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ABSTRACT

This thesis aims to investigate the linguistic influence of the Malay language including Indonesian and Javanese on the Thai language of Thailand. Up to the present, there has been only one thorough investigation on Malay loans in Thai that has also examined the tones resulting from Malay borrowings, which is Suthiwan's dissertation from 1997.

In preparation for this thesis, I have studied modern Central Thai, the Malay language of Malaysia, Standard Indonesian, as well as Eastern and Central Javanese. Being able to read the Thai writing system helps trace many borrowings back to their origins thanks to certain characters that only appear in loans from a donor language.

First, the Modern Thai language of Bangkok, sometimes called Siamese, will be described with regard to its phonological, graphemic, as well as lexical and morphological features, which will be necessary to determine whether a word is originally from Thai or borrowed from another language. Throughout its history, Thai has been heavily influenced by Middle Chinese, Old Mon, Angkorian Khmer, Sanskrit, Pali, and to a lesser extent by Teochew, Modern Khmer, Arabic, Persian, Romance languages, Javanese, Malay, and only recently American English. The original Thai substratum is still retained in monosyllabic words that refer to the basic vocabulary, such as body parts, simple verbs of motion and activity, native animal names, and pronouns, most of which are included in the 200-word basic word list (Swadesh list).

Then, the reader will be given an overview of the Standard Malay language of Malaysia (Bahasa Melayu Malaysia) including differences to Indonesian and Javanese with respect to phonology and the writing system. The aboriginal languages of the Malay Peninsula, usually called Aslian languages, are not part of this thesis.

Perhaps the most difficult part of this investigation will be the temporal determination of the Malay influence on Thai. This discussion deserves its own chapter. The main part of this thesis is the question of how and why certain tones in Thai appear when a word is borrowed from the non-tonal Malay language. First, I will show how tones are borrowed from tonal languages such as Middle Chinese and Teochew. Then, I show how tones are borrowed from diverse non-tonal languages that have influenced Thai over the years, these being Khmer, Sanskrit, English, and eventually Malay. We shall then have a closer look at the low, rising, and mid tone on long-vowel syllables of loanwords from Malay. There have only been scarce attempts at an analysis of Malay loans in Thai from a linguistic perspective, perhaps because the number of loanwords from Malay in Thai seems scant at first sight when compared to those from Sanskrit, Chinese, or Khmer.

The last part of this thesis examines the semantic fields of borrowings.

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LIST OF ABBREVIATIONS

Languages

AC	Ai-Cham	MMon	Middle Mon
AKh.	Angkorian Khmer	MoK	Modern Khmer
Ar.	Arabic	MT	Modern Thai
AT	Ancient Thai	OJv.	Old Javanese
Ba.	Balinese	PAN	Proto-Austronesian
BDH	Baoding Hlai	Pe.	Persian
BSH	Baisha Hlai	PMK	Proto-Mon-Khmer
Bu.	Burmese	PMP	Proto-Malayo-Polynesian
Cant.	Cantonese	Port.	Portuguese
CT	Central Thai	PT	Proto-Tai
En.	English	PTK	Proto-Tai-Kadai
Gk.	Ancient Greek	Sh.	Shan
Hl.	Hlai	Skr.	Sanskrit
In.	Indonesian	ST	Southern Thai
Jv.	Javanese	Ta.	Tamit
Kh.	Khmer	TC	Teochew Chinese
Ma.	Mandarin	TL	Tai Lue
MCh.	Middle Chinese	TW	Taiwanese
MKh.	Middle Khmer	ZSH	Zhongsha Hlai

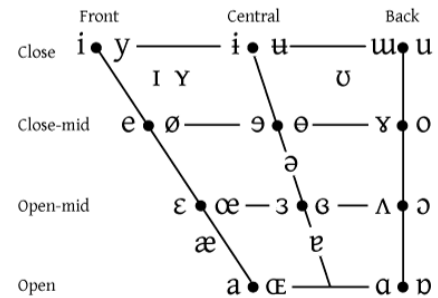
Linguistic symbols

[...]	phonetic transcription according to IPA
/.../	phonemic transcription
{...}	written but not spoken
~	alternative pronunciation
*	reconstructed or unattested form (if not indicated otherwise)
**	hypothetical and non-existent form (if not indicated otherwise)
?	unclear etymology
#	word boundary
†	lexeme not listed in Pallegoix's dictionary
]	syllable boundary
σ _x	syllable (<i>x</i> indicates the number of the syllable)
+a	aspirated
+v	voiced
-v	unvoiced

Consonant chart for the IPA:

	Bilabial	Labiodental	Dental	Alveolar	Postalveolar	Retroflex	Palatal	Velar	Uvular	Pharyngeal	Glottal
Plosive	p b			t d		ʈ ɖ	c ɟ	k ɡ	q ɢ		ʔ
Nasal	m	ɱ		n		ɳ	ɲ	ŋ	ɴ		
Trill				r					ʀ		
Tap or Flap				ɾ		ɽ					
Fricative	ɸ β	f v	θ ð	s z	ʃ ʒ	ʂ ʐ	ç ʝ	x ɣ	χ ʁ	ħ ʕ	h ɦ
Lateral fricative				ɬ ɮ							
Approximant		ʋ		ɹ		ɻ	j	ɰ			
Lateral approximant				l		ɭ	ʎ	ʟ			

Vowel chart for the IPA:



Syllable structure

C	consonant
N	nasal
S	sonorant
V	vowel
\bar{V}	long vowel
\check{V}	short vowel
\tilde{V}	long or short vowel

Quoted sources

ABC	Axel Schuessler's <i>ABC Etymological Dictionary of Old Chinese</i> (the number indicates the page)
ACD	Robert Blust's <i>Austronesian Comparative Dictionary</i> (the number indicates the dictionary entry)
CIA	Central Intelligence Agency's <i>World Factbook 2013 Online</i> (the number indicates the year)
DAK	Philip N. Jenner's & Doug Cooper's <i>Dictionary of Angkorian Khmer</i> (the number indicates the page)
DED	T. Burrow's & M. B. Emeneau's <i>Dravidian Etymological Dictionary</i> (the number indicates the dictionary entry)
KJK	P. J. Zoetmulder's & S. O. Robson's <i>Kamus Jawa Kuno</i> (Old Javanese Dictionary) (the number indicates the page)
MKD	Harry L. Shorto's <i>Mon-Khmer Comparative Dictionary</i> (the number indicates the page)
PAP	John U. Wolff's <i>Proto-Austronesian Phonology with Glossary Volume II</i> (the number indicates the page)

Other

A.D.	anno Domini (refers to the years after the birth of Jesus)
cf.	confer (see, compare)
GTS	Gaantapsap transliteration of Thai
fn.	footnote
ibid.	ibidem (refers to the source that is the same as the preceding one)
id.	idem (refers to the a lemma's meaning that is the same as the preceding one)
IPA	International Phonetic Alphabet
p.	page
pp.	pages

ROMANIZATION SYSTEMS

For Thai

I have developed my own transliteration system for Thai under the name *Gaantapsap* (from Thai *การทับศัพท์* *gaan táp sàp* “transliterating words”), abbreviated as GTS in this thesis. There are many different quasi-standardized transliteration systems, of which the most commonly used is the Royal Thai General System (RTGS). However, due to RTGS’s lack of linguistic accuracy, I will exclusively make use of my own system as explained in the chart on the next page. As for the tones, I use the most common convention with the diacritics ` (low), ^ (falling), ´ (high), ˇ (rising), and no mark for the mid tone. Those tone diacritics are always on the first vowel of a transliterated diphthong or triphthong. For other dialects of Thai I may use slightly deviating tone diacritics. The full chart of all Thai consonants, vowels, diphthongs, and triphthongs with their GTS counterparts is listed on the next page.

Thai letter	Thai name	Transliteration of the name	GTS	
			initial	final
ก	ก.ไก่	gwaì	g	k
ข	ข.ไซ่	káw kài	k	k
ฃ	ฃ.ชวด	káw kùat	k	–
ค	ค.ควาย	kwa kwaai	k	k
ฅ	ฅ.คน	kwa kon	k	–
ฆ	ฆ.ระฆัง	kwa rákaŋ	k	k
ง	ง.งู	ŋwa ŋuu	ŋ	ŋ
จ	จ.จาน	jwa jaan	j	t
ฉ	ฉ.ฉิ่ง	cáw cìŋ	c	–
ช	ช.ช้าง	cwa cáaŋ	c	t
ซ	ซ.โซ่	swa sóo	s	t
ฌ	ฌ.ເເອ	cwa cwa	c	–
ญ	ญ.หญิ่ง	ywa yíŋ	y	n
ฎ	ฎ.ชฎา	dwa cádaa	d	t
ฏ	ฏ.ปฏัก	đwa bàđàk	đ	t
ฐ	ฐ.ฐาน	táw táan	t	t
ฑ	ฑ.มณฑล	twa montoo	t	t
ฒ	ฒ.ผู้เฒ่า	twa púu tái	t	t
ณ	ณ.เนน	nwa neen	n	n
ด	ด.เด็ก	dwa dèk	d	t
ต	ต.เต่า	đwa đáu	đ	t
ถ	ถ.ถุง	táw túŋ	t	t
ท	ท.ทหาร	twa táháan	t	t
ธ	ธ.ธง	twa toŋ	t	t
น	น.หนู	nwa núu	n	n
บ	บ.ใบไม้	bwa bai máai	b	p
ป	ป.ปลา	bwa blaa	b	p
ผ	ผ.ผี	páw púŋ	p	–
ฝ	ฝ.ฝา	fáw fáa	f	–
พ	พ.พาน	pwa paan	p	p
ฟ	ฟ.ฟัน	fwa fan	f	p
ภ	ภ.สำเภ	pwa sǎmpau	p	p
ม	ม.ม้า	mwa máa	m	m
ย	ย.ยักษ์	ywa yák	y	i
ร	ร.เรือ	rwa rua	r	n
ล	ล.ลิง	low liŋ	l	n
ว	ว.แหวน	wwa wǎen	w	u
ศ	ศ.ศาลา	sáw sǎalaa	s	t
ษ	ษ.ฤๅษี	sáw ruusíi	s	t
ส	ส.เสือ	sáw sǎa	s	t
ห	ห.หีบ	háw hìip	h	–
ฬ	ฬ.จุฬา	low jùlaa	l	n
อ	อ.อ่าง	wa àaŋ	*	*
ฮ	ฮ.นกฮูก	hwa nók húuk	h	–

Vowel sign	GTS
ะ	a
ั	
า	ua
ัว	
ัวะ	
า	aa
ิ	i
ี	ii
ึ	u
ื	uu
ุ	u
ู	uu
เ	ee
เะ	e
เ็	
เอ	
เอะ	ə
แ	εε
แะ	ε
แ็	
โ	oo
โะ	o
ไ	ai
ไ	
อ่า	am
เา	au
เาะ	ə
อ	wa
อย	wai
เย	əi
ไย	ooi
ว	uai
ฤ	ru/ri
ฤา	ruu
ฤ	lu
ฤา	luu
เีย	ia
เียะ	
เียว	iau
เือ	ua
เือะ	
เือย	uai

* *ə* functions as a zero consonant in initial position if the syllable starts with a vowel, while in medial and final position it is sometimes part of a vowel, sometimes pronounced as /ə:/.

For Indian languages

The transliteration system used for the Devanagari script is called IAST (International Alphabet of Sanskrit Transliteration):

	unvoiced plosives		voiced plosives		nasals
	unaspirated	aspirated	unaspirated	aspirated	
velar	क k	ख kh	ग g	घ gh	ङ ṅ
palatal	च c	छ ch	ज j	झ jh	ञ ñ
retroflex	ट ṭ	ठ ṭh	ड ḍ	ढ ḍh	ण ṇ
dental	त t	थ th	द d	ध dh	न n
bilabial	ब b	भ bh	प p	फ ph	म m

sonorants	य y	र r	ल l	व v	श ś	ष ṣ	स s	ह h
others	ळ ḷ	ः ḥ	ं ṁ					

independent vowels

short	अ a	इ i	उ u	ऋ ṛ	ॠ ṝ	ए e	ओ o
long	आ ā	ई ī	ऊ ū	ॠ ṝ	ॡ ṝ̄	ऐ ai	औ au

connected vowels with क k (exemplified)

short	क ka	कि ki	कु ku	कृ kr	क़ kḷ	के ke	को ko
long	का kā	की kī	कू kū	कृ kṛ	क़ kḹ	कै kai	कौ kau

For Khmer

The following chart illustrates the Khmer consonants combined with their subscript equivalents used in consonant clusters. The romanization system used is called UNGEGN. The Thai counterparts are also provided beneath the Khmer consonants:

ក ក	kâ	ខ ខ	khâ	គ គ	kô	ឃ ឃ	khô	ង ង	ngô
ច ច	châ	ឆ ឆ	chhâ	ជ ជ	chô	ឈ ឈ	chhō	ញ ញ	nhô
ដ ដ	dâ	ត ត	thâ	ឌ ឌ	dô	ឍ ឍ	thô	ណ ណ	nâ
ត ត	tâ	ថ ថ	thâ	ទ ទ	tô	ធ ធ	thô	ន ន	nô
ប ប	bâ	ផ ផ	phâ	ព ព	pô	ភ ភ	phô	ម ម	mô
យ យ	yô	រ រ	rô	ល ល	lô	វ វ	vô	ស ស	sâ
						ហ ហ	hâ	ឡ ឡ	lâ
						អ អ		អ អ	'â

Khmer vowels are determined by the preceding consonant, since each consonant belongs to one of the two consonant classes. In UNGEGN, these classes are marked by a following *â* for the *â*-class and by an *ô* for the *ô*-class. Most of the Khmer vowels have their exact counterparts in Thai. Whenever the following scheme shows two variants separated by a dash, then the first vowel is used for the *â*-class, the second for the *ô*-class. Whenever three variants are given, the first two refer to the *â*-class and the *ô*-class, respectively, and the third is used for the *ô*-class, if followed by *k*, *ng*, or *h*.

ា a – éa	ា́ á – ó	ា̌ ă – oă – eă	ា̍ ă – oă – eă
ិ ẽ – ĭ	ិ́ ei – i	ិ̌ œ	ិ̍ œ
ុ ǒ – ŭ	ុ́ o – u	ុ̌ uǒ	ុ̍ é
ៃ ê	ៃ́ ai – ey	ៃ̌ aô – oũ	ៃ̍ au – ǒu
ិ̎ aeu – eu	ិ̎̌ œă	ិ̎̌̌ iě	ំ ăm – um
ំ om – ŭm	ំ́ ăm – ôăm	ំ̎ ăh – eăh	ំ̎̎ ǒh – ŭh
ៃ̎̎ éh	ៃ̎̎̌ aôh – ôăh	ំ̎̎̌ ăng – eăng	

Khmer also has independent vowel characters:

ឺ ẽ	ឺ ǒ, ŭ	ឺ rœ	ឺ lœ	ឺ ê	ឺ, ឺ aô
ឺ ei	ឺ âu	ឺ roe	ឺ loe	ឺ ai	ឺ au

For Mandarin

The most common and linguistically quite accurate transliteration system for Mandarin is called *Pinyin* (from 拼音 *pīnyīn* “spelling sound”). The exact transliteration cannot be determined on the basis of the Chinese character, but results from its pronunciation. *Pinyin* is usually used for the Beijing dialect, which represents Standard Mandarin.

Tones are not written for personal names and street signs; but for linguistic purposes diacritic marks are usually placed above the nuclear vowel of the respective syllable. The tone mark is always written above an *a*, *e*, or *o*, respectively. If there is a diphthong *ao*, the *a* takes the

tone mark. In the case of *ui* and *iu*, the second vowel takes the tone mark. Consider these examples for the correct tone mark placement:

来 lái, 累 lèi, 楼 lóu, 落 luò, 老 lǎo, 瑞 ruì, 六 liù

The vowel *ü* [y] is sometimes written as *v*. The combination *er* stands for [ə]. The following rules apply:

- If *u* is preceded by any of the alveolo-palatal sounds *j* [tɕ], *q* [tɕʰ], *x* [ɕ], or by *y* indicating a vocalic initial, it is pronounced as [y], otherwise as [u].
- If *e* is preceded by *y*, here indicating the sound [j], or a nasal, it is pronounced as [ɛ], otherwise as [ɤ~ə]. It is often pronounced as [ʌ] in the interrogative particle 么 *me*.
- If *i* is preceded by any of the alveolar or retroflex fricatives *s* [s], *sh* [ʃ], *r* [ʒ~ɻ] or affricates *z* [ts], *c* [tsʰ], *zh* [tʃ], *ch* [tʃʰ], it is pronounced as [i], otherwise as [ɪ].
- If *o* is preceded by any of the labials *b*, *p*, *m*, *f*, it is pronounced as [ʊo], otherwise as [o].

The consonants of Mandarin Pinyin can be inferred from the examples above and need no further explanation, as they are not relevant to this thesis.

For other languages

There are other Chinese languages included in this thesis, such as Teochew (also called *Cháozhōu*), Cantonese (also called *Yuè*), and Taiwanese (including Hakka and Hokkien). There are several romanization systems for each of those languages, of which the following ones are used in this thesis:

Teochew – *Peng'im* (numbers from 1 to 8 indicate the tones)

Cantonese – *Jyutping* (numbers from 1 to 6 indicate the tones)

Taiwanese – *P'eh-ōe-jī* (diacritics indicate the tones)

As these languages are not the main topic, further elaboration on the specific Romanization systems are not needed. The same applies to Arabic, Persian, Old Malay and Hanacaraka (Javanese). These four languages also have widely used transliteration systems.

1 LANGUAGES IN THIS THESIS

1.1 Thai

Thai is the best known and most widely spoken member of the Tai-Kadai language family, which consists of 95 languages¹ spoken in East Asia ranging from Taiwan via northern Vietnam to southern Thailand and westward to northern India (Smyth 2002:1). This language family includes, among others, Lao, Shan, and Zhuang of the Kam-Tai branch; Buyang, Gelao, and Mulao of the Kra branch; and Jiamao of the Hlai branch. Thai is the official language of Thailand and is sometimes called Siamese in order to differentiate between the languages of the Tai family and the actual language Thai. It is used throughout Thailand by about 50 million native speakers. Three quarters of the country are ethnic Tai, about 14 % are Chinese (CIA 2013).

The linguistic and ethnographic difference between the two spellings *Thai* and *Tai* are the same as between *British* and *English*; while the former refers to the people and language belonging to the Kingdom of Thailand, the latter refers to the ethnic and linguistic group that may also live in adjacent countries. Yet, sometimes the spelling *Thai* is also used for the latter. In Thai writing, the difference is expressed by the additional letter *๕* [j] after the vowel *๑* [ai] that contradicts the orthographic convention of native words, even though their pronunciation is the same: *๑๕* (*Thai*) compared to *๑* (*Tai*).

According to the current state of research, the Tai speakers originated from China's Guangxi province and began to migrate westward and southwestward into what is now Thailand. This migration is thought to have started around the eighth century A.D (Smyth 2002:1).

There are four main dialects of Thai, spoken in the central region (*Klang*), in the north (*Lanna*), in the northeast (*Isan*), and in the south (*Dambro*), but despite their mutual intelligibility they are often considered as separate languages. The standard language is spoken in Central Thailand around Bangkok.

Whenever Thai script has to be transliterated in this thesis, I use my own transliteration system (see above on p. xi), since there has been no officially recognized and for all purposes suitable system released so far. GTS represents the exact pronunciation of the Thai words

¹ Cf. <http://ethnologue.com/subgroups/tai-kadai>.

regardless of their spelling and etymology; therefore the five different graphemes *ข, ฃ, ค, ฅ,* and *ฆ*, all pronounced [k^h], all appear as *k* in GTS. Any final fricative or plosive is represented by its voiceless plosive counterpart, i.e. the words *รถ, รถ, and รหัส* are all pronounced [rot^ʰʔ]² and thus transliterated as *rót* in GTS. A complete list of this transliteration scheme can be found on p. xi.

