns with names as node1 and node2

### Value

fisher test results with pval and test statistic

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`get_append_analyser_object`

*This function appends an object of class metime\_analyser with a new dataset.*

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**Description**

function to apply on metime\_analyse object to append a new dataset into the existing object

**Usage**

```
get_append_analyser_object(object, data, col_data, row_data, name)
```

**Arguments**

object	S4 object of class metime_analyser
data	data.frame containing data
col_data	data.frame containing col_data: id column of col data has to match colnames of data
row_data	data.frame containing row_data: id column of row data has to match rownames of data
name	Name of the new dataset

**Value**

An object of class metime\_analyser

**Examples**

```
# append data frames into the metime_analyser object
appended_object <- get_append_metab_object(object=metime_analyser_object, data=data, row_data=data, col_data=col_data)
```

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`get_betas_for_multibipartite_lasso`

*Function to perform multibipartite style regression on a list of matrices*

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**Description**

Performs multibipartite lasso in cv.glmnet style on a list of matrices that have metabolite information from different platforms

**Usage**

```
get_betas_for_multibipartite_lasso(list_of_mats, alpha, nfolds)
```

**Arguments**

list_of_mats	a list with matrices and samples ordered similarly
alpha	alpha for cv.glmnet regression. Defines style of penalty.
nfolds	nfolds for cv.glmnet

**Value**

returns a list with information of the combinations in context

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get\_class\_info\_from\_edges

*Function to get information on how many class edges are present*

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**Description**

Function to check how the different edges in a GGM are associated to their respective classes(it could be super-pathway or sub-pathway)

**Usage**

```
get_class_info_from_edges(calc_networks, metadata, phenotypes)
```

**Arguments**

calc_networks	list of calculated networks
metadata	metadata of the edges present
phenotypes	character vector to define phenotypes that were used for correcting the data

**Value**

table with information on different type of edges present

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get\_coldata

*Function to extract col data of a dataset*

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**Description**

Function to get coldata

**Usage**

```
get_coldata(object, which_data)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class S4
which_data	Dataset of interest

**Value**

col data of the dataset of interest

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get_environment	<i>Function to get the R environment</i>
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**Description**

function to print the R environment

**Usage**

```
get_environment()
```

**Value**

null

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get_files_and_names	<i>Function to pack all the data into a single object of class "metime_analyser"</i>
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**Description**

This function loads all the files from the parent directory. It assumes a certain naming pattern as follows: "datatype\_NoneIcollrow\_data.rds" Any other naming pattern is not allowed. The function first writes all files into a list and each type of data is packed into its respective class i.e. col\_data, row\_data or data

**Usage**

```
get_files_and_names(path, annotations_index)
```

**Arguments**

path	Path to the parent directory
annotations_index	a list to be filled as follows = list(phenotype="Name or index of the files", medication="Name or index of the files")

**Value**

An object of class metime\_analyser

**Examples**

```
# Input in the parent directory from which the data files are to be extracted along with annotations_index to specify
get_files_and_names(path=/path/to/parent/directory, annotations_index=list(phenotype="Name of phenotype file", m
```

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get_ggm_genenet	<i>Function to calculate a dynamic GeneNet GGM from a longitudinal data matrix</i>
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**Description**

calculates GGM on longitudinal data matrix and returns a dataframe with edges, partial correlation and associated p-values

**Usage**

```
get_ggm_genenet(data, threshold = c("bonferroni", "FDR", "li"), all, ...)
```

**Arguments**

data	data matrix in a longitudinal format
threshold	type of multiple hypothesis correction. Available are Bonferoni("bonferroni"), Benjamini-Hochberg("FDR") and independent tests method("li", also see Li et al ....)
all	Logical to get all edges without any cutoff.
...	additional arguments for ggm.estimate.pcor()

**Value**

a dataframe with edges, partial correlation and associated p-values



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`get_make_analyser_object`

*Function to pack all the data into a single object of class "metime\_analyser"*

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## Description

This function creates an object of class metime\_analyser from a dataset.

## Usage

