

## Parameter Setting #2

1. Based on the Modern Persian data below, is Modern Persian consistently head-initial, head-final or neither? Support your answer with specific data.

## Modern Persian Data

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| (1) ali asb-rā did<br>Ali horse-obj saw                                | ‘Ali saw the horse’                    |
| (2) mard žāla-rā busid<br>man Zhala-obj kissed                         | ‘The man kissed Zhala’                 |
| (3) žāla u-rā busid<br>Zhala him/her-obj kissed                        | ‘Zhala kissed him/her’                 |
| (4) ali be žahr david<br>Ali to village ran                            | ‘Ali ran to the village’               |
| (5) hasan zan-rā dar xiyābān busid<br>Hasan woman-obj in street kissed | ‘Hasan kissed the woman in the street’ |
| (6) hasan dida šod<br>Hasan seen was                                   | ‘Hasan was seen’                       |
| (7) hasan be tehrān khāhad raft<br>Hasan to Tehran want (will) gone    | ‘He/she will go to Tehran’             |

2. Based on the Portuguese data below, what is setting of the Null Subject Parameter in Portuguese?

## Portuguese Data

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| (1) (eu) vou para casa<br>(I) am-going to house | ‘I am going home’ |
| (2) está chovendo<br>is raining                 | ‘It is raining’   |
| (3) *ele está chovendo<br>it is raining         | (ungrammatical)   |

3. Based on the Japanese data below, what is the setting of the Wh-Parameter in Japanese?

- (1) Mary-ga hon-ya-de nani-o katta no? 'What did Mary buy at a bookstore?'  
Mary-nom bookstore-at what-acc buy Q
- (2) Mary-ga doko-de zasshi-o katta no? 'Where did Mary buy a magazine?'  
Mary-nom where-at magazine-acc bought Q

1. Modern Persian data from 'Subject reduplication in Persian', Moyne and Carden, *Linguistic Inquiry* V.2 (Spring 1974) and *Farsi (Persian) Phrasebook* Yavar Dehghani (2001)
2. Portuguese data from Wikipedia article on Null Subject Languages ([http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Null\\_subject\\_language](http://en.wikipedia.org/wiki/Null_subject_language))
3. Japanese data from 'Acquisition of the *Wh-in-situ*: The Case of L2 Japanese', Yuhko Kayama (<http://128.192.86.186/posters/29/KayamaBUCLD2004.pdf>)