1.1.1 Phonology

Thai is a tonal language with every syllable carrying one of five distinctive tones that form a quintuple tone set unique to Thai in their contour. The following chart shows the five tonemes³ of Central Thai in Bangkok (Thepboriruk 2009:9-10):

Thai	GTS	tone	contour ⁴	IPA	number	tone name ⁵	translation
ใหม่	mài	low	21	↓	1	sǎaŋ èek	new
ไม่, ไหม	mâi	falling	453	↘	2	sǎaŋ too	not, to burn
มั้ย ⁶	mái	high	324	↗	3	sǎaŋ đrii	question marker
ไหม	mǎi	rising	313	↖	4	sǎaŋ jàtdāwaa	silk
มัย, ไมล์	mai	mid	32	↓	5	sǎaŋ sǎaman	mule, mile

Henceforth, I will use the GTS tone marks for the transliteration of the Thai tonemes and the names listed in the *tone* column of the chart above for the transcription of the respective tones. It is noteworthy that only in live syllables⁷ the full quintuple set of tones exists, whereas dead syllables⁸ can only take the falling, low, and high tone depending on the vowel length: If the

² *รถ* means “to pour a fluid” and is native Thai, *รถ* means “car” and comes from Skr. *रथ ratha* “chariot”, *รหัส* means “taste” and is from Skr. *रस rasa* “juice, taste”.

³ A toneme is a basic contrastive linguistic unit of tonal languages, which may cause a change of meaning. The term is derived from similar units like *phoneme* and *morpheme*.

⁴ The contour numbers according to the so-called *Chao tone letters* indicate the pitch contour of possible tones from 1 (the lowest) to 5 (the highest). For instance, a rising tone in Thai is usually represented by a drop from the mid to the lowest pitch (3 to 1), followed by a sharp rising from the lowest back to the mid pitch (1 to 3), resulting in the contour number 313.

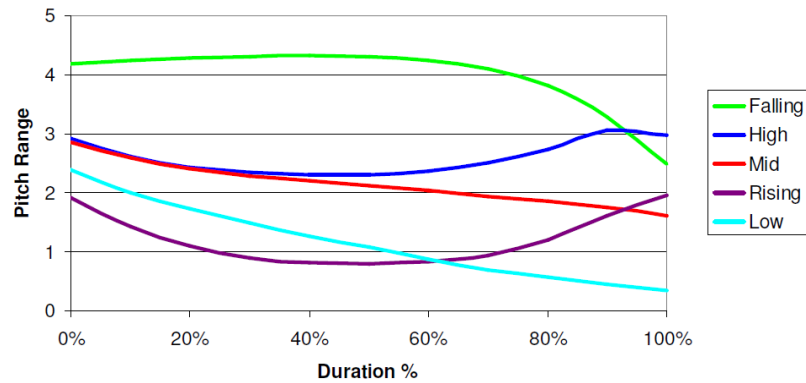
⁵ The names for the tones in Thai designate the Pali numbers from 1 to 4 with *sǎaman* meaning “plain” in Pali.

⁶ This is the colloquial spelling and pronunciation of *ไหม่ mǎi*.

⁷ *Live syllables* (also called *unchecked syllables*) in Thai grammar are open syllables that end in a long vowel (\bar{V}) or in a sonorant (S) preceded by any vowel, i.e. any syllable with the structure $C\bar{V}$, $CC\bar{V}$, $C\bar{V}S$, in which \bar{V} may also be a diphthong or triphthong.

⁸ *Dead syllables* (also called *checked syllables*) in Thai grammar are closed syllables that end in a non-sonorant consonant preceded by a short or long vowel, or in a short vowel with a subsequent glottal stop, which neither appears in Thai writing nor in GTS, i.e. any syllable with the structure $C\bar{V}C$, $CV?$, $CCV?$, in which \bar{V} may also be a diphthong or triphthong.

vowel is short, only the low and high tone is possible; if the vowel is long, only the falling and low tone is possible. This rule can be broken for certain onomatopoeic or nursery words, as well as particles and some loanwords⁹. The following chart shows the average tones for middle-age speakers of Bangkok Thai (Thepboriruk 2009:7):



The consonant set of Thai is not that much different from most western languages, except that it differentiates between unvoiced unaspirated, unvoiced aspirated, and voiced unaspirated plosives (see next chapter for the complete consonant chart). English and German, in contrast, only have a distinction between unvoiced aspirated and voiced unaspirated stop consonants, while French and Russian differentiate between unvoiced unaspirated and voiced unaspirated plosives. The Thai triplets, however, only apply to bilabial and alveolar plosives: [b], [p], [p^h] and [d], [t], [t^h]. The velar consonant [g] is missing, only [k] and [k^h] exist. GTS uses *b*, *b̥*, *p* for the bilabial, *d*, *d̥*, *t* for the alveolar, and *g*, *k* for the velar set. Thai has the three nasals [m], [n], [ɲ], which can all appear in any position. The fricatives [f] and [s], of which no voiced equivalents exist, as well as the affricates [tʃ] and [tʃ^h] do not appear in coda position and are replaced by their plosive counterparts [p] and [t], respectively. The sound /h/ cannot appear at the end of a syllable and is silenced, though written, if borrowed from another language¹⁰. The approximants [w] and [j] are unchanged regardless of their position, however can help to form certain diphthongs like [ɛ̯u] or [ɤ̯i] as well as triphthongs like [i̯au] or [u̯ai]¹¹ after the simple vowel. If /j/ is borrowed from an Indian language representing *ñ*, it is changed into [n] as a

⁹ These include words like *กร๊อดกร๊อด* *grūtgráat* “a shriek”, *กะ* *kâ* “polite female sentence-final particle”, and *โค้ก* *kóok* “Coke”.

¹⁰ E.g. *สิงห์* *sīŋ[hà]* “lion”, from Skr. *सिंह* *simha* “id.”

¹¹ These triphthongs may also be classified as diphthongs followed by the glides [w] or [j].

final consonant. In colloquial and dialectal Thai, /l/ is often left out after a plosive¹²; Central Thai /l/ regularly becomes /n/ in coda position.

The sound /r/ is a special case: In Central Thai, there are certain conditions which determine its pronunciation as a final consonant. In inherited Thai words, the grapheme for the sound /r/ cannot appear at the end of a syllable. If it appears word-finally, the respective word must be a loan from another language. It changes either to [n] after a long vowel or to [ɔ:n] after a single consonant that is normally preceded by the inherent vowel [o], which is then replaced by the vowel [ɔ:]¹³. In some cases, /r/ is completely dropped at the end of a syllable if preceded by a consonant¹⁴. It is usually never pronounced after an initial [s]¹⁵. If a word appears to be borrowed from both Sanskrit and Pali, where Sanskrit has अर *ar* and Pali has अ *a* followed by a geminate consonant, าร {rr} is written but pronounced as [a] in nuclear and [an] in coda position¹⁶. Colloquial and dialectal Thai have almost completely lost the sound [r]: in initial position, it appears as [l] or sometimes, among the younger generation, as [ɹ]; after a consonant, it is dropped¹⁷, and in final position all afore-mentioned rules of Central Thai phonology apply.

The following chart illustrates the consonant inventory of Central Thai. Those consonants marked with an asterisk (*) are usually not included in grammar books for Central Thai, but they are added here based on my own observation of native speakers.

	labial			alveolar			palatal			velar			glottal		
	+a	-v	+v	+a	-v	+v	+a	-v	+v	+a	-v	+v	+a	-v	+v
nasal			m			n						ŋ			
plosive	p ^h	p	b	t ^h	t	d	tɕ ^h	tɕ		k ^h	k			ʔ	
fricative		f			s		ɕ*								
approximant						l		j		k̠*				h	
trill			w			r									

¹² ปลา *blaa* [blaː] “fish” is often pronounced as [baː].

¹³ Skr. आहार *āhāra* “food” becomes อาหาร *aahāan* [ʔaːɰhaːn] “id.”, however Skr. अमर *amara* “immortal” becomes อมร *āmōn* [ʔaːɰmōːn] “id.”

¹⁴ Skr. पत्र *patra* “leaf” becomes บัตร *bàt{r}* [bat˥] “card”.

¹⁵ MKh. สรรค *sréc* (AKh. *srac*, MoKh. *srac*) “to complete” becomes เสริจ *s{r}èt* [set˥] “id.”, but the Thai spelling suggests that this word must have entered Thai in its written form, not orally.

¹⁶ Skr. धर्म *dharma* “virtue” and Pali धम्म *dhamma* “id.” become ธรรม *iam* [tʰam˥], while Skr. *parṇāraḥṣa and Pali *paṇṇāraḥkha become บรรณารักษ์ *bannaarák* [ban˩naːɰrak˥] “librarian” (lit.: book protection). The latter is a Thai compound of two Indic elements.

¹⁷ This might result in พระราม *praraam* [phraːɰraːm˥] “King Rama” being pronounced as [phaːɰlaːm˥] or [phraːɰlaːm˥].

No Thai word can begin with a vowel; there is always a glottal stop [ʔ] before the vowel, which also appears in Thai writing as ๑. Similarly in coda position, there is also a glottal stop after a short vowel when no final consonant follows, but this is not always written. Plosives are always unreleased in final position.

Summarizing the afore-mentioned conditions, there are only nine possible consonants that can appear at the end of a syllable, i.e. [m], [n], [ŋ], [pʰ], [tʰ], [kʰ], [ʔ], [j], and [w].

The total amount of vowels in Thai is not clear, depending on the definition of a vowel. There are nine simple vowels that can combine into diphthongs and triphthongs; all simple vowels and syllable-final diphthongs can be short or long, while medial diphthongs as well as triphthongs in any position are inherently long. Note that in Thai, length is distinctive for simple vowels. The following chart (Nacasakul 2002:42) shows the basic Thai vowels in a simplified way:

i	i:		u	u:	u	u:
e	e:		ɤ	ɤ:	o	o:
ɛ	ɛ:				ɔ	ɔ:
		a	a:			

For GTS, all vowels are transliterated according to the IPA except *u* and *ɤ*, which are replaced by *ʉ* and *ə*. The following diphthong and triphthong combinations appear in Central Thai (the glottal stop and brackets are left out for readability):

ai, a:i, au, a:u, eu, e:u, ɛ:u, ɤ:i, ia, i:a, i:au, iu, o:i, ɔ:i, ɔ:a, u:a, u:ai, ui, ua, u:a, u:ai

The triphthongs *u:ai* and *u:a:ai* are sometimes pronounced as *u:əi* and *u:a:əi* in casual speech. Native Thai clusters are restricted to certain initial consonants with only a limited number of sonorants. The possible combinations are the following:

kr, kl, kw, kʰr, kʰl, kʰw, pr, pl, pʰr, pʰl, tr

All other combinations that are written as clusters in Thai script are pronounced with an anaptyctic *a*, which is often shortened to *ə*. Any word with a cluster containing such an anaptyctic *a* is derived from another language, i.e. is a loanword.

1.1.2 Writing System

Thai uses its own writing system, which is derived from the Old Khmer alphabet, and ultimately from the Pallava script of India (Brown 2007:17). Most other writing systems in South and Southeast Asia, such as Lao, Burmese, Javanese, and Devanagari, are also derived from that Indian script. They all have in common that a consonant and its subsequent vowel form a unit, of which both segments are still recognizable. The base is always the consonant, to which a vowel diacritic can be added to change the inherent vowel depending on the language. This writing system is called *abugida* or *alphasyllabary*. This is different from an *alphabet* as used in English or Russian, in which usually every sound is represented by one character regardless of being a consonant or a vowel. It is also different from an *abjad* used in Arabic or Hebrew, in which vowel diacritics are optional. The writing systems of Japanese or Chinese are again different, in that every written syllable contains a spoken consonant and spoken vowel, while the segments are not recognizable as such, so that every syllable looks different from another similar-sounding syllable, therefore called *syllabary*.

It is universal to all abugida writing systems of South and Southeast Asia that each vowel has a specific position after, before, above, below, or sometimes around the preceding spoken consonant, usually regardless of their length, i.e. the vowel /a/ appears as a cane after, /e/ as a cane before, /i/ as a loop above, /u/ as a loop below, and /o/ as a combination of two of those four vowels, or as a separate symbol around the consonant:

Simple transliteration:	ka	kā	ke	kai	ki	kī	ku	kū	ko	kau
Burmese:	က	ကာ	ကေ	ကဲ	ကို	ကီ	ကု	ကူ	ကို	ကော
Devanagari:	क	का	के	कै	कि	की	कु	कू	को	कौ
Javanese:	ꦏ		ꦏꦺ		ꦏꦶ		ꦏꦸ		ꦏꦺꦴ	
Lao:	ກ	ກາ	ເກ	ໄກ	ກີ	ກື	ກຸ	ກູ	ໂກ	ເກົາ
Thai:	ก	กา	เก	ไก	กิ	กี	กู	กู	โก	เกา

A feature of the Thai script is that for almost every consonantal sound two or more graphemes exist. This can be illustrated by the following chart:

	[k]	[k ^h] ¹⁸	[ŋ]	[ʔ]	[h]	
	ก	ข ข* ค ค* ฃ	ง	อ	ห ฮ	
	[tɕ]	[tɕ ^h] ¹⁹		[j]		
	จ	ฉ ช ฌ		ญ ย		
[d]	[t]	[t ^h]	[n]	[r] ²⁰	[l]	[s]
ฎ ฏ	ฏ ฏ	ฐ ฑ ฒ ถ ฑ ฐ	ณ น	ร	ล ฬ	ซ ศ ษ ส
[b]	[p]	[p ^h]	[m]	[f]	[w]	
บ	ป	ผ พ ภ	ม	ฝ ฟ	ว	

The consonants marked with an asterisk (*) are not used anymore, even though they still appear in the traditional 44 consonant set of Thai. The high amount of characters corresponding to only one phoneme results from an almost perfect etymological writing system of Thai. This means whether or not the word is native to Thai can usually be inferred from the shape of the word itself.

Another factor for the high amount of characters is that consonants determine the tone of a syllable in accordance with the syllable structure, vowel length, and a contingent tone marker, since each consonant belongs to one of the three consonant classes *high*, *mid*, and *low*, which is the terminology used for the proto-tones in Ancient Thai (cf. chart on p. 21). Native Thai speakers are usually not aware of the history of this terminology, even though they use it as a matter of course. The consonant class determines the syllable tone, but is also linked to the vowel length and the coda feature²¹ of the same syllable. This is a highly complex system only found in Thai and similar writing systems such as Lao, Tai Lue, or Lanna. The following chart²² illustrates this system. A learner of Thai has to memorize these rules in order to find out the tone of a syllable.

¹⁸ Often pronounced as [kʰ] or just [χ] by the younger generation.

¹⁹ Sometimes pronounced as [ɕ].

²⁰ This phoneme only occurs in very formal speech, e.g. on TV, in an interview, in a presentation etc., otherwise it is rendered as [l], [ɾ] or dropped.

²¹ The coda in Thai can either be *dead* or *live*. *Dead* refers to any syllable that ends in a stop consonant including a glottal stop, any other syllable is called *live*. Fricatives at the end of a syllable become stops and therefore cause the syllable to be *dead*, while sonorant-final syllables are regarded as *live*.

²² Compiled by myself adapted from a similar chart drawn by Mrs. Orapim Bernart Tantrakul.

According to the structure above, words like *มือ มื้อ* “hand”, *หนึ่ง {h}นั้ญ* “one”, and *ควาย* *kwaai* “water buffalo” are native Thai. There are also contracted native words that result in the following syllable structure:

$$C(S)\check{V}C\check{V}(C)$$

Examples for this structure are *ประตู* *bràdūu* “door”, *ตะวัน* *đàwan* “sun”, and *กระดูก* *gràdūuk* “bone”. The first two are contracted forms of *ปาก* *bàak* *đūu* (mouth of the door) and *ตา* *wan* (eye of the day) (Li 1977:xvi), respectively, but the origin of *กระดูก* *gràdūuk* is not clear, even though many cognates in related languages exist²⁶.

Any other syllable structure betrays the foreign origin of the word. This is explained in greater detail on p. 12. Especially polysyllabic loanwords from Sanskrit, Pali, Khmer, and English are therefore easily recognizable as such. Words of Indic origin can be identified by the use of special Thai consonants that only appear in Indic words. These letters are the following with their Devanagari equivalent and their transliteration in parentheses:

ฃ (घ gh), ฅ (ฉ ch), ง (จ jh), จ (ต t), ฉ (ด d), ช (ธ th), ซ (ด d), ฌ (ด dha),

ญ (น n), ฎ (ข dh), ฏ (บ bh), ฐ (ร r), ฑ (ล l) ฒ (ส s), ณ (ซ s), ด (ล l)

They do not appear in native Thai words unless for style or pseudo-sanskritization, such as *เต้า* *tâu* “old” or *อังกริ* *aṅgrì* “English”, which look as if they were of Indic origin, but in fact are not.

When Thai borrows words from Khmer, an accurate transliteration system is used, so that the Khmer origin is still visible²⁹. Good indications of Khmer loans are consonant clusters that are reflected by an insertion of an anaptyctic *a* in Thai³⁰. Disyllabic words with an anaptyctic *a* (sometimes called sesquisyllabic) are still considered as some kind of a monosyllabic word with an initial consonant cluster, since the class of the first consonant determines the tone of the second syllable if the second consonant is a sonorant, for example *สนาม* *sàṇāam* “field”³¹: Some scholars consider the first syllable to be tone-less, though. If the word were written without the initial *ส* *s*, the second syllable would be read as *นาม* *naam* (which does exist in

²⁶ Lao *ກະດູກ* *kádūuk*, TL *ຄຸງຄູ່* *kaduk2* / *ຊຸງຄູ່* *duuk2*, Mak *ໂດກຸ່* *7L*, AC *ໂດກຸ່* *k7*, BDH *ວຸກຸ່* *k7*, ZSH *ຣຸກຸ່* *k7*, BSH *ຟຸກ8*.

²⁷ Written as if from Skr. *dhau*.

²⁸ Written as if from Skr. *aṅkṛṣa*.

²⁹ An example for OKh is *ทรวง* *suay* (written Thai: *ทรวง*) “chest” from OKh *drvaṇ* “id.”, while *ฉาก* *càak* “episode” comes from MoK: *ฉาก* *chaak* “scene”.

³⁰ Consider Thai *เสด็จ* *sàdèt* (written Thai: *sdej*) “to move” (used for royalty only) from OKh *sdec* “id.”

³¹ From Kh. *ស្រុក* *snam* “battlefield”.

Thai meaning “name”), but with a mid tone. The initial *s*, however, being a high class consonant, changes the mid tone of the second syllable into a rising tone.

Monosyllabic or disyllabic words of Chinese origin (including Cantonese and many other southern Chinese languages) can often be identified by unusual tone indicators, such as the tone marks ̃ and ̇, which force the syllable to have a high or rising tone, respectively. Another indication is the extensive use of *ʃs* and *ʃh* in Chinese loanwords³². The same conventions apply to words from English, but those are usually polysyllabic. Malay or Javanese loanwords, however, are not easily identifiable except for the final rising tone in some cases, such as *กะลาสี* *gàlaasii* “sailor” from *kelasi* “id.” and *ตุนาหงัน* *ḍùnaaŋǎn* “fiancé(e)” from *tunangan* “id.”. This thesis will discuss in detail the history of Malay loanwords in Thai. Javanese borrowings, the number of which is rather limited, will also be considered here.

The vowels of Thai are similar to those found in neighboring languages of mainland Southeast Asia (Enfield 2005:186). As it is an abugida of Indian origin, a complete set of short-long pairs of the typical vowels used in mainland Southeast Asian languages can be found. The following chart contains all possible vowel variations used in Central Thai along with their GTS transliterations. GTS does not differentiate between short and long *ia*, *iau*, *ua*, *uai*, *ɰa*, and *ɰai*, since this difference is not phonemic. Usually diphthongs only appear in their long version; however, they can be shortened at the end of a syllable, where the symbol ɜ indicates a glottal stop and marks the diphthong as short. Triphthongs are always long. Note that the symbol ɔ does not appear in Thai writing, but indicates a consonant placeholder.

In the following chart, the vowel signs marked with an asterisk (*) can only appear at the end of a syllable. Here, the symbol ɜ also denotes a glottal stop. Those marked with two asterisks (**) are now considered obsolete.