```
get_make_analyser_object(  
  data,  
  col_data,  
  row_data,  
  annotations_index = list(),  
  name = NULL  
)
```

## Arguments

<code>data</code>	data.frame containing data
<code>col_data</code>	data.frame containing col_data: id column of col data has to match colnames of data
<code>row_data</code>	data.frame containing row_data: id column of row data has to match rownames of data
<code>annotations_index</code>	a list to be filled as follows = list(phenotype="Name or index of the file/list", medication="Name or index of the files/list")
<code>name</code>	character. Name you want to assign to the new dataset that is being added on

## Value

An object of class metime\_analyser

## Examples

```
# new_metime_analyser_object <- get_make_metab_object(data=data_frame, col_data=col_data_frame, row_data=row_data,  
  annotations_index=list(phenotype="name of phenotype", medication="name of medication"))
```

---

```
get_make_plotter_object
```

*Function to make a plottable object for viz functions*

---

### Description

function to generate metime\_plotter object from plot data and metadata

### Usage

```
get_make_plotter_object(data, metadata, calc_type, calc_info, plot_type, style)
```

### Arguments

data	dataframe of plotable data obtained from any calc object
metadata	dataframe with the metadata for the plot table mentioned above. To obtain these see get_metadata_for_rows() and get_metadata_for_columns()
calc_type	A character to specify type of calculation - will be used for comp_ functions For networks the accepted notations are "genenet_ggm", "multibipartite_ggm", and "temporal_network"
calc_info	A string to define the information about calculation
plot_type	type of the plot you want to build. eg: "box", "dot" etc. Its a character vector
style	Style of plot, accepted inputs are "ggplot", "circos" and "visNetwork". Is a singular option.

---

```
get_metadata_for_columns
```

*Get metadata for columns(in most cases for metabolites)*

---

### Description

function to generate a metadata list for building the MeTime plotter object

### Usage

```
get_metadata_for_columns(object, which_data, columns, names, index_of_names)
```

**Arguments**

object	S4 object of class MeTime Analyser
which_data	Names of dataset/s to be used
columns	A list of character vectors for the columns of interest. Length of the list should be same as length of which_data
names	A Character vector with the new names for the columns mentioned above id should always be first in order
index_of_names	character vector to define the name of the column in which names of the variables are stored

**Value**

data.frame with metadata information

---

get\_metadata\_for\_rows *Get metadata for rows(in most cases for samples)*

---

**Description**

function to generate a metadata list for building the MeTime plotter object

**Usage**

```
get_metadata_for_rows(object, which_data, columns)
```

**Arguments**

object	S4 object of class MeTime Analyser
which_data	Names of dataset/s to be used
columns	A list of character vectors for the columns of interest. Length of the list should be same as length of which_data

**Value**

data.frame with metadata information for rows

---

get_palette	<i>Get a palette of "n" distinct colorblind friendly colors</i>
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---

**Description**

Function to get a palette of distinct colorblind friendly colors, the distinctiveness is determined by the difference in their hue values.

**Usage**

```
get_palette(n)
```

**Arguments**

n	number of colors wanted in the palette
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**Value**

a color palette vector with colors in the form of hex codes

**Examples**

```
# colors=get_palette(n=10)
```

---

get_rowdata	<i>Function to extract row data of a dataset</i>
-------------	--

---

**Description**

Function to get rowdata

**Usage**

```
get_rowdata(object, which_data)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class S4
which_data	Dataset of interest

**Value**

row data of the dataset of interest

---

get\_samples\_and\_timepoints

*Function to know the number of timepoints and the total number of samples available at that point*

---

### Description

A method applied onto s4 object of class "metime\_analyser" so as to obtain the number of unique samples available at each timepoint.

