

Preface

This book is a significantly revised and expanded version of my 2017 MIT Ph. D. thesis. In addition to an expanded introductory chapter, the chapter on the perfect has been significantly revised and expanded. Chapter 3 of the thesis has been split into three chapters in this book: one arguing for the existence of tense in ‘finite’ verbs (chapter 2), one arguing that Malayalam has both a progressive viewpoint aspect morpheme and an iterative pluractional progressive viewpoint aspect morpheme (chapter 4) and one exploring the syntax and semantics of the copulas in Malayalam (chapter 6). The book, as a whole, spends more time thinking about the cross-linguistic picture and how Malayalam contributes to this picture than the thesis did.

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