³² Examples from TC are *ก๋วยเตี๋ยว* *gǔaidǎu* “rice noodles” from 粿條 *guē² diēu⁵*, *เซ็งลี* *sěŋlí* “business” from 生理 *sēng¹ lí²*, and *ปลาซิว* *bǎuhíu* “abalone” from 鮑魚 *bau⁶ he⁵*.

a ั / ะ / ะ*	aa า	ai ไ / ใ* / ใย* / ัย*	aai าย*	au เา	aa า*
e เ็ / ะ*	ee เ			eu เ็*	eeu เ*
ε แ็ / ะ*	εε แ				εεu แ*
o เอะ*	oo เ็ / เอะ*		oi เอย*		
i ็	ii ็	ia เีย / เีย*	iu ็*	iau เียว*	
o อ / ะ*	oo โ		oi เอย*		
o ็ / เอะ*	oo อ	oi เีย*	oi เอย*		
u ุ	uu ุ	ua า / ัย*	ui ุ*	uai าย*	
u ็	uu ็ / ัย*	ua เือ / เือ*		uai เือ*	
	am า*	ri / ru ฤ	rum ฤ*	li / lu ฤ*	lum ฤ*

1.1.3 Lexicon

Given the native syllable structure of Thai, as explained in chapter 1.1.2, a quick look at a Thai dictionary reveals that the majority of words used in Central Thai must be borrowings from various languages. They have specific tone marks or syllable structures that only apply to loanwords from certain languages, so that a Thai word can usually be traced back to its origin.

The oldest borrowed substratum from Old Chinese, Middle Chinese, and Angkorian Khmer refers to military and societal terms, while Sanskrit has served as a scientific language and Pali as the Buddhist language. Therefore, new inventions, mathematical, astronomical, and botanical terminology is of Sanskrit origin, whereas religious and philosophical terms are taken from Pali. Modern loans for science and religion are still borrowed from these two languages. Loans from Modern Chinese languages, such as Mandarin, Teochew, Cantonese, or Taiwanese, have been brought to Bangkok through Chinese traders, and have been widely used in Bangkok's Chinatown until they became accepted all over Thailand. All Muslim words of Arabic origin must have entered Thai via Malay. Common Thai place names are often of Sanskrit origin, while many places in the south received their names from Malay bo-

tanical or societal terms. As mentioned above, Javanese has had little influence on Thai, but most court words are ultimately of Javanese origin, usually borrowed through Malay.

1.1.4 Syllable structure

When determining whether a word in Central Thai is inherited or borrowed, a closer look at the syllable structure is quite helpful. However, there is also a great amount of loanwords with a syllable structure that seems as if the word were native to Thai. This happens quite often with monosyllabic words existing both in Khmer and Middle Chinese, sometimes also in Mon, Hmong and Malay. In such cases, linguists often classify these occurrences as area words³³ (Schuessler 2003:225). Haspelmath (2009:694) has a longer list of these Austric³⁴ area words. As an example of how difficult those area words can be, we present the word for “black, dark” in various languages of Southeast Asia:

Ancestral language	proto-form	examples
Proto-Tai	* <i>ɔ̯dl/rəm1</i> (Thurgood 1994:358) <i>ɔ̯dl/rəm^{A1}</i> (Li 1977:129)	CT: 𑜋𑜧 <i>dam</i> “black” Lao: ດຳ <i>dam</i> “black” Sh.: 𑜋𑜧 <i>lam1</i> “black” Hl.: <i>dom3</i> “black”
Old Chinese	* <i>thâm?</i> , * <i>dâm?</i> (ABC 491)	Ma.: 𪛗 <i>tăn</i> “dark” Cant.: 𪛗 <i>taam5</i> “dark”
Proto-Mon-Khmer	* <i>dī(i)m</i> , * <i>də(ə)m</i> , * <i>dum</i> (MKD 372)	Kh.: 𪛗 <i>dām</i> “dark red” ³⁵ <i>𪛗 𪛗 tu tīm</i> “cloudy” Mon: 𪛗 <i>dəm</i> “to be blue, violet” Viet.: <i>đen</i> “black”

³³ This term is often used by Schuessler (2003, 2007) to designate words in a certain linguistic area, especially East and Southeast Asia, that seem to be related, while their etymology does not proof the relationship or has not been fully studied. These words usually include endemic flora and fauna, colors, kinship terms, and natural resources or names of minerals. This observation is similar to Mahdi’s (1994:167-229) term “maverick protoforms” for words like “buffalo”, “iron”, and “clove”.

³⁴ Austric usually comprises the following language families: Austroasiatic, Austronesian, Tai-Kadai, and sometimes Hmong-Mien, since they do share many similarities although they do not seem to be related genetically.

³⁵ This is one of the few cases where Khmer has borrowed a word from Thai, since it only appears in the compound 𪛗 𪛗 *damdaey* “black mixed with red”, from Thai 𑜋𑜧 *dam* “black” and 𑜋𑜧 *deey* “red”.

trisyllabic	CaCSV	---	(9) สตรี /sàtri:/
	CaCSVC	---	(10) สปริง /sàprɪŋ/
	CaCCV	(g) สะใภ้ /sà?pâi/	(11) สะเดา /sà?dau/
	CaCCVC	(h) ตะวัน /tà?wan/	(12) ตะพั้ง /tà?p ^h an/
	CSaCCV	(i) ประตู /prà?tu:/	(13) กระป๋อง /krà?bì:/
	CSaCCVC	(j) กระดูก /krà?dù:k/	(14) กระพอก /krà?p ^h ô:k/
	CVCV	---	(15) อาชา /?a:ɕ ^h a:/
	CVCVC	---	(16) อุบล /?ùbon/
	CVCCV	(k) ฉะนั้น /ɕ ^h à?ní:/	(17) มุกดา /múkda:/
	CVCCV	(l) ฉะนั้น /ɕ ^h à?nán/	(18) กำป็น /kampàn/
	CVCCV	(m) ฉะนั้น /ɕ ^h anní:/	(19) ตั้งโถ /tâŋ?ô:/
	CVCCVC	(n) ฉะนั้น /ɕ ^h annán/	(20) กล้วย /tangà?/
	CVCVCV	---	(21) อาชาไนย /?a:ɕ ^h a:nai/
	CVCVCVC	---	(22) อาชีวะ /?a:ɕ ^h i:wá?/
	CVCCVCV	---	(23) ลอตเตอรี่ /lô:ttr:rî:/
quadrisyllabic	CSVCVCCV	---	(24) กระจับปี่ /krà?ɕàppì:/
	CVCVCVCVC	---	(25) คาราโอเกะ /k ^h a:ra:ʔo:ke?/
pentasyllabic	CaCSVCVCV	---	(26) สตรอเบอร์รี่ /sàtro:br:rî:/
	CVCVCVCVCVC	---	(27) กรกฎาคม /kàràkàda:k ^h om/
	CVCCVCCVCCVCV	---	(28) มะงุมมะงาหรา /má?ŋumma?ŋa:ră:/

In the chart above, only the monosyllabic set is complete in native Thai words. Furthermore, all the disyllabic native words are compounds of two monosyllabic words each, however native speakers of Thai may not be aware of these compounds: *สะใภ้* *sàpâi* “female in-law” is a compound of *สาว* *săau* “young woman” and **ใภ้* **pâi* “female in-law” (Li 1977:xvi); *ตะวัน* *dàwan* “sun” is from *ตา* *daa* “eye” and *วัน* *wan* “day” (ibid.); *ประตู* *bràdūu* “door” comes from *ปาก* *bàak* “mouth” and **ตุ* **dūu* “door” (ibid.); *กระดูก* *gràdùuk* “bone” is composed of *กระ-* *grà-* “prefix” and **ตุก* **dùuk* “bone” (Li 1977:42, 129, 267), both *ฉะนั้น* *cànúi* “thus” and *ฉนั้น* *cännúi* “likewise” are from *ฉัน* *căn* “as if” and *นี้* *núi* “this”, while *ฉะนั้น* *cànán* “thus” and *ฉนั้น* *cännán* “likewise” are derived from *ฉัน* *căn* “as if” and *นั้น* *nán* “that”.

All polysyllabic words must be from another language, and do not belong to the inherited vocabulary of Thai except for some rare disyllabic compounds, of which at least one syllable

is still recognizable as an inherited word; nevertheless, native speakers of Thai might not be aware of these.

Sometimes, it is not even clear whether a specific term in Thai is a word or a compound, since Thai does not make use of spaces between “words”, except in foreign expressions for the sake of readability. A space in Thai writing indicates a change of thoughts, a subordinate clause, an enumeration, a full stop or a quotation. Therefore, there may be extreme long expressions like วัดมหาธาตุยุวราชรังสฤษฎิ์ราชวรมหาวิหาร [wát.má.hă:.tâ:t.yú.wá.râ:t.raɯ.sà.rìt.râ:t.tɛ́a.wɔ:.rá.má.hă:.wí.hă:n] “Great Golden First Class Temple erected by the Successive Royal Offspring”, which is the name of a famous temple in Bangkok consisting of 18 syllables. It can be fragmented into eleven single words, none of them having more than two syllables: วัด *wát* “temple”, มหา *máhăa* “great”, ธาตุ *tâat* “gold”, ยุว *yúwá* “young” ราช *râat* “royal”, รัง *raɯ* “built”, สฤษฎิ์ *sàrit* “built”, ราช *râatcá* “royal” วร *wɔwá* “selected”, มหา *máhăa* “great”, and วิหาร *wihăan* “temple”. Expressions like this are not considered as one word in Thai, but as a long compound.

1.2 Malay

As the most prominent member of the Austronesian languages, Malay has been well studied over the past five centuries since the first European traders reached Southeast Asia. As early as 1603, a connection between Malay and Malagasy, the national language of Madagascar, was noted by the Dutch explorer Frederick de Houtman (Collins 1998:1). Today, we know that the Austronesian language family comprises 1255 languages in total, spoken in the area from Madagascar to Easter Island, and from Taiwan to New Zealand³⁸.

The name *Malay* refers to the language spoken in Malaysia, Indonesia, Brunei, Singapore, Southern Thailand, and parts of East Timor. It is usually called *Bahasa Melayu* in Singapore, Brunei, and Malaysia, and *Bahasa Indonesia* in Indonesia. About 200 million people speak Malay as their first or fluent second language and it is supposed to rise up to 300 million by 2020 (ibid., p. 82). Sometimes, *Malaysian Malay* and *Indonesian Malay* are treated as separate languages, even though their standard varieties are mutually intelligible. Their colloquial or dialectal variants, however, greatly differ from each other.

³⁸ Cf. <http://www.ethnologue.com/subgroups/Austronesian>.

Whenever there is a specific word that is only used in Malaysia, I have indicated this by *SM* for *Standard Malay*. Sometimes *In.* is used when the term is used exclusively in Indonesia. The abbreviation *Jv.* stands for *Javanese*, a regional language spoken in Central and East Java. Malay and Javanese are separate languages and mutually not intelligible, however they both belong to the Western-Malayo-Polynesian branch of the Austronesian languages.

1.2.1 Phonology

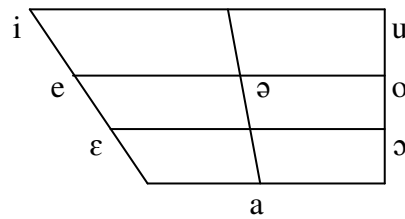
Malay is a non-tonal language with a relatively small phoneme inventory. Native vocabulary has only 20 consonant and six vowel phonemes. However, due to numerous borrowings from other languages, such as Arabic and English, at least four more consonants can be added to the phoneme list of Standard Malay including Indonesian. The glottal stop is not a phoneme of Malay in initial and intervocalic position³⁹, as it is necessarily produced before an initially written vowel, but is the phonological realization of a written *k* in final position⁴⁰. It also appears between identical vowels in words borrowed from Arabic, such as *maaf* [ma.ʔaf] “excuse”, or as a result of affixation, e.g. *keadaan* [kə.ʔa.da.ʔan] “being, existence” from *ada* “to exist”. Between like vowels, a written *h* is clearly pronounced as [h], as in *mahal* [ma.hal] “expensive”, but only very slightly or not at all between unlike vowels, as in *tahun* [ta.^(h)un] “lord”. However, its articulation can be distinctive between unlike vowels, e.g. *tahu* [ta.u] “to know” and *tahu* [ta.hu] “tofu”. Written *ng* is pronounced as [ŋ] in any position, never like in English *finger*. The phonemes bearing an asterisk (*) in the chart below only appear in loanwords, the rest are of Malay origin. Especially in Malaysia, some younger people prefer to use [ɹ] instead of [r], particularly in loanwords from English. Quite frequently, it is also pronounced as a flap [ɾ]. The [l] may be a velarized [ɭ] in Arabic words, chiefly in words or compounds containing the name *Allah*: [ʔaɫ.ˈlɑː(h)]. Malay has no aspirated consonants. The following chart represents the most common convention of Malay consonants (Moeliono in Tryon 1995:446):

³⁹ For some speakers, the glottal stop may occur in free variation with an initial vowel in initial position.

⁴⁰ Except when it occurs in a monosyllabic borrowed word (e.g. *tidak* [tidaʔ] “no”, but *cek* [cɛk] “to check”, *tik* [tik] “to type”).

	labial		alveolar		palatal		velar		glottal	
	-v	+v	-v	+v	-v	+v	-v	+v	-v	+v
nasal		m		n		ɲ		ŋ		
plosive	p	b	t	d	c	ɟ	k	g	ʔ	
fricative	f*	v*	s	z*	ç		x*			
approximant		w		l		j			h	
trill				r						

Vowels in Malay are not numerous and their pronunciation corresponds to the spelling. However, the exact pronunciation of the phonemes /o/ and /e/ cannot be predicted, and the decision between [o] and [ɔ] as well as between [e], [ɛ] and [ə] does not always follow set rules. Therefore, some grammar books and dictionaries use accents for the different /e/ sounds: *é* for [e], *è* for [ɛ], and *e* for [ə].



In Malaysia and Singapore, final /a/ is usually pronounced [ə] except in some loanwords from English and abbreviations, such as *aroma* or *FIFA*. While /u/ is maintained in Indonesia in the ultima, it is generally pronounced as [o] in Malaysia, e.g. *burung* [buroŋ] “bird”. In Arabic loans, [a] is sometimes articulated [ɑ], depending on the speaker’s knowledge of Arabic.

Malay makes use of some morphophonemic features in word formation that are not present in many other languages of mainland Southeast Asia. Most verbs are formed by affixes such as *meN-*, *meN-kan*, or *meN-i* for transitive verbs, where *N* stands for a nasal assimilated to the initial phoneme of the root⁴¹, or by the prefixes *ber-* or *ter-* for intransitive verbs. Infixes and suffixes do not experience assimilation in Malay, nor does the focus prefix *di-*.

Reduplication is a common phenomenon in Malay. Some words appear in their reduplicated form only, e.g. *lumba-lumba* “dolphin”, whereas in other words, reduplication indicates plural or diversity (*orang-orang* “people”), intensification (*berlari-lari* “to hurry”), similarity (*langit-langit* “ceiling” to *langit* “sky”), an unspecific action (*makan-makan* “to sit around eating”), reciprocity (*pukul-memukul* “to beat each other”), or repetition (*memukul-mukul* “to

⁴¹ E.g. *mengantuk* “to be tired” from *kantuk* “tiredness”, *menerangi* “to illuminate” from *terang* “bright”, *membuang* “to dispose” from *buang* “to throw away”, *menyimpan* “to store” from *simpan* “id.” Details of these affixations are not further described here, as they are not relevant to this thesis.

continuously beat, to beat up”). Sometimes, partial reduplication occurs in Malaysian Malay (*lelaki* “man”), while in Indonesia the word is fully reduplicated (*laki-laki* “id.”). A special feature is rhythmic reduplication, such as *asal usul* “origin”, *sayur-mayur* “vegetables”, *gerak-gerak* “gestures”, *bolak-balik* “to and fro”, *berulang-alang* “again and again” etc., of which one of the two parts often has no meaning per se.

1.2.2 Writing System

Malaysian Malay has experienced many different writing systems throughout its history. Old Malay used to be written in Pallava script, later in Kawi script, which also used to be employed for several regional languages all over Indonesia and surrounding countries. For the modern language, a Malay-style Arabic script called *Jawi* was used until the beginning of the 20th century. The first attempt to officially introduce Latin letters in the kingdoms of Selangor, Perak, Pahang, and Negeri Sembilan, called *Rumi* in Malaysia, was published in October 1904 by a spelling committee led by the school inspector R. J. Wilkinson under the name of *Romanised Malay Spelling* (Dahaman 2007:241). This writing system, however, was anything but new, as it had been known in Malaysia since the 16th century (ibid., p. xvii). Thanks to the Malaysian writer and language expert Zainal Abidin Ahmad, better known as Za‘ba, the Rumi alphabet in Malaysia between 1941 and 1972 bearing the name *Sistem Ejaan Rumi Za‘ba* came into use, while three other spelling reforms had also been introduced at the same time: *Ejaan Rumi Fajar Asia* (1943), *Ejaan Kongres* (1956), and *Ejaan Rumi PBMUM* (1959) (ibid., pp. 241-314). In August 1972, the new spelling reform using Latin letters was inaugurated and named *Sistem Ejaan Rumi Bersama (SEB)*. The Latin spelling has been used consistently in all official documents and is enjoying great popularity (ibid., p. xvii). Despite all these reforms, the Jawi system has never disappeared and is still being used in some states of Malaysia.

In Indonesia, however, the usage of Arabic-based Jawi was almost completely abolished due to the spelling reform called *Edjaan Van Ophuijsen* (EVO) in 1901 based on Dutch orthography (ibid., pp. 318-327). This system was in use until 1947 when the new spelling reform called *Edjaan Soewandi* was introduced, changing *oe* to *u*, the glottal stop ‘ to *k*, allowing the number 2 for reduplicated words, and prescribing a space between the prefix or preposition *di(-)* and the following word. Before the unification of the Malaysian and Indonesian spellings,

two more reforms took place in Indonesia: *Ejaan Pembaharuan Bahasa Indonesia* (1957), later called *Ejaan Melindo* (1959), and *Ejaan Baru Bahasa Indonesia* (1966).

In order to harmonize the two marginally different spelling systems of Malaysia and Indonesia, two attempts have been made: The first being *Ejaan Melindo* (short for *Ejaan Melayu-Indonesia*) in 1959 according to the principle “one phoneme, one symbol”, creating difficulties for typewriters. The later spelling reform established in 1972 is called *Ejaan Yang Disempurnakan* (*EYD*) in Indonesia and *Sistem Ejaan Rumi Baharu* in Malaysia, which is also employed in this these for all Malay and Indonesian terms. To illustrate the differences in spelling, the following chart shows a selection of examples with the affected graphemes. An equal sign (=) indicates that the clitic is usually attached by a hyphen (-), whereas a hyphen indicates that it is directly attached:

Jawi	Malaysia			Indonesia		Common		English
	Wilkinson 1904	Za‘ba 1941	SEB 1972	EVO 1901	Soewandi 1947	Melindo 1957	EYD 1972	
اخير	aḥîr	akhir	akhir	achir	achir	axir ⁴²	akhir	last
باغون	bangun	bangun	bangun	bangoen	bangun	baŋun	bangun	to wake up
بالغ	bâligh	baligh	baligh	balig	balig	balig	balig	puberty
بيريس	beres	beres	beres	bérés	beres	bérés	beres	okay
تيدق	tidak	tida’	tidak	tidak	tidak	tidak	tidak	not
جوجور	jujur	jujur	jujur	djoedjoer	djudjur	jujur	jujur	honest
چفت	chěpat	chěpat	cepat	tjepat	tjepat	cepat	cepat	fast
چوبا	choba	chuba	cuba	tjoba	tjoba	coba	coba	to try
شعير	sha‘îr	sha‘ir	syair	sja‘ir	sjair	śair	syair	poem
ضرب	dlarab	dharab	darab	darab	darab	darab	darab	multiple
طلاق	ṭalâḳ	talak	talak	talak	talak	talak	talak	divorce
ظالم	tlâlim	zalim	zalim	lalim	lalim	lalim	lalim	tyrannous
گورو	guru	guru	guru	goeroe	guru	guru	guru	teacher
لاوت	laut	laut	laut	laoet	laut	lawt	laut	sea
معاف	ma‘af	ma‘af	maaf	ma‘af	maaf	maaf	maaf	pardon
ن-	-nya	=nya	-nya	-nja	-nja	-ṇa	-nya	his, her

⁴² There is no mention about the foreign sound /x/ for *Ejaan Melindo* (Dahaman 2007:352), however according to the principle “one phoneme, one symbol”, this may be the only possibility.