### Usage

```
get_samples_and_timepoints(object, which_data)
```

### Arguments

object	An object of class metime_analyser
which_data	Name of the dataset in context

### Value

A data table with timepoints and number of samples at each timepoint

### Examples

```
# newdata <- get_samples_and_timepoints(object=metime_analyser_object, which_data="Name of dataset of interest")
```

---

get\_text\_for\_plot

*Function to Obtain textual information for visualization in interactive plots*

---

### Description

a standard function to be applied on data matrices or dataframes with the colnames of interest such that the information from columns is visualized in the interactive plot

### Usage

```
get_text_for_plot(data, colnames)
```

### Arguments

data	a dataframe with plotting data along with other variables for visualization
colnames	a character vector with the names of the variables that you want to see on the plot

**Value**

a vector with strings that can be parsed into plot\_ly text.

**Examples**

```
# text = get_text(data=data.frame, colnames=c("names","of","columns", "of", "interest"))
```

---

**metime\_analyser-class** *Constructor to generate an object of class metime\_analyser. contains slots - list\_of\_data: For the list of all data matrices. - list\_of\_col\_data: list of all the col data files in the same order. - list\_of\_row\_data: list of all the row data files in the same order. - annotations: list with phenotype and medication. Each of which is character that represents the name of the aforementioned dataset types.*

---

**Description**

Constructor to generate an object of class metime\_analyser. contains slots - list\_of\_data: For the list of all data matrices. - list\_of\_col\_data: list of all the col data files in the same order. - list\_of\_row\_data: list of all the row data files in the same order. - annotations: list with phenotype and medication. Each of which is character that represents the name of the aforementioned dataset types.

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`metime_plotter-class` *creating metime\_plotter class that converts calculations and meta-data as a plotable object to parse into viz\_plotter Contains slots - plot\_data: Dataframe with plotting data and metadata for visualization - plot: ggplot(), circos() or visNetwork() object with predefined aesthetics - calc\_type: A vector to specify type of calculation - will be used for comp\_ functions - calc\_info: string to define the information about calculation - plot\_type: A character vector to define the type of plots that are needed.*

---

## Description

creating metime\_plotter class that converts calculations and metadata as a plotable object to parse into viz\_plotter Contains slots - plot\_data: Dataframe with plotting data and metadata for visualization - plot: ggplot(), circos() or visNetwork() object with predefined aesthetics - calc\_type: A vector to specify type of calculation - will be used for comp\_ functions - calc\_info: string to define the information about calculation - plot\_type: A character vector to define the type of plots that are needed.

creating metime\_plotter class that converts calculations and metadata as a plotable object to parse into viz\_plotter Contains slots - plot\_data: list of Dataframe(s) with plotting data and metadata for visualization. Dataframes is an option only for visNetwork() plots. Need a list of two dataframes: Nodes dataframe and edge dataframe named as `.$node` and `.$edge` - plot: ggplot(), circos() or visNetwork() object - calc\_type: A vector to specify type of calculation - will be used for comp\_ functions - calc\_info: string to define the information about calculation - plot\_type: A character vector to define the type of plots that are needed. - style: Character that defines the style of plot i.e. a ggplot(), circos() or visNetwork() plot. Is always a singular input. Cannot have two styles in one object.

creating metime\_plotter class that converts calculations and metadata as a plotable object to parse into viz\_plotter Contains slots - plot\_data: Dataframe with plotting data and metadata for visualization - plot: ggplot(), circos() or visNetwork() object with predefined aesthetics - calc\_type: A vector to specify type of calculation - will be used for comp\_ functions - calc\_info: string to define the information about calculation - plot\_type: A character vector to define the type of plots that are needed.

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`mod_code_metab_names` *Function to convert metabolite names to IDs*

---

## Description

Function to convert metabolite names to IDs

## Usage

```
mod_code_metab_names(object, which_data)
```

**Arguments**

object	An S4 object of class metime_analyser
which_data	character vector to define the datasets to use

**Value**

A list with S4 object and list of mapping tables, the object can be used for GGMs

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mod_convert_s4_to_s3	<i>Function to Convert S4 object of class metime_analyser to an S3 object with same architecture</i>
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---

**Description**

converter function to be applied onto metime\_analyse object to convert into a standard list of S3 type.

