

UofG MGT4018/MGT4090 Lab 1

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1 Introduction

This lab is the same as the SPSS Lab 1.

2 Exercise A: Creating and Exploring a Data Set in R

This lab will guide you through creating a dataset, assigning labels, and conducting basic analyses using R. You'll learn how to create variables, enter data, and generate summary tables similar to those you would in SPSS.

2.1 Step 1: Set Up Your Workspace

1. Open RStudio and start a new script.
2. Save your script with an appropriate name, e.g., `Lab_Exercise_A.R`.

2.2 Step 2: Creating Variables

We'll create three variables: `ID`, `AgeBand`, and `Gender`.

```
# Create an empty data frame with the variables ID, AgeBand, and Gender
data <- data.frame(ID = integer(), AgeBand = factor(), Gender = factor())
```

2.3 Step 3: Assign Labels and Levels

In R, we use **factors** to represent categorical data with defined levels.

Note

In R, we use `factor()` to create categorical variables. This is similar to value labels in SPSS. The `levels` argument specifies the underlying codes, while `labels` provides the human-readable labels.

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