1.2.3 Lexicon

Malay has borrowed a great amount of terms from various languages. These include the Old Indic languages (Sanskrit and Pali), modern Indian languages (especially Tamil), languages from the Middle East (Arabic and Persian), Southern Chinese languages as well as European languages (Dutch, Portuguese, and English). The lexicon borrowed from European languages differs greatly between the two variants of Malay. Malaysian Malay has a lot more English terms than Indonesian, while Indonesian has been enriched by Dutch.

On the other hand, both Malay variants have borrowed words from other Austronesian languages, such as Javanese. Most words of Javanese origin were introduced into Malaysian Malay via Indonesian.

The earliest loanwords were adopted into Malay from Sanskrit and Pali due to early Hindu and Buddhist influence. The second great wave of loans into Malay is the result of trading and migration from Southeast China. The spread of Islam in Southeast Asia began around the 12th century, bringing along many Arabic terms related to Islam. When in the 16th century Portuguese contact was made as a result of trade with Europe and later colonization, new terms from European languages entered Malay. Dutch influence is due to their occupying Indonesia from the 17th to the 20th century, while British colonization of parts of Malaysia from the 18th to the 20th century is the reason for the occurrence of a large number of English loans.

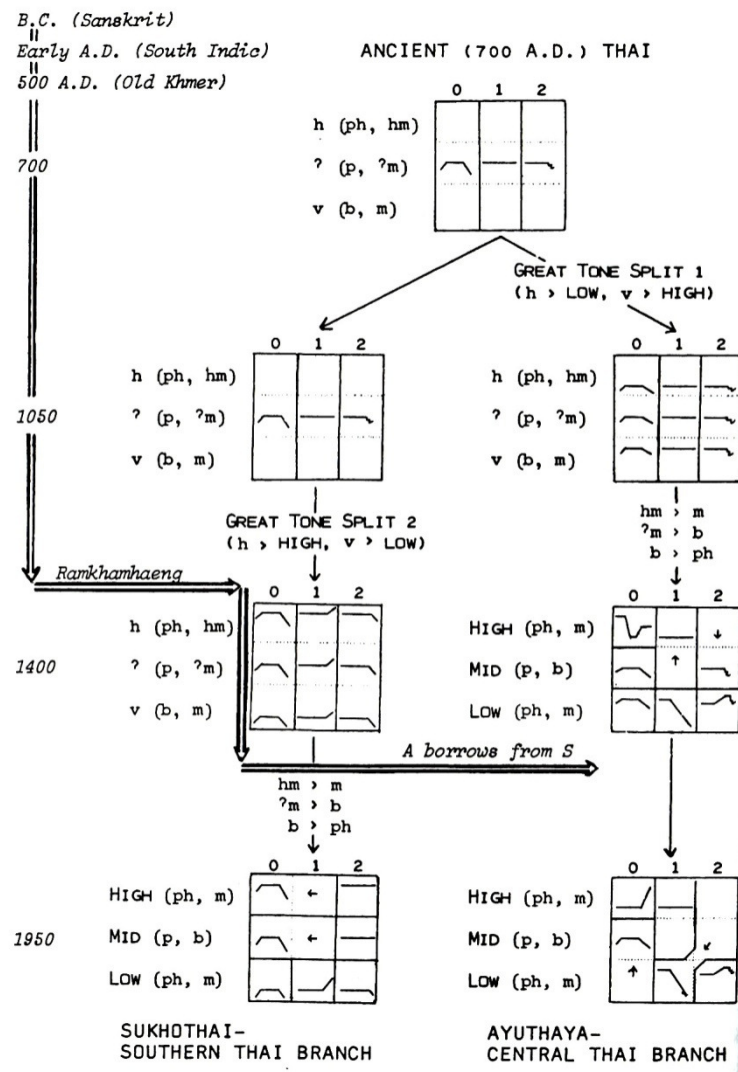
An important trading hub was Malacca, which has undergone diverse settlements from various cultures throughout its history. The early Malacca Sultanate spoke Malay with Arabic and Chinese features. The Portuguese who arrived in the 16th century were then defeated by the Dutch in the 17th century.⁴³ Furthermore, Malacca had already been inhabited by *Peranakan Chinese* since the early 15th century (Ming-Yuet 2013). In exchange for Bengkulu in Sumatra, Malacca was ceded to the British in the 19th century. The region must also have attracted many Indians, especially the Chitty people of Dravidian origin, most of them found in Malacca and Singapore (Pillai 2015:42). These various cultures have had a significant impact on the characteristics of the Malay lexicon. The number of loanwords from Austronesian languages other than Javanese is very limited in Malaysia, an exception being *beta* “I” from Ambonese. In contrast to Malaysian Malay, Indonesian, in particular its colloquial variety, has taken over a considerable number of words not only from Javanese, but also from other regional languages, e.g. Sundanese, Betawi, and Batak.

⁴³ For a more detailed description of the history of the Malay language, cf. Collins 1998.

2 ESTIMATED TIME SPAN OF MALAY LOANS AND POSSIBLE REASONS FOR THESE LOANS

Without further investigation of the history of Thai phonology, the time span of borrowings from Malay cannot be determined. Therefore, we shall first have a look at how the Thai sound system has changed from AT to MT, i.e. from about 700 A.D. to the present time.

J. Marvin Brown (2007:14)⁴⁴ has clearly depicted the development of the Thai tones of the central and southern dialect, as can be seen in the following illustration:



The thick arrow at the left shows the development of the Thai script in accordance with the tones. King Ramkhamhaeng⁴⁵ is said to have been the deviser of the script based on the Old

⁴⁴ This chart originally appeared in an earlier work by Brown in 1965.

Khmer writing system in 1283 A.D.⁴⁶ There were two Great Tone Splits in the history of Thai phonology, which, though illustrated above, still require further explanation. The letters left to the three-column boxes refer to the glottal positions for the initials (*h* for aspirated, *ʔ* for glottalized, *v* for voiced consonants), the numbers refer to the three vowel-final proto-tones (sometimes also indicated by *A*, *B*, *C*). Consonant-final proto-tones (usually indicated by *D* in other works) are disregarded here. Nowadays, the Thai script still perfectly fits this threefold system for modern CT, since the three numbers (*0*, *1*, *2*) now refer to the tone indicators: *0* for no tone mark, *1* for *mái èek* and *2* for *mái too* (cf. chart on p. 2)

At some time before 1050 A.D., a sound change in the Ayutthaya branch⁴⁷ occurred, in which aspirated initials (indicated by *h* above) lowered tones, and voiced initials (indicated by *v* above) raised them. The Sukhothai branch⁴⁸ was not affected by this sound change. At some time before 1400 A.D., a second Great Tone Split took place, however this time in the ST branch, i.e. aspirated initials raised tones, voiced initials lowered them, whereas the CT branch underwent a consonant change that is illustrated above by *hm* > *m*, *ʔm* > *b*, *b* > *ph*. This simply means that original aspiration of initial consonants was lost, glottalized initial consonants changed to the respective non-glottalized plosives, while voiced initials shifted to their unvoiced aspirated counterparts. Exactly the same shift must have occurred in ST after CT had borrowed the writing system from ST, as can be seen above.

There are theoretically nine possible tone contours that could have developed from the aforementioned shifts, however some tones coalesced with those to which the small arrows within the various cells point. This development reduced nine tones to seven in ST and to five in CT. The following chart, which is based on a ST dictionary (Kaewkhao 1986:4), illustrates a similar correspondence between CT and ST, even though it shows only six instead of the expected seven tones. However, the first low tone of ST could be better explained as low-falling. The only tone that does not correspond to Brown's chart above is ST mid-rising, which is sup-

⁴⁵ The third king of the Phra Ruang Dynasty, ruling from 1278 to 1298, has gained in popularity thanks to the so-called *Ramkhamhaeng stele*, which was allegedly discovered by King Mongkut in 1833, and retells the life of King Ramkhamhaeng.

⁴⁶ According to Brown (2007:5), King Ramkhamhaeng is the supposed developer of the Thai script by using the sounds of Sanskrit and adapting it to fit the sounds of 13th century Sukothai Thai.

⁴⁷ Brown (2007:13) uses the designation 'Ayutthaya branch' for the CT dialect, which is now considered to be the standard dialect of the Thai language.

⁴⁸ This is Brown's designation for the ST dialect.

posed to be the same as CT low tone. This might be due to regional varieties or different time periods of research on ST tones.

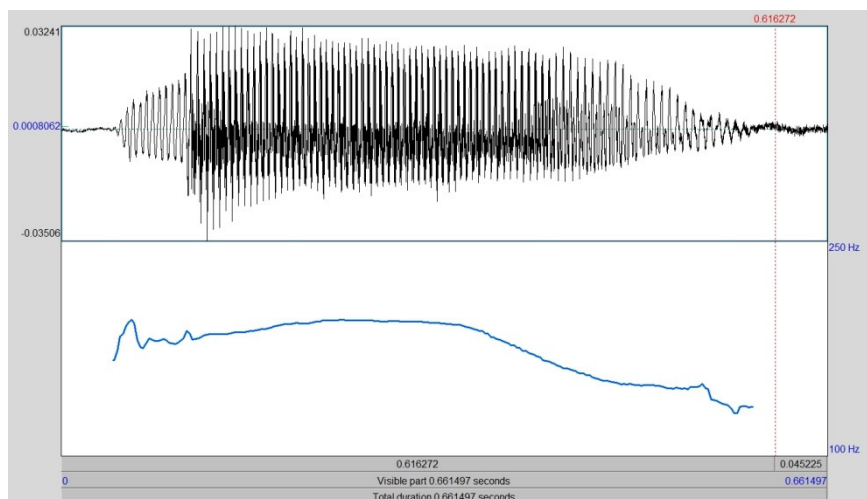
Central Thai		Southern Thai		English
Tone	Example	Tone	Example	
mid	มา maa, กา gaa	low ⁴⁹	หมา màa, กำ gàa	to come, crow
high	น้ำ náam, ร้อน rỏon	low	หน่าm nằam, หร้อน rỏon	water, hot
rising	ขอ kỏv, สอง sỏv๑	falling	ขỏ kỏv, สỏ๑ sỏ๑๑	to beg for, two
low	ขาด kàat, สอบ sỏ๑p	high	ค้ำ๑ káat, ขỏ๑ cỏ๑p	to be absent from, to examine
falling	พ่อ pỏ๑, ชอบ cỏ๑p	rising	พ่อ pỏ๑, ฉỏ๑ cỏ๑p	father, to like
falling	บ้าน bâan, ข้าว káau	mid-high ⁵⁰	บ้าน bằan, ค้ำ๑ káau	house, rice
mid	ปลา blaа, ดี dii	mid-rising	ปล่า blaа, ดี dii	fish, good
low	ป่า bàa	mid-rising	ป่า bằa	forest

In order to better understand the descriptions used for the Southern Thai tones, I have visualized the first example of each ST tone in the fourth column of the chart above in phonetic diagrams with Praat 5.3 with the help of a native ST speaker⁵¹ below:

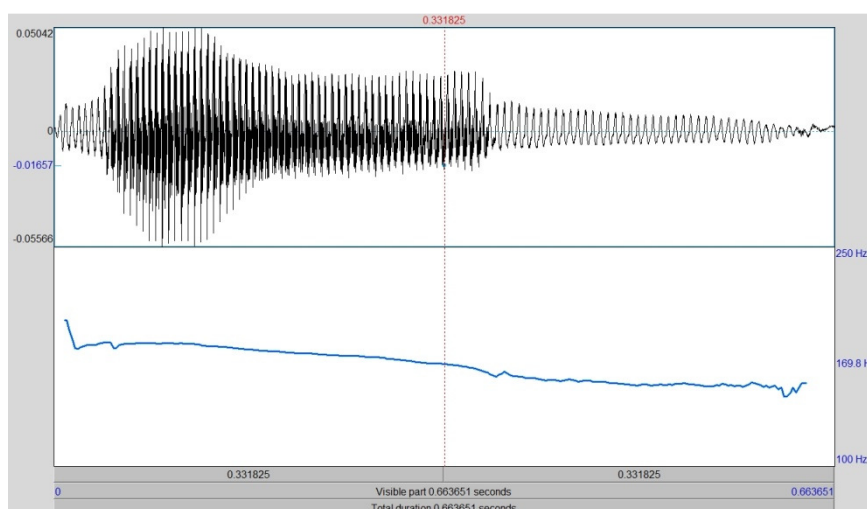
⁴⁹ After my own research, I would argue that this is rather supposed to be mid-falling tone.

⁵⁰ This tone is very close to the mid tone of *หมา màa* and *กำ gàa* above, which is why I do not want to differentiate between the two.

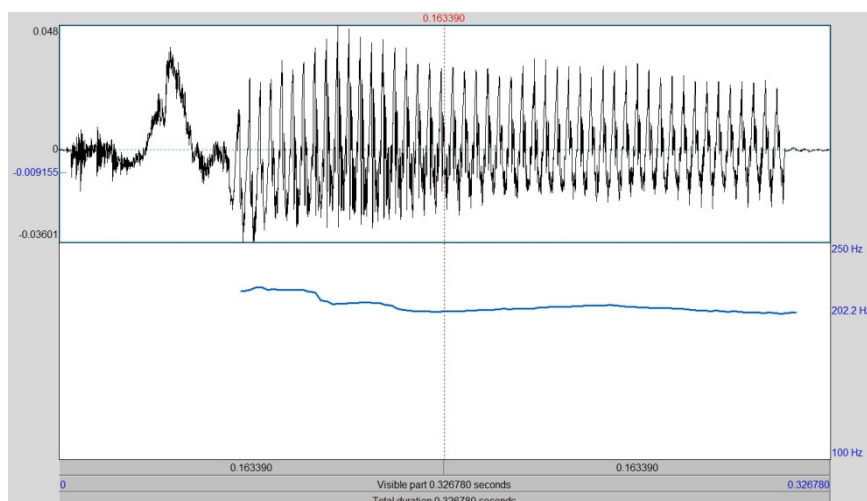
⁵¹ Interview with Surainee Sainui from Krabi on July 12th, 2013.



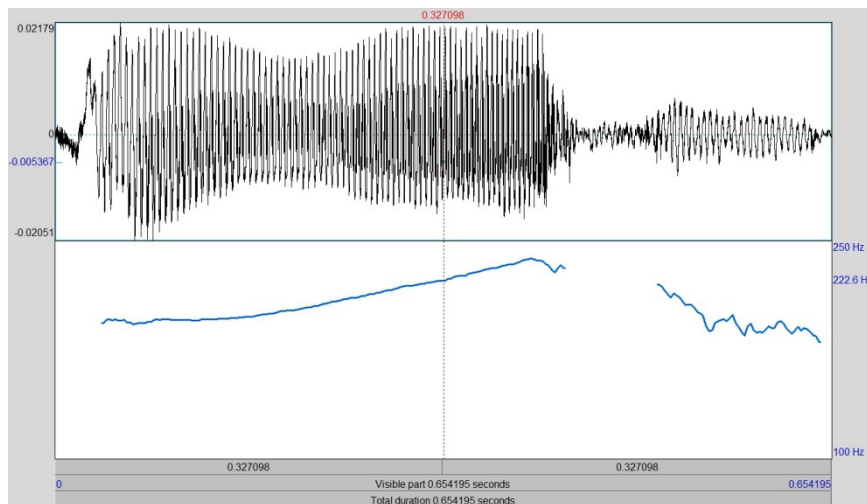
ST: *màa* “to come” – low or mid-falling tone



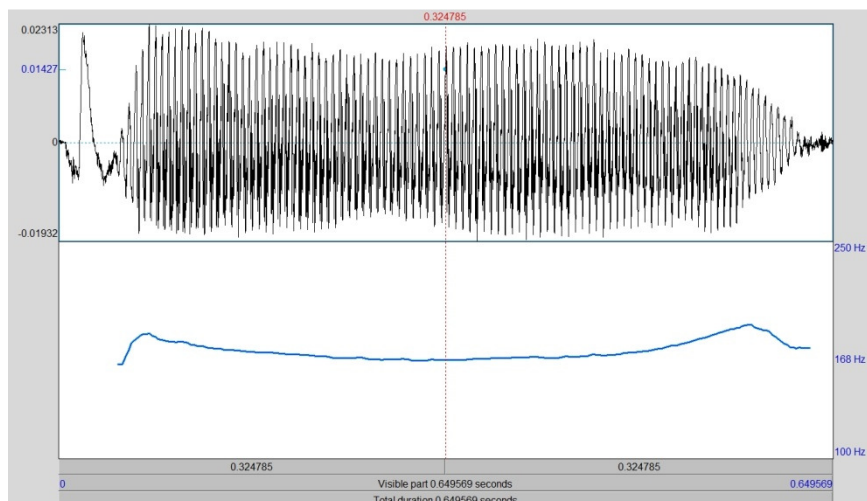
ST: *nàam* “water” – low tone



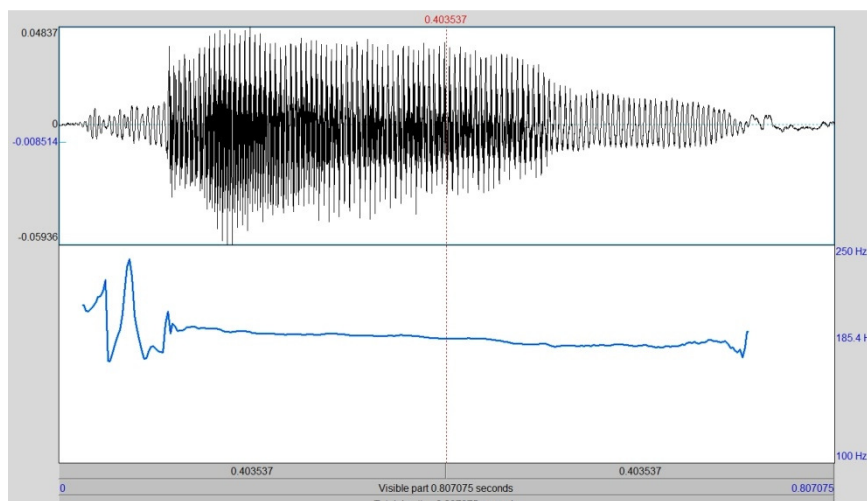
ST: *kôw* “to beg for” – falling tone



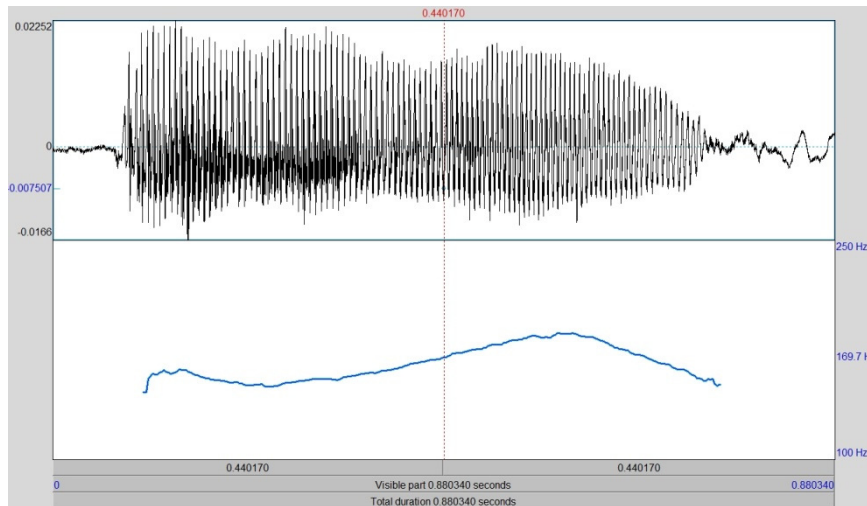
ST: *កាត káat* “to be absent from” – high tone



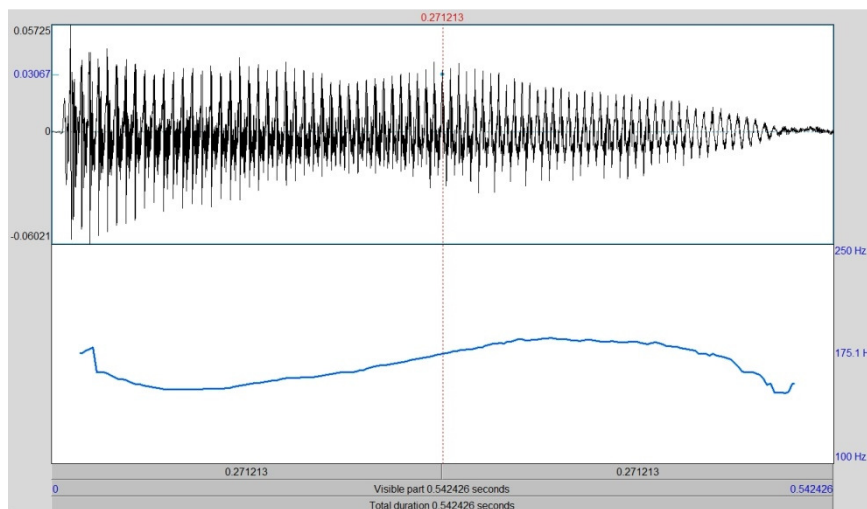
ST: *ឃា pǎw* “father” – rising tone



ST: *វ័ន bǎan* “house” – mid-high tone



ST: ปลา *bláa* “fish” – mid-rising tone



ST: ป่า *báa* “forest” – mid-rising tone

From my point of view, the differentiation between open and closed syllables in the chart above is vague. For this reason, I have attempted to construct correspondences between the PT, CT and ST tones, although some of them do not agree with Brown’s chart. This may be because his research is based on observations made several decades ago⁵², and because he might have used another ST vernacular.