**Usage**

```
mod_convert_s4_to_s3(object)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class metime_analyser
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**Value**

An S3 object of the same data as metime\_analyser in other words all slots are now converted into nested lists

**Examples**

```
# convert S4 object to a list
s3_list <- mod_convert_s4_to_s3(object=metime_analyser_object)
```



---

```
mod_extract_common_samples
```

*Function to get only common samples from the dataframes in list\_of\_data*

---

### Description

A method applied on object of class metime\_analyse to extract common samples across datasets. Also has an option to split the data according timepoints(mod\_split\_acc\_time()).

### Usage

```
mod_extract_common_samples(object, time_splitter = FALSE)
```

### Arguments

object	An object of class metime_analyser
time_splitter	A boolean input: True leads to splitting of the data wrt time, False returns all the dataframes as they are with common rows

### Value

list\_of\_data with common samples across all time points

### Examples

```
# extracting common samples across all datasets
new_list_of_data <- mod_common_sample_extractor(object=metime_analyser_object)
```

---

```
mod_filter_tp
```

*Functions for selecting time points*

---

### Description

a method applied onto class metime\_analyser in order to extract timepoints of interest from a dataset

### Usage

```
mod_filter_tp(object, timepoints, full, which_data)
```

### Arguments

object	An object of class metime_analyser
timepoints	time points to be selected.
full	if TRUE subjects are only selected if measured in all selected time points
which_data	Name of the dataset to be used

**Value**

An object of class metime\_analyser with processed data

**Examples**

```
#example to use this function
object <- mod_filter_tp(object, timepoints=c("t0", "t12", "t24"), full=TRUE, which_data="Name of the dataset")
```

---

mod\_merge\_data

*Function to merge two sets of data for any analysis*


---

**Description**

A function to merge two or more datasets and use it for analysis

**Usage**

```
mod_merge_data(object, which_data, name)
```

**Arguments**

object	An S4 object of class metime_analyser
which_data	Datasets to be merged. Only two or more are allowed
name	character vector to define the name of the new dataset

**Value**

A new S4 object of class metime\_analyser with the new merged dataset appended to it

---

mod\_merge\_metime\_analysers

*Function to merge one or more metime\_analyser objects*


---

**Description**

function to merge multiple metime\_analyser objects

**Usage**

```
mod_merge_metime_analysers(list_of_objects, annotations_index)
```

**Arguments**

list_of_objects	list of metime analyser objects that are to be merged
annotations_index	new list with annotations_index. Can also set to be NULL.

**Value**

A merged metime\_analyser object

---

`mod_merge_metime_plotters`

*Function to combine plotter objects*

---

**Description**

Function to combine plotter objects based on similar calc type

**Usage**

```
mod_merge_metime_plotters(list_of_objects, groups)
```

**Arguments**

`list_of_objects`

list of plotter objects to be merged

`groups`

character vector to define the groups that are involved

**Value**

plotter object merged with all the plotters

---

`mod_remove_duplicates` *Function to remove duplicates*

---

**Description**

Function to remove duplicates from the analyser object

**Usage**

```
mod_remove_duplicates(object)
```

**Arguments**

`object`

An S4 object of class metime\_analyser

**Value**

object after removing duplicated data

---

mod_remove_nas	<i>Function to remove NA's from data matrices</i>
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---

**Description**

A method applied on S4 object to remove NA's and change data accordingly

**Usage**

```
mod_remove_nas(object, which_data)
```

**Arguments**

object	S4 object of class metime_analyser
which_data	dataset/s for which the method is to be applied

**Value**

S4 object with NA's removed and data manipulated accordingly

---

mod_split_acc_to_time	<i>Function to split data according to time</i>
-----------------------	---

---

**Description**

Function to split the list of dataframes into a nested list with each dataframe being split into into dataframes of different timepoints

**Usage**

