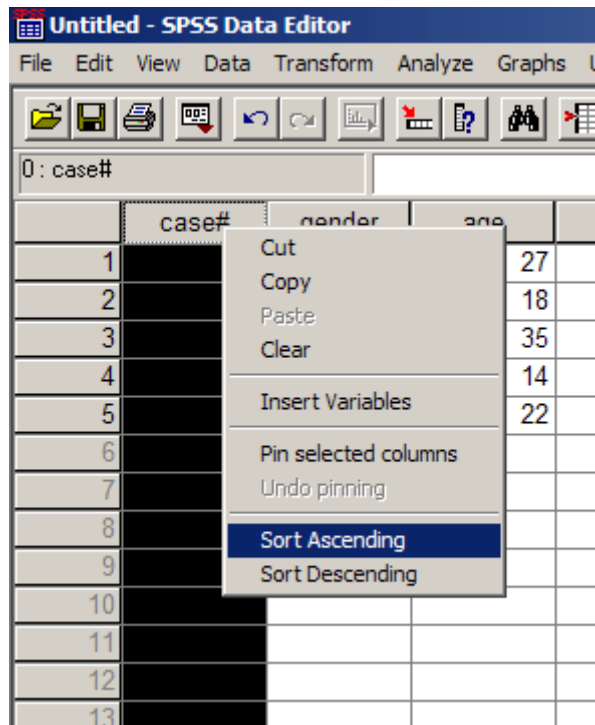
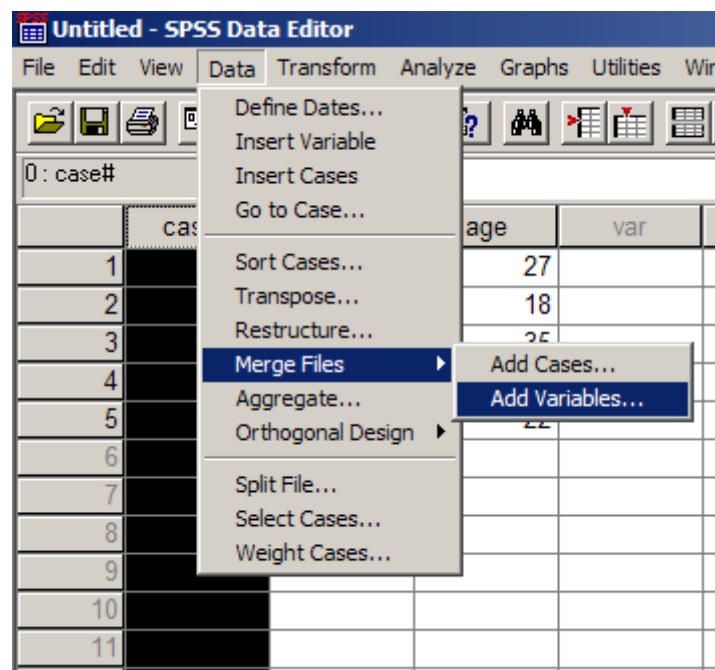


## Merging data sets in SPSS

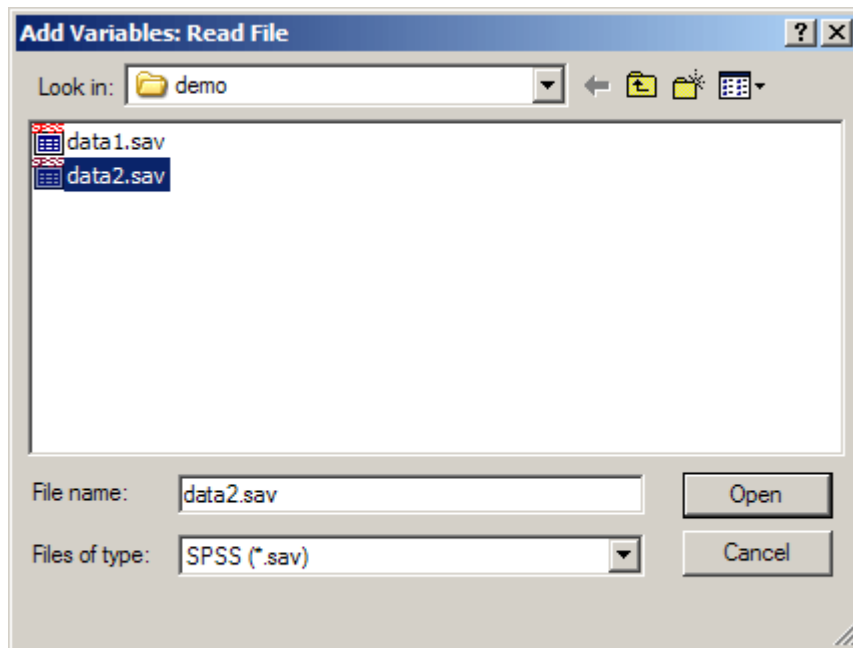
Both data sets have the same id variable. If they have different names you should rename one so they have the same name. They provide different data for the same set of cases. Have to be sorted in ascending order:



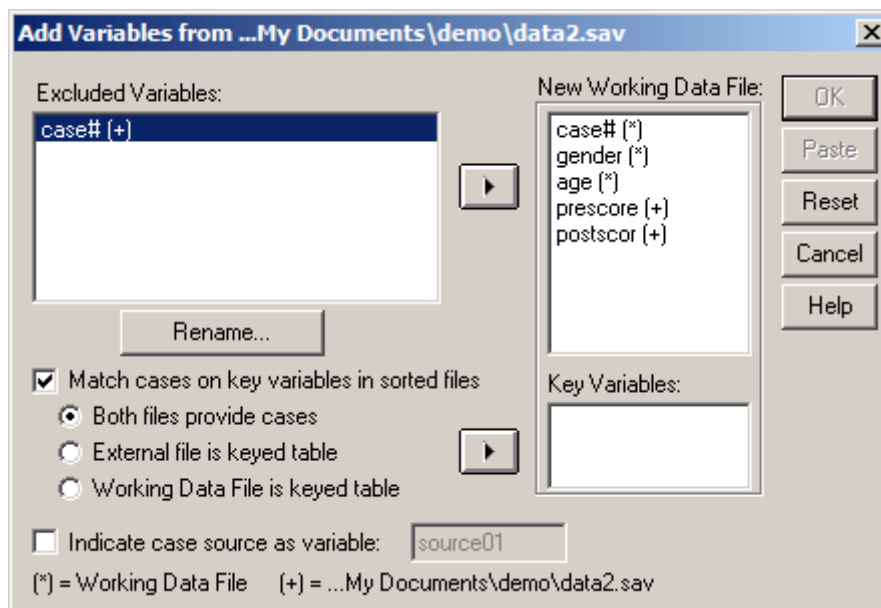
1. Open the first data set - under 'Data' → 'Merge Files', select 'Add Variables...'

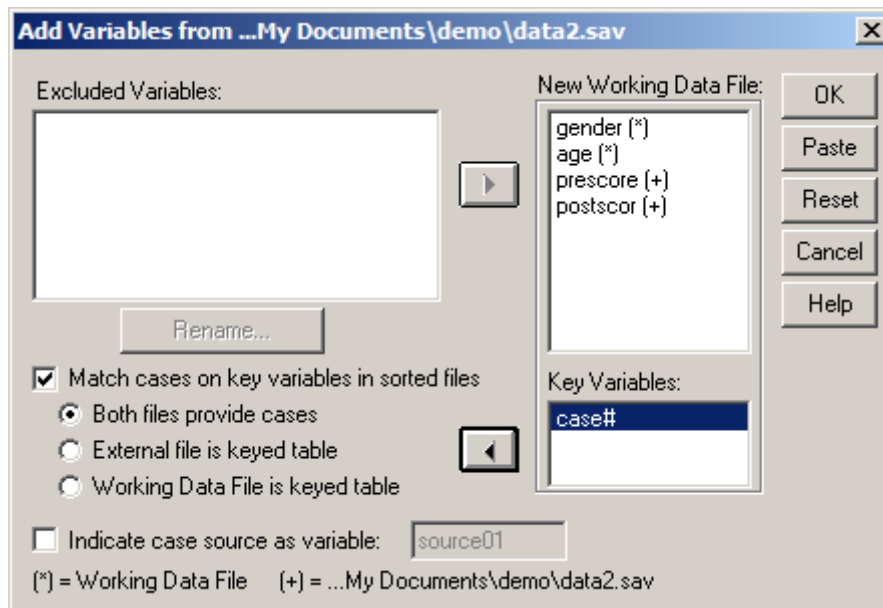


2. Select the file you wish to merge

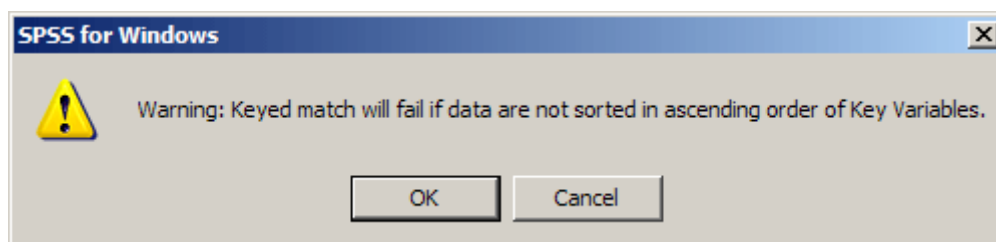


If 'id' has the same name one will show up in 'Excluded Variables' list. This will be the variable we will match our cases on. Select the key variable from the 'Excluded Variables' list. Check 'Match cases on key variables in sorted files'. Select the 'Both files provide cases' and press right arrow button next to the 'Key Variables:'





SPSS warns you regarding sorted key variables.



If all goes well variables from both data sets are be merged in a new data set.

data1.sav - SPSS Data Editor

	case#	gender	age	prescore	postscor
1	1	2	27	22.00	33.00
2	2	1	18	12.00	21.00
3	3	1	35	45.00	55.00
4	4	2	14	16.00	17.00
5	5	1	22	21.00	25.00
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