The left half of the following chart presents examples taken from standard works on CT (cf. Smyth 2002:16), representing CT reflexes of the PT tones⁵³, while the right half shows examples which were recorded within the framework of my own research on ST.

⁵² Tones in Thai are constantly subject to change from decade to decade and differ according to the speaker’s age (cf. Thepboriruk 2009).

⁵³ There is been a general agreement on the proto-tones among international Thai linguists (cf. Thurgood 1994).

Tone correspondences between Central Thai and Southern Thai									
PT	CT				ST				English
	spelling	GTS	contour	name ⁵⁴	spelling	GTS	contour	name	
*A1	กิน	gin	32	mid	กิน	gin	434	rising	to eat
	ขาว	kăau	313	rising	ข้าว	kâau	454	high-fall	white
	เอา	au	32	mid	เอา	ău	434	rising	to take
*A2	นา	naa	32	mid	นา	năa	32	mid-fall	rice field
*B1	ไก่	gài	21	low	ไก่	gái	45	high	chicken
	แผ่น	pɛ̌en	21	low	แผ่น	pé̌en	45	high	sheet
	บ่า	bàa	21	low	บ่า	báa	45	high	shoulder
*B2	พ่อ	pôw	453	falling	พ่อ	pôw	323	low-rise	father
*C1	เก้า	gâau	453	falling	กาว	gaau	33	mid	nine
	ห้า	hâa	453	falling	สา	haa	33	mid	five
	ได้	dâai	453	falling	ดา	daai	33	mid	can
*C2	น้ำ	nâam	324	high	นาม	nâam	21	low	water
*D1S	ตก	đòk	21	low	ตัก	tǎk	434	rising	to fall
	หก	hòk	21	low	ฮัก	hǎk	434	rising	six
	อก	òk	21	low	ฮัก	ǎk	434	rising	chest
*D1L	แปด	bɛ̌et	21	low	แปด	bɛ̌et	33	mid	eight
	ขาด	kàat	21	low	ค้ำ	kaat	33	mid	to tear
*D2S	ซัก	sák	324	high	ลัก	sàk	21	low	to wash
*D2L	ราก	râak	453	falling	ราก	râak	323	low-rise	root

These correspondences are important for Malay loans in Thai, since they are usually borrowed into CT via ST. The two charts above show that a ST falling tone in the final syllable corresponds to a CT rising tone. Accordingly, Malay loans, which have a high-falling tone in ST, have a rising tone in CT (for the exceptions cf. next page). Taking into consideration that loanwords from other non-tonal languages, especially English (cf. chapter 3.4.2.3 on page 52), often end on a falling tone in CT, one may argue that the use of the falling tone seems to be the standard convention of tone generation in loanwords. The CT rising tone corresponding to the ST high-falling tone now does not seem arbitrary anymore. Evidence for this theory will be discussed in chapter 3.4.2.3.

⁵⁴ As for the nomenclature, cf. chapter 1.1.1 on page 2.

How do these observations help determine the time span of borrowings from Malay? The answer is given by a comparison of old and new loans from the Malay language. It can be inferred from Brown's chart above that when a word from Malay was borrowed before around 1400 A.D. into Southern Thai, the old voiced plosives were retained in the loanwords and underwent the same shift as native Thai words, while newer loans receive the unvoiced aspirated plosive. Consider the following eight loans from Malay:

	Standard Malay			Central Thai		
	phoneme	example	translation	phoneme	example	translation
Old loan	/g/	sagu	sago	/k ^h /	สาคุ [sǎ:k ^h u:]	sago
	/j/	Jawa	Java	/c ^h /	ชวา [c ^h áwa:]	Java
	/d/	durian	durian	/t ^h /	ทุเรียน [t ^h úrian]	durian
	/b/	bukit	hill	/p ^h /	ภูเก็ต [p ^h ukèt]	Phuket ⁵⁵
New loan	/g/	gunung	mountain	/k/	กุนนง [kùnǎŋ]	mountain
	/j/	jiwa	soul	/j/	ยิหวา [jíwǎ:]	soul, darling
	/d/	dalang	puppeteer	/d/	ดาหลัง [da:lǎŋ]	name of a romance
	/b/	bunga	flower	/b/	บุหงา [buŋǎ:]	flower

The chart above also shows that old loans end on a mid tone, while new loans generate a final rising tone. This may lead to the conclusion that the final rising tone only appears in new loanwords from Malay. However, in order to determine which loanword can be regarded as new, several other aspects also need to be taken into account.

Inquiries should be made into how and why Malay words entered the Thai language at all. A short excursion into Thai-Malay history may help us understand this language contact. Suthiwan (1992:1358) writes: “Speakers of Thai and Malay have been in contact for centuries. It was written [...] that the Thais had power over the whole Malay Peninsula in the reign of king [sic] Ramkhamhaeng.” She then explains that in 1455, the Thai king of Ayutthaya sent an army to attack Malacca, but failed to conquer the city. The same mission was repeated in 1509, but they failed again. The Patani region, comprising Thailand's southernmost provinces Pattani, Yala, Narathiwat, and parts of Songkhla, had constantly attempted to declare independence, however became dependent again whenever the Thais were strong (Suthiwan 1992:1358). This political issue is still an ongoing conflict. Many inhabitants of these four

⁵⁵ This loan is irregular; we expect /p^huk^hèt/, but can be explained by dissimilation.

provinces grow up bilingually with Thai and Malay. Suthiwan (ibid.) states that the long-term relationship between the Thais and the Malays has resulted in there being over a million Malay speakers in Thailand. As a consequence, Thai has been intermingled with Malay terms in some regions, and a small number of these terms have even made their way into modern Central Thai, which is the standard variety of Thai.

Another major influence of Malay on the Thai language was the adaptation of a traditional romance from Java called *Cerita Panji*. Whereas the hero in the Javanese original is called *Panji*, he is called *อินทรี ไลน์*⁵⁶ in Thailand; the original name is retained as *บันฑิ Banyĩ* while he is in disguise. Two versions of this tale exist in Thailand, namely *อินทรีใหญ่ ไลน์ Yài*⁵⁷ and *อินทรีเล็ก ไลน์ Lé*⁵⁸. While the former is usually abbreviated as *อินทรี ไลน์*, the latter goes by the name *ดาหล้ง Daalǎŋ*⁵⁹. The Javanese original is a collection of various stories about Prince Panji, whereas the Thai versions are all royal writings (i.e. *พระราชนิพนธ์ prá rāatjá nípon*) composed either by the King himself or under his direct attention. The complete version of the story of *Inao* is said to have been written by Rama II⁶⁰, and appeared under the title of *บทละคร เรื่อง อินทรี Bòt lákwon rñāŋ ไลน์*, published by King Damrong⁶¹ in 1921 for the National Library (Damrong 1921:17). Due to the popularity of these stories, a large amount of Malay words entered the Thai language. Certain Malay loanwords must therefore have come into Thai between 1733 and 1759 when Rama II was in power. As for the area, in which the adaptation occurred, Nivat (1947:101) suspects the following:

“From Malacca [...] the stories came into Siam. There is no written record of these Islamic works coming in or being translated before the XVIIIth century. Prince Damrong [...] stated that Princesses Kuntol and Mongkut [...] had Malay maids, descendants of Pattani prisoners of war, and these related to their mistresses the two stories of Dalang and Inao. Each of the prisoners composed one of the stories into a lakon for presentation on the stage.”

These lines require some explanation: King Boromakot (1732-1758) is said to have had daughters who were very fond of writing poetry. Two of them were *เจ้าฟ้าหญิงกษัตริย์ Jâufáa*

⁵⁶ Usually spelled *Inao*.

⁵⁷ Meaning: *Great Inao* or better: *Greater Tale of Inao* (cf. fn. 62 for its etymology).

⁵⁸ Meaning: *Little Inao* or better: *Lesser Tale of Inao*.

⁵⁹ Usually spelled *Dalang*, derived from Jv. *dalang* meaning “puppeteer” because an original version in Jv. is said to have been written by a *dalang* called Ari Nagara, and because *Inao* adopted the *dalang*’s disguise to gain access to his beloved girl’s presence to eventually win her love (Nivat 1947:97-99).

⁶⁰ Rama II (1767-1824) was the second monarch of Siam, ruling from 1809 to 1824.

⁶¹ Prince Damrong (1862-1943) was the founder of the modern Thai educational system, the first president of the Royal Institute of Thailand, and the president of the National Library.

Yŭn Gunton (Kuntol) and *เจ้าฟ้าหญิงมงกุฎ Jâufáa Yŭn Mongùt (Mongkut)*. If both of them had Malay maids, the stories must have been retold or translated into ST from a Malaccan version of the Javanese original. This is the main reason why ST needs to be considered when analyzing Malay loans in chapter 3.4.2.4 on p. 54. Interesting is that even though nearly no originally Javanese proper names appear in any of the two stories, there is still a large amount of personal names that resemble Malay words. A selection of the characters' names and some locations from Malay used in the Thai stories is given below. In case the Standard Malay or Javanese word is of Sanskrit origin, the source word is listed for etymological reasons.

Thai	GTS	SM/Jv.	Skr.	Translation
อิเหนา	ināu	ino, hino ⁶²	---	<i>name of a prince</i>
ปันหยี	banyŭi	panji ⁶³	---	<i>name of a prince</i>
จินตะหราวาที	jindārāwaađii	cendera-wati	candra-vat(i) ⁶⁴	“Miss Moon”
ระตู	ráđuu	ratu ⁶⁵	---	queen, king
มาหารัศมี	maayāarātsāmii	maya-rasmi ⁶⁶	māyā-raśmi	“vision of splendor”
สการะวาที	sāgaarāwaađii	sekar-wati	śekhara ⁶⁷ -vati	“Miss Flower”
กะหมังกุหนิง	gāmāṅgūnŭṅ	kembang kuning	---	“yellow flower”
หมันหย้า	mānyāa	maja (pahit) ⁶⁸	---	<i>name of kingdom</i>
ระเด่นมนตรี	rādèn mondrii	raden ⁶⁹ mantri	--- mantri	ruler
กูเรปัน	gùreeban	Kuripan ⁷⁰	---	<i>name of kingdom</i>

⁶² OJv. *ino* is a title for a crown prince (KJK 388). This word is not found in the modern language.

⁶³ The OJv. word *panji* is a designation for a crown prince (KJK 757), which is not used anymore.

⁶⁴ In Malay, In., and Jv., the suffix *wati*, *vati* is usually attached to women's names, while Skr. *वत्* *vat*, sometimes termed as *वति* *vati* implies likeness or resemblance (Monier-Williams 1872:915). For further examples of this suffix, see Nothofer 2013:174.

⁶⁵ This is an inherited Austronesian word, cf. PMP **datu* “chieftain” (Wolff 2010:818).

⁶⁶ This origin is somewhat obscure. *Maya* exists in In. for “vision” and corresponds to Skr. *मया* *māyā* “illusion”, whereas *rasmi* could be from Jv. meaning “beauty” and is ultimately derived from Skr. *रश्मि* *raśmi* “splendor”.

⁶⁷ Skr. *शेखर* *śekhara* originally means “diadem, peak”, and often refers to a wreath of flowers worn on top of the head.

⁶⁸ These are native Jv. words meaning “bael fruit, bitter” used for the term *Majapahit Empire* (1293-1527).

⁶⁹ The Jv. title *raḍen* *raden* is given to a male royal descendant of middle rank (Robson/Wibisono 2002:610) and was probably borrowed via Indonesia. SM/Jv. *mantri*, however, is a loan from Skr. *मन्त्री* *mantri* “counselor”; CT *มนตรี* *mondrii* also exists and is not a loan from Malay, as it represents a direct borrowing from Skr. due to the inherent vowel *o* and the final mid level tones.

⁷⁰ The name of the Javanese Hindu-Buddhist kingdom *Kuripan*, *Koripan* or *Kahuripan* (1019-1045) is derived from Jv. *கறுப்பன்* *kahuripan* “livelihood”.

ด้ามะหงง	đammáŋoŋ	temenggung	---	security chief
หนึ่งหรัด	nùŋràt	ningrat ⁷¹	---	belonging to state

However, not only the above-mentioned Malay words entered the Thai language due to the *Panji* romance, but many more terms have made their way into Thai. A more thorough analysis of these loanwords is found in chapter 3.4.2.4, and a complete list of all loanwords from Malay is given in the Appendix.

It can be inferred from the aforesaid that at least two time spans of new Malay borrowings in Thai can be determined, i.e. those entering before *Inao* and *Dalang*, and those after. The exact time of when loans entered Thai, before the two stories became popular in Thailand, can only be determined when further linguistic research is undertaken, on issues such as the devoicing of plosives in Thai, tone generation, cognates in related languages, etymological reconstruction, and finally consulting the first comprehensive non-monolingual Thai dictionary by Pallegoix in 1854 called *Dictionarium linguae Thai sive Siamensis*. Many Malay words, such as *บุหร่ง* *bùrǒŋ* (< burung) “bird” or *จับตั้ง* *jàp t̃iŋ* (< caping)⁷² “metal plate to cover the pudenda of a young girl” are already listed, however some others, such as *ดะหมัง* *dà mǎŋ* (< demang) “troops, army” or *ตุนาหงัน* *đùnaŋǎn* (< tunangan) “finance(e)” are not. Furthermore, it is interesting that both *บุหงา* *bungǎa* and *บุหงัน* *bungǎn* are listed, though the former means “flowers”, whereas the latter is translated as “flower”. It is noteworthy that the dictionary appeared after the *Inao* tale, and that prior to that nothing similar had ever been published.

⁷¹ Jv. *ꦫꦠ* *rat* is a native word from PAN **dáyat* “open area” (PAP 812)

⁷² Spelled *จะตั้ง* in the dictionary.

3 PHONOLOGICAL ADAPTATION OF MALAY LOANS

This chapter deals with the consonantal and vocalic adaptation in words which are assumed to be from Malay. Difficulties arise when certain loanwords may also be borrowed from other languages⁷³ or could also be a loan into Malay⁷⁴ from Thai itself. Quite often, this question must be left to future research.

The following list illustrates all the sound correspondences of Malay borrowings in Thai. The SM phoneme is given along with an example and translation of the lexeme. The right-hand side shows the adapted phoneme with an example and its transliteration in CT. The translation of the Thai lexeme exemplifies the possible semantic shift of some words, but does not allow for a too loose connection between the two meanings. Consonants and vowels do not always correspond to those in the donor language. These phenomena cannot yet be explained, further research may detect reasons for these divergences (e.g. dialectal forms).

The order of the list follows the Thai phonetic alphabet, i.e. the consonant correspondences starting with velars and ending with labials. The remaining sounds are sonorants and glottals and are therefore grouped at the very end of the list. The vowel list order is also an attempt to follow the phonetic Thai vowel alphabet, and the sounds that do not occur in Thai are listed right after its closest equivalent.

The correspondences in the list stand for a standard pattern, which also occurs in many other examples, cf. e.g. those starting on p. 55.

⁷³ These include mainly loans from Kh., Pe. or Ar. like *กระดาษ* *gràdàat* “paper” (SM *kertas*, Kh. *กระดาษ* *krâdah*, Ar. *قراطيس* *qirṭās*), *วิเศษ* *wilâat* “the British” (SM *wilayah*, Pe. *ولاية* *welāyat*, Ar. *ولاية* *wilāya*), and *อัลกุรอาน* *angūra-aan* “Quran” (SM *al-Quran*, Ar. *القرآن* *al-qur’ān*).

⁷⁴ Thai words with tone marks are usually not borrowed from Malay, so the borrowing process might have taken place vice versa, e.g. *หวด* *wâau* “kite” (cf. SM/In. *wau* “id.” Mon *ကဝံ* *kaowao*, *ကျွ* *kəwao* “black cuckoo”, Kh. *ท้าว* *tavōu* “kind of black bird”, Dutch *wouw* “milvus, red kite”), and *อังโหล* *ânlôo* (cf. SM/In. *anglo*, Jv. *anglo* TW *紅爐* *âng-lôo* “red stove”, Kh. *อังโหล* *’anglo*).

3.1 Consonants

Malay			Thai			
phoneme	example	Translation	phoneme	example	GTS	Translation
#/g/	g unung	mountain	#/k/	กุนนง	gùnǹŋ	high mountain
#/g/	g uam	lawsuit, dispute	#/k ^h /	ควม	kwaam	affair, case
#/g/	g ubah	to arrange flowers	#/?/	อุบะ	ùbà	bunch of flowers
/g/	a g ung	supreme	/k/	อากง	aagong	big, important
/g/	s ag u	sago palm	/k ^h /	สาคู	sǎakuu	sago palm, sago pith
#/k/	k elasi	sailor ⁷⁵	#/k/	กะลาสี	gàlaasǐi	id.
/k/	se k ar-wati	“Miss Flower”	/k/	สการะวาดี	sàkaaráwaadǐi	<i>name of an Inao character</i>
/ŋ/	tun an gan	fiancé(e)	/ŋ/	ตุนาหงัน	đùnaaŋǎn	to trothplight
/ŋ/#	sarun g	sarong	/ŋ/#	โสร่ง	sàròong ⁷⁶	sarong
/ŋg/	an gg ur	grape	/ŋ/	องุ่น	àŋùn ⁷⁷	id.
/ŋg/	pin gg ang	waist	/n/	ปั้นเหน่ง	bǎnnèeŋ	belt
/ŋg/	rin gg it	Malay currency ⁷⁸	/ŋk/	ริงกิต	riŋgìt	id.
#/c/	c empedak	cempedak	#/c/	จําปาตะ	jambaadà	id.
/c/	ker c ut	bulrush	/c/	กระจูด	gràjùut	id.
#/j/	j ambu	rose apple	#/c ^h /	ชมพู่	compûu	id.

⁷⁵ This word may originally be from Ta. கிலாசு *kilācu* “lascar, Indian sailor”.

⁷⁶ The tone mark and final low tone indicates that the word must be originally from another language or a very old loan. Sinhalese has සළු *salu* “garment”.