```
mod_split_acc_to_time(object)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class metime_analyser
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**Value**

list\_of\_data with each dataframe being broken into a list of dataframes with respect to the timepoint they belong to

**Examples**

```
#splitting data according to time
new_data <- mod_split_acc_to_time(object=metime_analyser_object)
```

---

mod\_stratify\_analyser *Function to stratify data in the metime analyser object*

---

**Description**

Function to stratify the data of interest into different objects that can be used to perform calculations according the said stratification variable

**Usage**

```
mod_stratify_analyser(object, which_data, variable)
```

**Arguments**

object	S4 object of class metime_analyser
which_data	Dataset/datasets to be used for stratification
variable	Phenotype based on which the stratification would be performed

**Value**

list of metime\_analyser objects which are stratified based on the variable chosen

---

mod\_trans\_log *Function to apply log transformation*

---

**Description**

Function to log transform data

**Usage**

```
mod_trans_log(object, which_data, base)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class metime_analyser
which_data	Name of the dataset to be used
base	base of log to be used

**Value**

An object of class metime\_analyser with processed data

**Examples**

```
# example to apply log transformation
object <- mod_logtrans(object, which_data="name of the dataset", base=2)
```

---

mod_trans_zscore	<i>Function to scale the data</i>
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---

**Description**

Functions for scaling

**Usage**

```
mod_trans_zscore(object, which_data)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class metime_analyser
which_data	Name of the dataset to be used

**Value**

An object of class metime\_analyser with processed data

**Examples**

```
# example to apply scaling
object <- mod_zscore(object, which_data="name of the dataset")
```

---

save_analyser_object	<i>Function to extract analyser object data into a csv</i>
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---

**Description**

extracts information from analyser object and saves it as a csv

**Usage**

```
save_analyser_object(object, which_data)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class metime_plotter
which_data	Character to specify the dataset
type	which type of output file. Can be "csv", "tsv" and "xlsx"

**Value**

saves the data in the working directory as a csv and returns nothing

**Examples**

```
see examples here
save_analyser_object(object, which_data="dataset")
```

---

```
save_plot_from_plotter
```

*Function to save interactive plots*

---

**Description**

extracts plot from plotter object and saves it as a widget

**Usage**

```
save_plot_from_plotter(object, out)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class metime_plotter
out	Character to specify path of the output file to save the widget in

**Value**

saves the plot and returns nothing

**Examples**

```
save_plot_from_plotter(object)
```

---

```
save_plotter_object
```

*Function to extract plot data into a csv*

---

**Description**

extracts information from plotter object and saves it as a csv

**Usage**

```
save_plotter_object(object, out, type)
```

**Arguments**

object	An object of class metime_plotter
out	Character to specify path of the output file or character vector in case of visNetwork
type	character to define outfile type that is "csv", "xlsx" or "tsv"

**Value**

saves the data into a csv and returns nothing

**Examples**

```
see examples here and maintain the order
If type is xlsx one out file is enough and the network data will be stored in different sheets
Network : save_plotter_object(object, out=c("edge", "node", "meta"), type="csv")
Others : save_plotter_object(object, out="outfile", type="tsv")
```

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set_parallel_cores	<i>register parallel backend</i>
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**Description**

function to run in order to perform the analysis parallely thereby saving time

**Usage**

```
set_parallel_cores(n_cores = NULL)
```

**Arguments**

n\_cores            A number of specified cores.

