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Subject: Re: Couples Recode and polygamy  
Posted by [aligazan](#) on Wed, 15 Jun 2016 14:07:07 GMT  
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Dear Trevor

Thank you very much for your reply.

I am using SPSS and the syntax that I used is below - maybe I have made an error?

Would you expect the couples recode file to match men with their 1st or current wife?

Thank you so much for your help,

Janet

```
GET FILE='MLMR53FL.SAV'.  
SORT CASES by MV001 MV002 MV034$1.  
save outfile = "MLmen.sav".
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GET FILE='MLIR53FL.SAV'.  
SORT CASES by V001 V002 V003.  
save outfile = 'MLwomen.sav' / keep v001 v002 v003 G102.
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MATCH FILES /file='MLmen.sav' /table='MLwomen.sav'  
/rename v001 = mv001 v002 = mv002 v003 = mv034$1 G102=JG102$1  
/BY MV001 MV002 MV034$1.  
save outfile = "MLmen+1stwife.sav".
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