⁷⁷ This is a rather old loan from Malay because of the final *u n* instead of *ɾ r*, and the tone mark with final low tone indicates that the word itself is a loan from a South Asian language, probably from Pe. انگور *angūr* “grape” or another language of India.

⁷⁸ The original meaning is “jagged” or “toothed”.

#/j/	jiwa	soul, spirit	#/j/	ยิหวา	yíwǎa ⁷⁹	soul, darling
/j/	hijab	<i>Arab veil</i>	/j/	ฮิญาบ	híyâap	id.
/j/	hijra	Hijra	/t/	ฮิจเราะห์	hítró	id.
/j/	haj	Hajj	/t/#	ฮัจญ์, หัจญ์	hát, hàt	id.
/ɲ/	asalnya dewa	of divine origin ⁸⁰	/ny/	อัสญแดหฺวา	àsǎnyádɛwǎa	angel, divine descent
#/d/	demang	chief of district	#/d/	ดะหมัง	dǎmǎŋ	troops, army
#/d/	durian	durian	#/t ^h /	ทุเรียน	túrian	id.
/d/	pemuda	young man	/d/	เปอมุตอ	bəumuudoo	adolescent
/d/	puspa(m) indra	“Indra’s flower”	/t/	บุษบาminstera	bùtsàbaamindraa	Indian shot
/d/#	masjid	mosque	/t/#	มัสยิด	mátsàyít	id.
#/t/	tolong	help	#/t/	โด้หลง	doolǒŋ	to assist, to help
/t/	pertapa	hermit	/t/	ปะตาปา	bàdǎabaa	id.
/t/	ketur	spittoon	/t ^h /	กระโถน	gràtōon	id.
/t/#	selat	strait	/t/#	สลัด	sàlàt ⁸¹	pirate
#/n/	nuri	parrot	#/n/	โนรี	noorii	Lorius parrot
/n/	anak	child, offspring	/n/	อะนะ	àná	offspring
/n/#	selatan	south	/n/#	สลาดัน	sàlǎadǎn	late southwest monsoon
/nɲ/	keranjang	basket, hamper	/ɕ ^h /	กระชัง	gràcaŋ	floating basket for fish
/nd/	pondok	small Islamic school	/n/	ปอนาะ	bəonó	Islamic school

⁷⁹ Thai has ฮีว(ะ) *ciiwá* “life, soul”, too, which is directly borrowed from Skr. जीव *jīva* “animate being”. One of the reasons for treating this word as a loan from Skr. is that Skr. *ज* reflects *จ* *c* in Thai.

⁸⁰ The translation of the Malay phrase is difficult; it could also mean “origin of Gods” or “place of Gods”.

⁸¹ The semantic shift from SM *selat* “strait” to CT สลัด *sàlàt* “pirate” can be explained by the high frequency of piracy in the Strait of Melacca.

#/b/	bunga rampai	flower potpourri	#/b/	บุหงารำไป	bùṅǎarambai	flower sachet
#/b/	bukit	hill	#/p ^h /	ภูเก็ต	puugèt	<i>name of an island</i>
/b/	tabik	salute	/b/	ตะเบ๊ะ	ḍàbé	to salute
/b/	kerobok	food hamper	/p ^h /	กระพอก	gràpōók	bamboo food case
/b/	kelubi	Eleidoxa plant	/mp ^h /	กะลุมพี	gàlumpii	id.
#/p/	puspa(m) indra	“Indra’s flower”	#/b/	บุษบาminstera	bùtsàbaamindraa	Indian shot
#/p/	pati	minister	#/p/	ปาตี	ḥaadii	big person
/p/	kopi	coffee	/p/	โกปี้	goobîi ⁸²	id.
/p/	kapal	ship	/mp/	กำปั่น	gambàn ⁸³	Western seagoing vessel
/p/#	telap	small box	/p/#	ตลับ	ḍàlàp	id.
#/m/	melati	water jasmine	#/m/	มาลาดี	maalaadii	Arabian jasmine
/m/	setaman	“one garden”	/m/	สะดาหมั่น	sàdaamăn	garden
/m/#	guam	lawsuit, dispute	/m/#	ความ	kwaam	affair, case
/m/#	puspa(m) indra	“Indra’s flower”	/m/	บุษบาminstera	bùtsàbaamindraa	Indian shot
/mb/	mengembara	to travel	/m/	มะงุมมะงาหรา	máṅummáṅaarǎa	to wander aimlessly
#/j/	yang-yang ⁸⁴	Gods	#/j/	หยั่งหยั่ง	yǎṅyǎṅ	beautiful
/j/	kayangan ⁸⁵	heaven	/j/	กระยาหั่น	gràyaanǎn ⁸⁶	id.
#/r/	ratu	queen	#/r/	ระตู	ráḍuu	Malay prince(ss)

⁸² Thai has also borrowed this word from French *café* or Italian *caffè* as กาแฟ *gaafee*, which is far more common, so โกปี้ *goobii* must be a loan from Malay.

⁸³ The final low tone and the tone mark lead to further investigation, and indeed this word seems to be of Tamil origin: கப்பல் *kappal* means “ship, sailing vessel” (van Ronkel 1902:111).

⁸⁴ This word must be from Jv. *ḥyāṅḥyāṅ* *hyang-hyang*, a pluralizing reduplicated form of *ḥyāṅ* *hyang*, OJv. *hyang* “God”, however the semantic shift in Thai is difficult to explain.

⁸⁵ The Jv. word *ḥayangan* *kayangan* is derived from *ḥyāṅ* *yang* “God” with the locative circumfix *ka-an*.

⁸⁶ The Thai prefix กระ- *grà-* is often arbitrary and used interchangeably with กะ- *gà-*, both of which may have a semantic effect on the main word. Cf. Bilmes 1998 for further details. The loan กระยาหั่น *gràyaanǎn* may have been misunderstood as a prefixed word with the result of confusion between the two prefixes กระ- *grà-* and กะ- *gà-*.

#/r/	rambai	<i>Baccaurea motleyana</i>	#/l/	ละไม	lāmai	id.
/r/	surau	prayer room	/r/	สุเหร่า ⁸⁷	sùràu	mosque
/r/#	anggur	grape	/n/#	องุ่น	àṅùn ⁸⁸	id.
/r/#	sekar-wati	“Miss Flower”	/raʔ/#	สการะวาดี	sàgaaráwaadii	<i>name of an Inao character</i>
/r/#	akar bahar	<i>kind of coral</i> (Euplexaura)	/l/#	กัลปังหา, กะละปังหา	ganlábāṅhǎa, gəlábāṅhǎa ⁸⁹	sea fans
/r/#	matur ⁹⁰	third wife of Jv. king	---	มะโต	mátoo	id.
#/l/	langsar	langsar	#/l/	ลางสาต	laaṅsàat	id.
/l/	bulan	moon, month	/l/	บุหลัน	bùlǎn	moon
/l/#	mahal	expensive	/n/#	มะหล	máhǎn	loved, expensive, a lot
#/w/	cendera-wati	“Miss Moon”	#/w/	จินตะหรวาดี	jindàràawaadii	<i>name of an Inao character</i>
/w/	Jawa	Java	/w/	ชวา	cáwaa	id.
/s/#	serang	boatswain	/s/#	สร้าง	sàràṅ	id.
/s/	kelas ⁹¹	sailor	/s/	กะลาสี	gàlaasīi	<i>old name of Khuan Don</i>
/s/	masjid	mosque	/tsa/	มัสยิด	mátsàyít	id.
/s/#	manggis	mangosteen	/t/#	มังคุด	maṅkút	id.
/h/	mahal	expensive	/h/	มะหล	máhǎn	loved, expensive, a lot
/h/	akar bahar	<i>kind of coral</i> (Euplexaura)	/ṅh/	กัลปังหา, กะละปังหา	ganlábāṅhǎa, gəlábāṅhǎa	sea fans

⁸⁷ The final low tone and the semantics of the term suggest an Arabic origin, however no such word can be found in Arabic or Persian. Except Malay, only the Minangkabau language of Sumatra has سوراء *surau* “men’s prayer house”.

⁸⁸ Cf. fn. 77 on p. 33.

⁸⁹ Nacasakul (2005:52) gives Kh. *កល្យាណ* *kalbāṅgha* “id.”, but Suthiwan (1997:81) states that this word is of Malay origin.

⁹⁰ This Malay word is borrowed from OJv. *matur* “king’s wife lower than *parameswarī* and *mahādevī*” (KJK 661), and might be derived from Skr. *मातृ mātr* “mother, address of an older woman”.

⁹¹ Cf. fn. 75 on p. 33.

/h/	mahadewi	<i>title for the second queen</i>	/ʔ/	มะเดหวิ, มะดีหวิ	mádeewĩ, mádiwĩ	second wife of Jv. king
/h/#	gubah	to arrange flowers	/ʔ/#	อุบะ	ùbà	bunch of flowers
#/ʔ/	urap(-urap)	<i>kind of perfumed cosmetic</i>	#/ʔ/	อุหรับ	ùràp	cosmetic powder
#/ʔ/	akar bahar	<i>kind of coral (Euplexaura)</i>	---	กัลปังหา, กะละปังหา	ganlábanhăa, gâlâbanhăa ⁹²	sea fans
/ʔ/	meng ^(?) apa	why	/ʔ/	เมงอะปา	meen-àbaa	id.
/ʔ/#	sepak	to kick	/k/#	เซปัก	seebàk	kick volleyball
/ʔ/#	batik	batik	/ʔ/#	ปาเต๊ะ	baadé	batik
/u/	tuan	mister	/w/	หวัน	wăn ⁹³	id.
V#	bunga	flower	/Vn/#	บุหงัน	bùŋăn ⁹⁴	flower
V#	sate ⁹⁵	meat skewer	/Vʔ/#	สะเต๊ะ	sàdé ^(?)	id.
CV	paman	maternal uncle	/CrV/	ประหมั่น	bràmăn	uncle
CV#	kelana	wanderer	C(r)ʔ#	กะลาหนา	gàlaanăa	warrior, soldier
lσ ₁	lenga ⁹⁶	sesame	---	งา	ŋaa	id.

⁹² Cf. fn. 89 on p. 36.

⁹³ Usually appears in the wording *หวันยิหวา wănyiwăa* “soul, spirit” from Malay *tuan jiwa* “soul master”.

⁹⁴ The final *-n* might result from SM *kebangaan* “flower decoration” or *bunga-bunga* “flowery”. Compare Pallegoix 1854:28.

⁹⁵ Originally from Ta. *சதை catai* “flesh, pulpy part of a fruit” (van Ronkel 1902:108), supposed to be a metathesis of Ta. *தசை tacai* “flesh, muscle” (DED 3016).

⁹⁶ This is an area word. Kh. also has *ŋɯŋgô* “sesame”, too, derived from AKh. *ŋɯŋô, liŋau* “id.” (DAK 516); Shorto (2006:77) reconstructs PMK **lɣaaʔ, *lɣawʔ* “id.”

3.2 Vowels

Malay			Thai			
phoneme	example	Translation	phoneme	example	GTS	Translation
/a/	kebal	invulnerable	/a/	กระพัน	gràpān ⁹⁷	id.
/a/	batara kala ⁹⁸	God of the Underworld	/a:/	ปะตาระกาหลา	bàdāarāgaalǎa	adult male angel
/a/	tulah papa	curse to bring misery	/a:/#	ตูลาปาปา	dùlǎabaabaa	misfortune
/a/	pinggang	waist ⁹⁹	/e:/	ปิ่นเหนง	bânneṅ	belt
/a/	jambu	roseapple	/o/	ชมพู่	compûu	id.
/a/	ramadan ¹⁰⁰	Muslim fasting month	/ɔ:/	รอมมะดอน	roommádɔɔn	id.
/a/#	bunga	flower	/an/#	บุหงัน	bùŋǎn ¹⁰¹	id.
/a/#	bela	self-immolation, suttee	/a:/#	แบหลา	bɛɛlǎa	to commit suicide
/a/#	pemuda	young man	/ɔ:/#	เปอมุโด	bœmuudɔɔ ¹⁰²	adolescent
/i/	ringgit	Malaysian currency ¹⁰³	/i/	ริงกิต	ringìt	id.
/i/	pencak silat	kind of martial arts	/i:/	ปัญจักลีลัต	banjàksīlát	id.
/i/	pinggang	waist	/a/	ปิ่นเหนง	bânneṅ ¹⁰⁴	belt
/i/	manggis	mangosteen	/u/	มังคุด	maŋkút ¹⁰⁵	id.

⁹⁷ As for the insertion of *-rə- -rà-*, cf. fn. 86 on p. 35.

⁹⁸ The Jv. designation *batara kala* means “The Great God Kala”, being a manifestation of Śiva the Destroyer. This compound is derived from OJv. *bhaṭāra* “noble God” (KJK 114), ultimately from Skr. *bhaṭṭāra* “noble lord, honorable”, and OJv. *Kāla*, which is “sometimes a God of Death, sometimes His Servant” (ibid., p. 439).

⁹⁹ SM *ikat pinggang* means “belt”.

¹⁰⁰ Originally from Ar. رمضان *ramadān* “fasting month” with learned pronunciation and regressive assimilation in Thai and Malay, because the Ar. origin is pronounced [ramadʕa:n] and not *[ramadʕa:n].

¹⁰¹ Cf. fn. 94 on p. 37.

¹⁰² This can be explained by the Patani dialect, where final *-a* is pronounced [ɔ] (Uthai 2011:50-61).

¹⁰³ Cf. fn. 78 on p. 33.

¹⁰⁴ The odd vowel correspondence may be explained by metathesis.

/i/	ningrat ¹⁰⁶	in the world	/u/	หนึ่งหรัด	nùngràt	belonging to the state
/i/	tabik	salute	/e/	ตะเบ๊ะ	dàbé	to salute
/i/	Kuripan	<i>name of a kingdom</i>	/e:/	กูเรปัน	gùreeban	id.
/i/#	mari	to come, let us	/i/#	มารี	maarí	to come
/i/	kari ¹⁰⁷	Indian curry	/i:/#	กะหรี	gàrîi	id
/u/	sunat	circumcision	/u/	สุหนัต	sùnàt	id.
/u/	budu	<i>fermented fish soup</i>	/u:/	บูดู	buuduu	id.
/u/	agung	supreme	/o/	อากง	aagon	big, important
/u/	gudang	warehouse	/o:/	โกดัง	goodan	id.
/u/	matur ¹⁰⁸	third wife of Jv. king	/o:/#	มะโต	mádoo	id.
/u/#	ratu	queen	/u:/#	ระตู	rátuu (ST)	Malay prince(ss)
/e/	mahadewi	<i>title for a second queen</i>	/e:/	มะเดหรี	mádeewîi	second wife of Jv. king
/e/	bela	self-immolation, suttee	/ɛ:/	แบหลา	bɛɛlǎa	to commit suicide
/e/	meja ¹⁰⁹	table	/i/	มียา	míyaa ¹¹⁰	counter
/e/	mahadewi	<i>title for a second queen</i>	/i:/	มะดีหรี	mádiwîi	second wife of Jv. king
/e/#	sate ¹¹¹	meat skewer	/e/	สะเต๊ะ	sàdé	id.

¹⁰⁵ This is a very old loanword, but the vowel difference cannot be explained.

¹⁰⁶ Cf. fn. 71 on p. 31.

¹⁰⁷ As the low tone in Thai indicates, this word is originally not of Malay, but of Tamil (*கறி kari* “curry, pepper”) origin or from another Indian language, e.g. Punjabi *ਕੜੀ kaṛhī* “gruel”, all from Pali *kāṭhita* “boiled”.

¹⁰⁸ Cf. fn. 90 on p. 36.

¹⁰⁹ Originally from Port. *mesa* “table”, ultimately from Latin *mēnsa* “id.”

¹¹⁰ Judging from the phonology (Uthai 2011:50-61), this word must have been borrowed through the Patani dialect of Malay.

¹¹¹ Cf. fn. 95 on p. 37.

/ə/	mengapa	why	/e:/	เมงอะปา	meen-àbaa	id.
/ə/	pemuda	young man	/ə:/	เปอมุตอ	bəəmudəw	adolescent
/ə/	Melayu	Malay	/a/	มลายู	málaayuu	id.
/ə/	cempedak	cempedak	/a:/	จำปาตะ	jambaadà	id.
/ə/	cendana ¹¹²	sandalwood	/i/	จินดาหนา	jindaanăa	id.
/ə/	mengembara	to travel	/u/	มะงุมมะงาหรา	mánjummánjaarăa	to wander aimlessly
/ə/	keris	Malay dagger	---	กริช	grît	id.
/o/	kong	rib of boat	/o/	กง	goŋ	id.
/o/	sungai golok ¹¹³	“sword river”	/o:/	สํโหวโก-ลก	sùŋǎigoolók	<i>name of a town</i>
/o/	(jambu) golok ¹¹³	cashew nut	---	(หั่ว)ครก	(hũa) krók	id.
/o/#	ino ¹¹⁴	<i>title for Jv. crown prince</i>	/au/#	อิเหนา	inǎu	<i>name of an Inao character</i>
/ɔ/	kopi	coffee	/o:/	โกปี้	goobîi	id.
/ɔ/	kerobok	food hamper	/a/	กระพอก	gràpôók	bamboo food-case
/au/#	kurau	threadfin	/au/#	กูเรา	gùrau	id.
/ai/	main	to play	/e:/	เมน	meen ¹¹⁵	id.
/ai/#	sungai padi	“paddy river”	/ai/#	สํโหวปาดี	sùŋǎibaadii	<i>name of a district</i>
/ia/	durian	durian	/ia/	ทุเรียน	túrian	id.
/ua/	guam	lawsuit, dispute	/wa:/	ความ	kwaam	affair, case
/ua/#	kakaktua	parrot	/ua/#	กระตั้ว	gràdũa	cockatoo

¹¹² This word is originally from Skr. चन्दन *candana* “id.” Thai has also directly borrowed from this Sanskrit word as จันทร์ *jan{táná}* “id.”

¹¹³ As for an explanation of the different semantics and reflexes in Thai of *golok*, see Intarachat 1983.

¹¹⁴ Cf. fn. 62 on p. 30.

¹¹⁵ This correspondence can be explained by the Patani dialect of Malay, where *ai* is pronounced [e] (Uthai 2011:50-61).

---	sekar-wati	“Miss Flower”	/a/	สการะวาตี	sàgaaráwaadíi	<i>name of an Inao character</i>
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3.3 Unclear correspondences

The following list shows all correspondences which do not represent regular changes when Thai borrows a word from Malay. Here I list those consonant and vowel correspondences for which only one example exists, of which the etymology is too vague, or whenever the semantics in the two languages to do not match.

Malay			Thai			
phoneme	example	Translation	phoneme	example	GTS	Translation
/q/	al-qur'an ¹¹⁶	Quran	/k/	อัลกุรอาน	an-gùrá-aan	id.
#/c/	cawat	loincloth	#/ɕ ^h /	ชะอวด	cá-ùat	<i>name of a city</i>
/t/	kertas ¹¹⁷	paper	/d/	กระดาษ	gràdàat	id.
#/n/	nanas	pineapple	#/y/	ย่านนัด, ย่านหนด	yâanàt, yâannàt ¹¹⁸	id.
/n/#	orang hutan	orang-utan	/ŋ/#	อุรังอุตัง	ùraŋ-ùd̪aŋ ¹¹⁹	id.
/nt/	pantai ini ¹²⁰	“this beach”	/t/	ปัตตานี	bàt̪daanii	<i>name of a region</i>
#/b/	baja	fertilizer	#/m/	มายา (ST)	maayaa	id.

¹¹⁶ Probably borrowed directly from Ar. into CT, because this phonological pair between Malay and Thai has no other examples.

¹¹⁷ This phonological pair is not typical, and might suggest that both the Malay and the Thai word are either derived from Kh. *ក្រដាស* *krâdah* “paper” or Ar. *قِرطاس* *qirṭās* “id.”

¹¹⁸ As this is a very unusual sound correspondence between the two languages, I hypothesize a dissimilation in the ST word.