**Value**

set a parallel backend

---

show,metime_analyser-method	<i>Setting new print definition for the metime_analyser object</i>
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---

**Description**

function to see the structure of metime\_analyser object

**Usage**

```
## S4 method for signature 'metime_analyser'
show(object)
```

**Arguments**

object            S4 object of class metime\_analyser



### Value

structure of the S4 object

### Examples

```
structure(object)
```

---

show,metime\_plotter-method

*Setting new print definition for the metime\_plotter object*

---

### Description

function to see the structure of metime\_plotter object

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'metime_plotter'  
show(object)
```

### Arguments

object                    S4 object of class metime\_plotter

### Value

structure of the S4 object

### Examples

```
structure(object)
```

---

structure,metime\_plotter-method

*Setting new structure definition for the metime\_plotter object*

---

### Description

function to see the structure of metime\_plotter object

### Usage

```
## S4 method for signature 'metime_plotter'  
structure(object)
```

**Arguments**

object                S4 object of class metime\_plotter

**Value**

structure of the S4 object

**Examples**

```
structure(object)
```

---

structure

*Setting new structure definition for the metime\_analyser object*

---

**Description**

function to see the structure of metime\_analyser object

**Usage**

```
structure(object)
```

**Arguments**

object                S4 object of class metime\_analyser

**Value**

structure of the S4 object

**Examples**

```
structure(object)
```

---

viz\_distribution\_plotter

*Function for Plotting distributions of phenotypic variables*


---

### Description

A method to be applied onto s4 object so as to obtain distributions of various phenotypic variables

### Usage

```
viz_distribution_plotter(object, colname, which_data, strats, phenotype)
```

### Arguments

object	An object of class metime_analyser
colname	Name of the variable whose distribution is of interest
which_data	Name of the dataset from which the samples will be extracted
strats	Character vector with colnames that are to be used for stratification
phenotype	Logical. If true data will be collected from phenotype_data matrix else from row data

### Value

a list with either 1) density plot, mean table acc to timepoint and variable type or 2) bar plot, line plot, and variable type

### Examples

```
# extracting distribuion of Age from dataset1
plot <- viz_distribution_plotter(object, colname="Age", which_data="dataset1", strats="additional columns for fac
```

---

viz\_plotter\_circos

*Setting up standard wrapper for all circos plots for a metime\_plotter object.*


---

### Description

plot function for metime\_plotter object with different inputs to specialize plots. Used for all calc outputs.

### Usage

```
viz_plotter_circos(object, aesthetics, outfile, layout_by)
```

**Arguments**

object	S4 object of class metime_plotter
aesthetics	list for aesthetics. eg: list(list(x="colname",y="colname",color="colname", shape="colname"), list(...)) for "dot" plot and "heatmap" plot, for heatmap: list(x="colname", y="colname", fill="colname"). Additionally two other character vectors are allowed namely .\$.viz and .\$.strats for text and for facet wrapping.

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viz_plotter_ggplot	<i>Setting up standard wrapper for all ggplot plots for a metime_plotter object.</i>
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---

**Description**

plot function for metime\_plotter object with different inputs to specialize plots. Used for all calc outputs.

**Usage**

```
viz_plotter_ggplot(object, aesthetics, interactive)
```

**Arguments**

object	S4 object of class metime_plotter
aesthetics	list for aesthetics. eg: list(list(x="colname",y="colname",color="colname", shape="colname"), list(...)) for "dot" plot and "heatmap" plot, for heatmap: list(x="colname", y="colname", fill="colname"). Additionally two other character vectors are allowed namely .\$.viz and .\$.strats for text and for facet wrapping.
interactive	Flag option(Logical). If set to TRUE will generate an interactive plot else will generate a normal ggplot

**Value**

metime\_plotter object with updated plot

---

viz_plotter_visNetwork	<i>Setting up standard wrapper for network plots from visNetwork for a metime_plotter object.</i>
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---

**Description**

plot function for metime\_plotter object with different inputs to specialize plots. Used for all calc outputs.

**Usage**

```
viz_plotter_visNetwork(object, title, layout_by)
```

**Arguments**

<code>object</code>	S4 object of class <code>metime_plotter</code>
<code>title</code>	character/string that is the title of the graph output
<code>layout_by</code>	character to define the layout style to be used

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