¹¹⁹ The assimilation of the last syllable of the second word to the last syllable of the first word seems to have been modeled on the English pronunciation. The original Malay word is *mawas* “orang utan”, not *orang (h)utan*, which actually means “forest man”. Cf. Mahdi’s (2007:170) extensive discussion on this topic.

¹²⁰ This correspondence is taken from Porath (2011:48), but is most probably folk etymology, since only a modern colloquial variety of Northern Malay could justify *pantai ini* to be pronounced like *pata ni*. A map from 1580 (<http://www.raremaps.com/gallery/enlarge/30554hbp>) already has *Patani*, so it is quite impossible that, while almost all other place names are so close to the original Malay word, *Patani* should have been a corruption of *pantai ini*. Some sources (<http://amphoe.com/menu.php?mid=1&am=355&pv=30>) also say that the district name *Penare* comes from *pantai tare* “fishing net beach”, so how can *pantai* change to both **pata-* and **pena-*?

/j/	wilayah ¹²¹	territory	---	วิลาศ	wílâat	the British
/r/	barat daya	southwest (wind)	---	พัทยา	pátáyaa	<i>name of a city</i>
#/h/	haji	Hajji	#/h/	ฮัจญี, หะยี, หัจญี	hátyii, hàtyii, hàtyii ¹²²	id.
#/h/	hasil ¹²³	product, revenue	#/?/	อาสิน	aasĭn	fruit tax
/h/#	wilayah ¹²⁴	territory	/t/#	วิลาศ	wílâat	the British
---	pateri	solder	/k/	บัดกรี	bàtgrii ¹²⁵	to solder
/a/	kerajang	gold foil	/ɛ:/	กระแซง	gràcɛŋ	roofing sheet
/a/	barat	west	---	พรวด	prát (ST)	wind from west
/a/#	hijra	Hijra	/ɔ/	ฮิจเราะห์	hítrɔ́	id.
/u/	kurung	enclosure, cage	---	กรง ¹²⁶	gron	cage
/ə/	kemuning ¹²⁷	tree with yellowish blossoms	/a:ra/	การะบุหนิง	gaarábùnhŋ	Orange Jessamine
/o/	pondok	small Islamic school	/ɔ/	ปอเนาะ	บ๊อวอว์	Islamic school
/o/#	anglo	brazier	/o:/#	อั้งโล่	âŋlôo	id.
/au/#	kerbau ¹²⁸	water buffalo	/u:/#	กระบือ	gràbuu	water buffalo

¹²¹ Cf. fn. 153 on p. 59.

¹²² As the multiple possibilities in Thai suggest, this word could also be borrowed directly from Ar. *الحجى al-ḥajjī* “one who has completed the Hajj”. The same applies to all other loanwords starting with /h/: *ฮัจญ์* *hát* “hajj”, *ฮิญาบ* *híyâap* “hijab”, and *ฮิจเราะห์* *hítrɔ́* “hijra”.

¹²³ This word is originally from Ar. *حاصل ḥāṣil* “result, earnings”, and might therefore cause the loss of the initial *h*.

¹²⁴ Cf. fn. 153 on p. 59.

¹²⁵ The unexpected insertion of /k/ in Thai suggest a different origin, perhaps Persian or Arabic, however further research is needed.

¹²⁶ This word might also be from Kh. *ក្រុង* *krŭng* “to lock up, city” or Bu. *ချိုင့်* *chain.*, written Bu. *khruŋ* “cage for birds”, OCh. **rôŋ(?)* “id.” (ABC 2007:363).

¹²⁷ Cf. fn. 159 on p. 64.

¹²⁸ This is one of those East Asian area words, which can be found in various old and living languages of different families: Thai *กระบือ* *gràbuu* “water buffalo” and *ควาย* *kwaai* “id.”, AKh. *ကုပ္ပီ* *krapī(yy)* “id.”, OJv. *kěbo* “id.”, Tag. *kalabao* “id.”, OCh. **grui*, **gwrə* “large mystical animal as strong as an ox”, Cant. *kwai4* “one-legged monster” Bu. *ကျဲ* *kjwe:* “water buffalo”. For further correspondences, see ABC 2007:339 and MKD 93.

/ai/#	pantai ini ¹²⁹	“this beach”	/a:/#	ปัตตานี	batdaanii	<i>name of a region</i>
/ua/	puak ¹³⁰	troupe, troop, tribe	/uɑ/	พวก	púak	group
/ua/	wiranjwan ¹³¹	bewildered, disturbed	/w:/	วิ้งรอง, วิ้งรอง	wíroŋwɔŋ, wíraŋwɔŋ	Crinum asiaticum

¹²⁹ Cf. fn. 120 on p. 41.

¹³⁰ Kh. has *puək* “group, gathering”, MMon has *buk* “sect” (MKD 149), so this could be an area word.

¹³¹ Given is the OJv. word *wiranjwan* “bewildered, disturbed”, also found as *wiranjron* and *wiranjwa* (KJK 1445), because the modern Jv. cognate *wirangrong* “suffering from the pangs of love” seems too far off the Thai semantics.

3.4 Tone adaptation and tone generation

3.4.1 From other tonal languages

The most prominent tonal languages that have contributed to the development of modern Central Thai are the Chinese languages, especially the Mǐnnán languages of Southern China, namely Teochew (*Cháo zhōu*), Cantonese (*Yuè*), Hakka (*Kè jiā*), and Taiwanese Hokkien (*Fú jiàn*), all of them belonging to the Chinese branch of the Sino-Tibetan language family. Loanwords from Middle and Modern Chinese have been thoroughly analyzed in recent years, the largest analysis of them being a Ph.D. dissertation from Manomaivibool in 1975, an MA thesis by Gyarunsut in 1983, and an unpublished dissertation by Qunhu in 2000.

The consonant and vowel correspondences between Thai and the Chinese languages, also discussed in the papers mentioned above, are not of interest here; instead having a closer look at how tones from Chinese languages are rendered in Central Thai may help to understand their relationship, cf. e.g. Manomaivibool 1975:269-299.

There are four traditional Chinese tones: 平 *píng* (level), 上 *shǎng* (rising), 去 *qù* (departing), and 入 *rù* (entering). These are again subdivided into two types: 陰 *yīn* (dark) for syllables with unvoiced initials and 陽 *yáng* (bright) for those with voiced initials. The afore-mentioned four Chinese tones are said to correspond to the PT tone classes A, C, B, and D, respectively (Manomaivibool 1975:269; ABC 128).

It is not easy to determine whether a certain word is native to Thai or borrowed from a Chinese language, since both languages are mostly monosyllabic. All polysyllabic words in Thai must be borrowings from other Asian or European languages (cf. chapter 1.1.2 on p. 6 et seq.), and the same applies to Chinese. For the tonal correspondences between Chinese and Thai, the following chart shows Middle Chinese examples taken from Manomaivibool. The left-hand side indicates the four Middle Chinese tones with their two subgroups and examples in the first row of each cell. The examples also indicate the corresponding Thai lexeme sorted by their four proto-tones. When no example is given, Manomaivibool did not encounter any while compiling her Sino-Thai word list, and not meaning that this correspondence is impossible. Whenever a Middle Chinese lemma is mentioned in Schuessler's Old Chinese dictionary, I have decided to use his version. This also includes the superscript capital letters for the Middle Chinese tones.

I am well aware that the following table is a very simplified overview of the rather complicated tone system in both languages. Originally, there used to be an eight-tone system in the tonal languages of Southeast Asia (Tai-Kadai, Hmong-Mien, Việt-Mường, Chinese), which later split into four basic tones and two levels for each tone, resulting in the classical designation A1, A2, B1, B2, C1, C2, D1, and D2 (cf. chapter 2 on p. 21). In some languages, however, some of these eight tones fell together. As for a more detailed description on how the tones have developed in the single languages, consult Chang Kun (1953) and Purnell's dissertation (1970).

*PT		A		B		C		D	
MCh.		A1	A2	B1	B2	C1	C2	D1	D2
平 píng	陰 yīn	餐 <i>ts^hân</i> ฉัน <i>căn</i> to eat	憎 <i>tsəŋ</i> ชัง <i>caŋ</i> to hate	雞 <i>kiei</i> ไก่ <i>gài</i> chicken	鯨 <i>sa</i> ช้าง <i>sâa</i> big fish	蜂 <i>p^hjwəŋ</i> ผึ้ง <i>p^hŋ</i> bee	差 <i>ts^hai</i> ใช้ <i>cái</i> to send, to use	撕 <i>sjiɛ</i> ฉีก <i>ciik</i> to tear	梟 <i>kieu</i> ฮูก <i>hûuk</i> owl
	陽 yáng	膿 <i>njwəŋ</i> หนอง <i>nwəŋ</i> pus	鉗 <i>gjam</i> คีม <i>kiim</i> tongs	男 <i>nəm</i> หนุ่ม <i>nùm</i> young man	牌 <i>bai</i> ไพ่ <i>pâi</i> to play cards	豪 <i>yâu</i> ห้าว <i>hâau</i> bold, brave	籬 <i>ljie</i> รั้ว <i>rúa</i> fence	額 <i>ŋɛk</i> ผาก <i>pàak</i> ¹³² forehead	嶠 <i>gjäu^C</i> โคก <i>kôok</i> ¹³³ hill
上 shàng	陰 yīn	皓 <i>yâu^B</i> ขาว <i>kăau</i> bright, white	————	幾 <i>kjei^B</i> กี่ <i>gii</i> how many	鎖 <i>suâ^B</i> โซ่ <i>sôo</i> chain	廣 <i>kwâŋ^B</i> กว้าง <i>gwâaŋ</i> wide	賈 <i>kuo^B</i> ค้า <i>káa</i> to buy, to trade	補 <i>puo^B</i> ปะ <i>bà</i> to mend	————
	陽 yáng	————	陡 <i>dje^B</i> เฒ่ <i>tee</i> slope, to slant	敏 <i>mjen^B</i> หมั่น <i>màn</i> diligent	是 <i>zie^B</i> ใช่ <i>câi</i> to be right	弩 <i>nuo^B</i> หน้า <i>nâa</i> crossbow	馬 <i>ma^B</i> ม้า <i>máa</i> horse	————	臼 <i>gjäu^B</i> ครก <i>krók</i> mortar
去 qù	陰 yīn	去 <i>k^hjwo^C</i> เขี้ยว <i>kǎu</i> to go, to hurry	幼 <i>ɲjieu^C</i> เยาว <i>yau</i> young, weak	四 <i>si^C</i> สี่ <i>sii</i> four	稱 <i>tshjəŋ^C</i> ชั่ง <i>cəŋ</i> to weigh	到 <i>tâu^C</i> เต้า <i>đâu</i> to arrive, to go	慣 <i>kuan^C</i> คุ้น <i>kún</i> familiar with	肺 <i>p^hjwɛi^C</i> ปอด <i>bòwt</i> lungs	計 <i>kiei^C</i> คิด <i>kít</i> to calculate
	陽 yáng	害 <i>yâi^C</i> หาย <i>hăai</i> to destroy, to lose	練 <i>lien^C</i> เรียน <i>rian</i> to train, to learn	萬 <i>mjwən^C</i> หมื่น <i>mùnn</i> ten thousand	渡 <i>duo^C</i> ท่า <i>tâa</i> to ford, pier	袋 <i>dâi^C</i> ไ้ <i>tâi</i> sack, bag	肉 <i>húzjuk^C</i> เนื้อ <i>núu</i> meat, flesh	帽 <i>mâu^C</i> หมวด <i>mùat</i> hat	召 <i>djäu^C</i> เรียก <i>riak</i> to call
入 rù	陰 yīn	————	————	膊 <i>pâk</i> บ่า <i>bâa</i> shoulder	————	————	————	七 <i>ts^hjet</i> เจ็ด <i>jèt</i> seven	屈 <i>k^hjuət</i> คด <i>kót</i> to bend
	陽 yáng	————	————	————	————	————	————	十 <i>zjəp</i> สิบ <i>sìp</i> ten	掠 <i>ljak</i> ลัก <i>lák</i> to rob

¹³² Manomaivibool (1975:283) reconstructs older **blag* for Old Chinese to make it fit, but I doubt this correspondence.

¹³³ This may not be a Chinese loan, since Kh. *တောကံ* *koŋk* “dry land, ground” also exists. The MCh. tone C also seems misplaced here.

The rules in the chart above represent a great achievement toward the etymological analysis of the Chinese elements in Thai, however they only apply to loanwords from Old and Middle Chinese. Borrowings from modern Chinese languages, such as Teochew, Cantonese, Hakka, and Taiwanese Hokkien, do not follow these rules, and have entered the Thai language according to the speaker's and listener's capability of transcribing the respective word.

Quite often, it is not clear from which of the modern southern Chinese languages (henceforth *Mǐnnán*) a certain word is derived, as can be seen from the following example:

CT	หัวหาญ <i>hâau hǎan</i> “reckless, self-confident”
Ma.	好汉 <i>hǎohàn</i> “hero, strong person”
TC	好汉 <i>ho2 hang3</i> “hero”
Hakka	好汉 <i>hau3 hon4</i> “hero, strong person”
Cant.	好汉 <i>hou2 hon3</i> “here, strong and courageous person”
TW	好汉 <i>hó-hàn</i> “brave, courageous, and ambitious man”

The closest equivalent to the Thai word seems to be Mandarin; however Thai usually does not borrow from Mandarin. On the other hand, Khmer also has *ហ៊ាន han* “to dare, bold”. Nevertheless, I am quite certain that Khmer borrowed this word from Thai, and Thai borrowed it from Chinese, for Khmer has *ក្លាហាន klahan* “bold, courageous” consisting of *ក្លា kla* “brave” and *ហ៊ាន han* “to dare, bold”, of which *ក្លា kla* is from native Thai *กล้า glâa* “brave”.

Another indicator for these borrowing irregularities from *Mǐnnán* is the same Thai tone outcome of unlike tones in the original language, perhaps due to the limited number of tones in Thai. Consider for example *จับจ่าย jàpcàai* “hodgepodge”, having the low tone on both syllables, from TC 雜菜 *zab8 cai3* “mixed vegetables” with a high and low-rising tone. However, due to TC tone sandhi¹³⁴, the high tone (8) of the first syllable becomes low (4) in a disyllabic word¹³⁵. In contrast, tone sandhi does not always apply, as can be seen in the TC word 進貢 *zing3 gong3* “to pay tribute”, which has led to Thai *จิ้มจ่อง jîmgôwɔŋ* “id.”. Both TC and CT use the same tone for each syllable, however TC tone 3 is low-rising and ought to change to

¹³⁴ Tone sandhi is a phenomenon in many tonal languages, where the tones of a morpheme (usually a syllable or even a word in Asian tonal languages) change their contour due to the pronunciation of adjacent morphemes, syllables or words. For example, the inherent tone of the first syllable of a disyllabic word in many Chinese languages usually changes to another tone, when followed by a second syllable with a certain tone that forces the first syllable to bear another tone. There are sometimes rules for this; the complicity, however, varies from language to language.

¹³⁵ Cf. tone charts at: <http://www.teochewdialect.net/tone.php?code=en>.

tone 2 in a disyllabic word. Conversely, Thai has the falling tone twice. Interestingly though, the Mandarin pronunciation 进贡 *jìngòng* fits better, because this word does not undergo tone sandhi and the Mandarin high-falling tone (sometimes called fourth tone) is almost equal in pitch to the Thai falling tone. Rules for these modern loanwords are therefore still open to further research.

3.4.2 From non-tonal languages

As a summary of what is discussed in the following chapters, it can be generalized that merely loanwords from English and the Malay languages undergo certain tone generation rules in Thai, whereas those from the ancient languages, such as Angkorian Khmer, Old Mon, and Old Indic including some of their modern descendants conform to the consonant set of the original language. When words are borrowed from Arabic, Persian, or Hindi (whether directly or via Malay), there seems to be a tendency of a final low tone development in Thai, but this has not been thoroughly researched yet.

3.4.2.1 Khmer and Mon

Khmer is a non-tonal language of the Austro-Asiatic family, and is related to Vietnamese, a tonal language, and Mon, a non-tonal language. However, Thai has not borrowed a single word directly from Vietnamese, which is why only loanwords from Khmer and Mon are treated in this chapter.

Numerous works on Khmer loans in Thai have been published, including Varasarin's stimulating book from 1984, Bauer's article from 1991, and Bilmes' article from 1998. Helpful in spotting Khmer loans in Thai is Nacasakul's *Thai-Khmer Dictionary* from 2005. There has been only one thorough paper published on Mon elements in Thai, namely Ferlus 1985.

Regardless of being borrowed from Old, Middle or Modern Khmer, or from Old, Middle, or Modern Mon, the resulting tones are not crucial. Some of the Khmeric elements in Thai are so old that tones would not be reconstructable anymore. There is a nearly ideal system for Thai-Khmer consonant correspondences, similar to the system for Indic loans, which will be described in the following chapter. This system almost perfectly matches words borrowed from

Angkorian Khmer, but not those from Modern Khmer. This is due to the fact that a great vowel split occurred between AKh. and MKh. with the diphthongization after an old voiced consonant, leading to the different consonant classes (Minegishi 2006:191), cf. p. xiii. The vowel split led to forms such as *ទាហាន téahéan* “soldier, to dare”, while still written as **tāhān*, and borrowed into Thai as *ทหาร táhāan* “soldier”¹³⁶.

The oldest loans in Thai do not even represent the original consonants in Khmer or Mon. The following example demonstrates this process: *ถนน tànǒn* “street, road”, borrowed from AKh. *ḡṇ t(h)nal* “id.”, pronounced */tʰnɔl/* (Jenner 2009:227), expected ***ḡṇal {tnal}* in Thai. The Thai language does not have final */l/*, and always renders it as */n/*. However, in recent loanwords the original *al* is still maintained in the script, e.g. *สำราญ sāmruan* “to laugh”, spelled *{smrwl}* and derived from MoKh. *ḡṇ sāmruǎl* “to laugh (royal use)”. Sometimes consonant clusters from one of the Khmeric languages are reduced in Thai, if the loanword is very old. For example, OMon has *kṣeh*, **ksěh* “horse” (Ferlus 1985:221 & 227), while MoMon uses *ချေ cheh* “id.”, of which only the older form could have been borrowed into Thai as *แสะ sè* “id.” and into Lao as *ແສ sè* “id.”, since the expected form would show ***ແຊ sé* in Thai. As can be seen here, the low tone results from the Thai orthography due to the glottal stop which shortens the preceding vowel after the high class consonant *ṣ s*. In Lao, the same letter causes a high tone.

3.4.2.2 Sanskrit and Pali

Sanskrit (endonym *Samśkr̥tam*), an Old Indo-Aryan language, and Pali (sometimes also spelled *Pāḷi*), a Middle Indo-Aryan language, both belonging to the Indo-Iranian branch of the Indo-European language family, have had such a great influence on Thai that many native speakers of Thai consider their language to be a derivative of one of the two Indic languages, which is linguistically speaking untenable. The first large compilation of borrowings from the two languages (henceforth referred to as *Indic*) was published by Dr. William J. Gedney in his Ph.D. dissertation from 1947, and has served as a sound basis for any further studies on Thai etymology published thereafter. He states that “[w]ords of Indic origin are about as common in spoken Thai as are words of Greek and Latin origin in spoken English” (Gedney 1947:1).

¹³⁶ Cf. SM *tahan* “to withstand”.

Another useful publication is Satya Vrat Shastri's article on the semantic fields of Indic loans, from 1978.

When Indic words enter Thai, regardless of being an old or a modern loan, the tones do not follow any specific rules. The only convention is the exact representation of the consonants and vowels used in Indic. This means that it is not the pronunciation of Indic words that is crucial, but the original orthography, as these elements hardly ever entered Thai orally. Indic loanwords are mainly scientific words, cardinal points, fields of study, literary terms, personal names, names of the days and months, formal equivalents of everyday words, professions, and even many everyday terms; Indic loans are productive in Thai up to now, so that native speakers of Thai are sometimes not aware of the Indic origin of words they regularly use.

There is a set rule as to which Thai letter corresponds to which Indic counterpart. This can easily be illustrated by the following chart. The first column refers to the place of articulation in Indic, of which retroflex and dental consonants coincide in spoken Thai and are only distinct in writing. The first line lists the manner of aspiration and the second line the voicing of the Sanskrit consonants; the Sanskrit voicing is exactly mirrored in modern Thai. The terms low, mid, and high refer to the consonant class (cf. chart on p. 8). The order of characters follows the Sanskrit abugida order according to the place of articulation from the back of the mouth (velar) to the front (labial), always starting with the unvoiced consonants, followed by the voiced and nasal ones. The rest are given at the end of the chart in traditional Sanskrit order.

	unaspirated unvoiced	aspirated unvoiced	unaspirated voiced	aspirated voiced	nasal
	mid class	high class	low class	low class	low class
velar	ก ฏว [ก ka]	ข ฌว [ข kha]	ค ฌว [ก ga]	ฅ ฌว [ข gha]	ง ฌว [ङ ṅa]
palatal	จ ฌว [จ ca]	ฉ ฌว [ฉ cha]	ช ฌว [จ ja]	ฌ ฌว [จ jha]	ญ ฌว [ञ ña]
retroflex	ฏ ฌว [ट ṭa]	ฐ ฌว [ठ ṭha]	ฑ ฌว [ड ḍa]	ฒ ฌว [ढ ḍha]	ณ ฌว [ण ṇa]
dental	ต ฌว [ต ta]	ถ ฌว [ถ tha]	ท ฌว [ด da]	ธ ฌว [ध dha]	น ฌว [न na]
labial	ป ฌว [ป pa]	ผ ฌว [फ pha]	พ ฌว [ब ba]	ภ ฌว [भ bha]	ม ฌว [म ma]
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approximants	ย ฌว [ย ya]	ร ฌว [ร ra]	ล ฌว [ล la]	ว ฌว [ว wa]	mid class
sibilants	ส ฌว [श śa]	ษ ฌว [ष ṣa]	ฮ ฌว [स sa]		high class
voiced h	ห ฌว [ह ha]				high class

Similarly, there is also a traditional transliteration convention of vowels used in Sanskrit loanwords, which does not conform to the actual pronunciation, but to the spelling of the borrowed word. The chart below lists the vowel correspondences between Sanskrit (first row) and Thai (third row). The group above the line shows them in initial position, the one below the line in any other. The circle indicates a consonant placeholder. The asterisk (*) stands for the difficulty of the representation of the Indic *a* in Thai: usually, it is not transliterated at all, sometimes represented by ั *a*, and in final position rendered as ะ *a* or not at all.

अ	आ	इ	ई	उ	ऊ	ए	ऐ	ओ	औ	ऋ	ॠ	ऌ	ॡ
a	ā	i	ī	u	ū	e	ai	o	au	r̥	r̄	l̥	l̄
अ	आ	इ	ई	उ	ऊ	ए	ऐ	ओ	औ	ऋ	ॠ	ऌ	ॡ
a	aa	i	ii	u	uu	e	ai	o	au	ru	ruu	lu	luu

◌	◌ा	◌ि	◌ी	◌ु	◌ू	◌े	◌ै	◌ो	◌ौ	◌ृ	◌ॄ	◌ौ	◌ॡ
a	ā	i	ī	u	ū	e	ai	o	au	r̥	r̄	l̥	l̄
*	◌ा	◌ि i,	◌ी ii	◌ु	◌ू	◌े	◌ै	◌ो	◌ौ	◌ृ	◌ॄ	◌ौ	◌ॡ
	aa	ii	ii	u	uu	e	ai	o	au	ru	ruu	lu	luu

The previous description of the Thai transliteration of the Indic script is essential in order to understand that tones are disregarded when Thai borrows words from an Indic language. The only criteria are the consonants and the vowels. This can easily be demonstrated by means of the following examples in comparison with loanwords from Standard Malay (SM).

SM loan	Thai outcome	Skr. loan	Thai outcome	English
cendera	จินตะหรา jindàrǎa	चन्द्र candra	จันทร̐ jan{tára}	moon
cendana	จินดาหนา jindaanǎa	चन्दन candana	จันทน์ jan{táná}	sandalwood
jiwa	ยิหวา yíwǎa	जीव jīva	ชีพ cīp	life, soul ¹³⁷
pati	ปาตี baadīi	पति pati	บตี bōdīi	lord, big person
bela	เบลลา beelǎa ¹³⁸	वेला velā	เวลา weelaa	hour (of death)

¹³⁷ Thai also has ชีว(ะ) *ciiwá* “life” and ชีว *ciiwaa* “id.”, which are direct borrowings from the same Sanskrit word.

¹³⁸ The Malay word means “self-immolation, to join someone in death”, while the Thai equivalent means “to commit suicide”.

It can be seen from the five examples above that Sanskrit loans in Thai are orthographically represented in perfect accordance to their source, but their phonological accuracy is lacking. Loans from Malay, however, are rather transcribed according to their pronunciation disregarding the original Malay spelling. Consequently, it is very easy to trace the borrowing from Sanskrit back to its origin, while Malay borrowings often cannot be identified as such by native Thai speakers. Thai speakers often treat Malay loanwords as being of Chinese or Khmer origin, whereas they are quite certain about those of Indic origin.

Loanwords from modern languages of India, including Dravidian languages, such as Tamil and Malayalam, usually do not follow the spelling rules explained above. For example, the term *เจียรไน* *jiarānai* “to cut precious stones” has no convincing etymology except Tamil *சீரணை* *cāṇai* “whet-stone, grind-stone”. This correspondence is highly irregular, and may not originally be of Tamil origin. Something similar can be observed in the following odd etymology: The Thai designation *สาเก* *sāgee* “breadfruit tree” is definitely not of Thai origin; however it may not continue Malay *sukun* “id.”, because it does not match the Thai pronunciation. It seems more likely that Malayalam *കടച്ചക്ക* *kaṭaccakka* “id.” and *ചക്ക* *chakka* “jackfruit” are its source¹³⁹.

3.4.2.3 English

As a Germanic language of the Indo-European family, English has had influence on Thai only due to former kings’ journeys to Europe and due to tourists in Thailand in recent time. Some rare loanwords from French and Portuguese may have migrated into Thai via Malay or Khmer. There have been many publications on English loanwords in CT (e.g. Nacasakul 1979, Gandour 1979, and Bickner 1986). Bickner has set up a wide range of well-structured rules for tones generated in Thai, when a word is borrowed from English. He explains that “[n]ative speakers of English who study Thai soon realize that they must learn new pronunciations for words borrowed from their own native vocabulary or they will not be understood when they use those words in conversation with Thai speakers” (Bickner 1986:19). This does not only refer to consonant clusters that need to be reduced, when English words are used in Thai, but especially to the tones: “Words borrowed from English are pronounced with a variety of tones, some of which ‘feel’ right to the native speaker of English, and some of which do not” (ibid.).

¹³⁹ Sanskrit does not have any of these words.

I would like to offer his set of rules here without further discussion. Those who are interested in the background and reasons of why and how certain tones are applied in loanwords from English should consult Bickner's article. For each rule, I will offer just two examples (or three, if three different tones are possible), but Bickner has a lot more. Those marked with an asterisk (*) must be exceptions, as there are hardly any more examples for the specific rule. The following chart is based on Bickner's data.

Rule	Feature of the English word	Final tone	Example		English original
			Thai spelling	GTS	
1A	monosyllabic, final vowel or sonorant	mid	เกม	geem	game
		low*	เหม้ม	mèem	ma'am
		rising*	บอย	bóoi	boy ¹⁴⁰
1B	monosyllabic, final sonorant cluster containing an <i>n</i>	mid	ปอนด์	บ๊วน{t}	pound
			เลนส์	leen{s}	lens
1C	monosyllabic, final sonorant cluster containing an <i>r</i> or <i>l</i>	mid	เทอม	təom	term
			ฟิล์ม	fi{l}m	film
2A	monosyllabic, final plosive or fricative after a short vowel	high	เค้ก	kéek	cake
			เน็ต	nét	net
2B	monosyllabic, final sonorant-plosive cluster	high	ปั้ม	bám	pump
		mid*	แสตมป์	sàdɛem{p}	stamp
2C	monosyllabic, final cluster containing an <i>r</i> or <i>l</i> and a plosive or a fricative	high	เชิ้ต	cóot	shirt
		low	เสิร์ฟ	sòo{r}p	serve
3A	polysyllabic, non-final stress, final vowel or sonorant, entered Thai orally	falling	ล็อตเตอรี่	lówtđoeríi	lottery
			เชอร์รี่	cəo{r}ríi	cherry

¹⁴⁰ The meaning of the Thai word is "waiter".

3B	polysyllabic, non-final stress, final vowel or sonorant, entered Thai in writing	mid falling*	แอลกอฮอล์ เรดาร์	εengwəhəw{l} reedâa{r} ¹⁴¹	alcohol radar
3C	polysyllabic, non-final stress, final obstruent	high falling* low	ออฟฟิศ, ออฟฟิต คริสต์มาส พลาสติก	óvffít, óvpfít krít{t}mâat plâatdîk	office Christmas plastic
4A	polysyllabic, final stress, final vowel or sonorant	mid rising*	การ์ตูน ฮัลโหล	gaa{r}duun hanlöö	cartoon hello
4B*	polysyllabic, final stress, final obstruent	low mid	เทคนิค เปอร์เซ็นต์	têeknik bөө{r}sen{t}	technique percent

Monosyllabic English words are not of interest within the framework of this thesis, since only the polysyllabic ones show a tendency toward the falling tone, especially in vowel-final loanwords. It should be added that also quite a number of sonorant-final loanwords from English have a falling tone in Thai, see *แฟชั่น* *fěcân* “fashion”, *ช้อปปิ้ง* *cəwpbîŋ* “shopping”, and *ไรเฟิล* *raifǎan* “rifle”, just to mention a few. This is quite interesting, since loanwords from Malay often have a falling tone in ST (cf. chapter 3.4.2.4 on p. 54). This convention seems to comply with the natural melody of the Thai language. Bickner (1986:28) explains the phenomenon as follows: “The final syllables of the English models probably approach most closely the falling tone, with its rapid drop in pitch height.” An unstressed final syllable in English results in a final falling tone in Thai, as it tries to imitate the rapid drop in pitch at the end of the word.

3.4.2.4 Malay, Indonesian, and Javanese

When words are borrowed from Malay, Indonesian or Javanese, tones are developed to make them sound more natural to native speakers of Thai. We can compare this phenomenon to the adaptation of stress and vowel coloring of Malay loanwords in English: While *orang hutan* is pronounced /ʔo'raŋ (h)u'tan/ in Malay, it is rendered as /ə'ɹæŋ ə,tʰæŋ/ in American English.

¹⁴¹ The mid tone alternative *เรดาร์* *reedaa* “id.” also exists.

Not only have the two initial vowels been weakened due to natural American English stress, but the final syllable of the second word has also experienced assimilation to the second syllable of the first word. If American English were a tonal language, it would generate tones when borrowing a word like *orang hutan*.

Similar adaptation processes take place in Thai, but it is tones that are generated, and not stress when words are borrowed from modern languages. This does not happen in words borrowed from an ancient language like Sanskrit, Pali, or Angkorian Khmer, for which it seems more important to picture a highly adequate orthography corresponding to the original writing system. In this chapter, I will attempt to explain the generation of word-final tones, whenever a term has been borrowed into Thai from Malay, Indonesian, or (Old) Javanese.

3.4.2.4.1 Low tone

When encountering a low tone on the ultima of a possible Malay loan, one of the three conditions needs to be fulfilled:

1. The final syllable starts with a stop consonant
2. The final consonant of the original Malay word is either a stop or fricative consonant, pronounced as a plosive in Thai, or the vowel /a/ rendered as a glottal stop in Thai.
3. The word is not originally from Malay, but ultimately from a South or Southwestern Asian language, such as Persian, Arabic, Tamil, or Hindi, nonetheless borrowed via Malay.

The following list contains all words borrowed after 1400 A.D. except for one. It is obvious that they are recent borrowings since they did not undergo the devoicing consonant shift that took place in the 14th century (cf. explanation on page 28). Unclear or doubtful loanwords are marked with a question mark (?). All words are listed in Pallegoix's dictionary from 1854, except for those marked with a cross (†). After each entry, an etymology (if known) is given in order to show that condition 3 of the rules above applies or not. If none of the rules apply, the word is considered an exception. Thai usually does not borrow any Muslim word directly

from Arabic, but via Malay: “Arabic words used in Malay have also been borrowed by Thai, due to their clash in history.”¹⁴²

Thai		Malay word	Translation	Rule			Origin, Other Correspondences
Lexeme	GTS			1	2	3	
กระจับปี	gràjəp̚bii ¹⁴³	kecapi	lute	✓			Skr. कच्छपी <i>kacchapī</i> “kind of lute”, named so after कच्छ <i>kaccha</i> “cedrela toona” or कच्छप <i>kacchapa</i> “tortoise”
กระจูด	gràjùut	kercut	bulrush	✓	✓		Kh. ច្រូត <i>châchot</i> “id.”
กระดาษ	gràdàat	kertas	paper	✓	✓		Ar. قرطاس <i>qirtās</i> “id.” Gk. χαρτης <i>khártēs</i> (id.) Kh. ក្រដាស <i>kradaah</i> ¹⁴⁴
กริช	grit	keris	dagger	✓	✓		OJv. <i>kris</i> “id.” (KJK 520)
กะปะ	gàbà	(ular) kapak	Calloselasma	✓			
กะหรี่	gàrii	kari	curry			✓	Ta. ករី <i>kari</i> “id.”
กำปั่น	gambàn	kapal	ship	✓		✓	Ta. កាប់ <i>kappal</i> “ship”
จำปาตะ	jambaadà	cempedak	cempedak	✓	✓		Bu. ផ្លែបាត <i>sonbada</i> “id.”
เซปัก	seebàk	sepak	kick volleyball	✓	✓		OJv. <i>sepak</i> “to kick (as a horse)” (KJK 1079)
ดัล	đàláp	telap	small box		✓		
ปะ	bà	jumpa	to meet	✓	✓		OMon: * <i>pa?</i> “to do” (Ferlus 1985:228)
ปั่น	bànnèeŋ	(ikat) pinggang	belt				
ภูเก็	puugèt	bukit	hill ¹⁴⁵	✓	✓		PAN * <i>búki</i> “id.” (PAP 779)

¹⁴² Translated by myself from Malay: “[...] perkataan Arab yang digunakan dalam bahasa Melayu dipinjam pula oleh bahasa Thai, melalui proses pertembungan sejarah” (Intarachat 1980:14).

¹⁴³ As for the insertion of -rə- -rà-, cf. fn. 86 on p. 35.

¹⁴⁴ Both the Ar. and the Gr. word can be reconstructed. Most Semitic languages have a similar word for “to cut, to pinch, to bite” (Leslau 1987:444) and Proto-Indo-European is reconstructed as **ǵher-* “to scratch, to scrape” (Walde 1973:602), so the real origin remains unknown.

¹⁴⁵ The Thai word is the name of *Phuket Island* in Southern Thailand.

ยาหนัด, ย่านหนัด (ST)	yâanàt, yâannàt	nanas	pineapple ¹⁴⁶		✓		originally from Guaraní <i>ñana</i> “fruit, herbage” via Port. <i>ananás</i> , Hindi अनन्नास <i>anannās</i> “id.” or Ar. أناناس <i>anānās</i> “id.”
ยาหัด	yaahàt	jahat	bad, evil		✓		
ระเด่น	rádèn	raden	crown prince	✓			cf. fn. 69 on p. 30.
ริงกิต†	ringìt	ringgit	<i>currency unit</i>	✓	✓		meaning “jagged”
กลางสาด	laaŋsàat	langsāt	langsāt		✓		of SM origin (Blench 2008:123)
สร้าง†	sàràŋ	serang	boatswain			✓	Pe. سرهنگ <i>sarhang</i> “captain”
สละ	sàlà	(pokok) salak	Salacca zalacca		✓		of SM origin (Blench 2008:136)
สลัก	sàlàk	selak	bolt		✓		AKh. *ꨀꨣꩃ *chlāk “to carve” (DAK 147)
สลัด	sàlàt	selat	strait ¹⁴⁷		✓		PAN *celat “straits, slit” (PAP 802)
สุหนัด	sùnàt	sunat	circumcision		✓	✓	Arab.: سنة <i>sunna</i> “tradition, custom”
สุหร่า†	sùràu	surau	mosque			?	Minang: سوراو <i>surau</i> “men’s prayer house” ¹⁴⁸
โสร่ง†	sàròŋ	sarung	sarong			✓	Sinhalese: සරු saḷu “garment”
หนึ่งหัด†	nèŋgràt	ningrat	in the world		✓		cf. p. 31
ไหม้	mii	mi	noodles ¹⁴⁹				Mǐnnán: 麩 mì “id.” (Haspelmath 2009:629)
หลับ	láp	lelap	asleep		✓		PAN *lebeleb “hidden” (PAP 887)
หลุด† (ST)	lùt	selut	mud		✓		
หัจญ์†	hàt	haj	Hajj		✓	✓	Ar. حج <i>hajj</i> “pilgrimage”, also in high tone
องุ่น	àŋùn	anggur	grape			✓	Pe. انگور <i>angūr</i> “id.”

¹⁴⁶ Cf. fn. 118 on p. 41 for more details.

¹⁴⁷ A semantic shift occurred in Thai, from the Malay meaning “strait” to Thai “pirate”. Cf. fn. 81 on p. 34.

¹⁴⁸ As this is a Muslim word, Ar. or Pe. origin is expected, but in none of the two languages such a word can be found.

¹⁴⁹ Cf. p. 58 for an explanation on the origin.

อิหม่าม†	ìmàam	imam	Muslim priest			✓	Ar. <i>إمام</i> 'imām “president”
อุบะ†	ùbà	gubah	bunch of flowers	✓	✓		Jv. has <i>nggubah</i> “to make an artistic decoration”, so this could be a loan from Javanese.
อุหรับ†	ùràp	urap-urap	cosmetic powder		✓		OJv. <i>urap-urap</i> “id.” (KJK 1347)

There are only two exceptions to the three conditions proposed above, which require further. The Muslim word *สุเหร่า* *sùràu* “mosque” might have been misunderstood as a word of Arabic origin, and has therefore received a low tone, by analogy to other Muslim words, such as *อิหม่าม* *ìmàam* “Muslim priest”.

The term *หมี่* *mìi* “noodles” may also be a direct borrowing from a Southern Chinese language, and not via Malay. Thai also has *บะหมี่* *bàmmì* “Chinese egg noodles”, and Malay has *bakmi* “id.”, which is most probably borrowed from Hakka *白米* *pak6 mi3* “(polished) rice”, leading to the abbreviation *หมี่* *mìi*. Khmer *មី* *mii* “egg noodles” and Vietnamese *mì* “noodles” are also from the same source.

3.4.2.4.2 Falling tone

Even though it is very common for loanwords to have a final falling tone (cf. chapter 3.4.2.3 on p. 52), they are relatively rare when borrowed from Malay, so they must either be an exception or sound unnatural to the Thai ear. The following chart presents the loanwords from Malay with falling tone:

Thai		Malay word	Translation	Remarks
Lexeme	GTS			
กระต๊ว	gràdǔa	kakaktua	cockatoo	En. has also borrowed from Malay ¹⁵⁰
กระพอก	gràpǔwk	kerobok	bamboo food case	tone rules force this to have a falling tone

¹⁵⁰ As for the insertion of -ร- -rà-, cf. fn. 86 on p. 35.

จันปิ้ง	jàpbîṅ	caping	metal plate used to cover pudenda of a young girl ¹⁵¹	alternative names: <i>กระจันปิ้ง gràjàpbîṅ</i> <i>จะปิ้ง jàbîṅ</i> <i>ตะปิ้ง dàbîṅ</i> <i>ดัมปิ้ง dàpbîṅ</i>
ชมพู่	compûu	jambu	rose apple ¹⁵²	Skr. <i>जम्बू jambu</i> , <i>जम्बू jambū</i> “id.”
?พวก	pûak	puak	group	Kh. <i>ព្រក puōk</i> “id.”
?ร่าง	râaṅ	rang	draft, sketch	probably borrowed the other way round (Suthiwan 1997:120) Lao: ຮ່າງ <i>haaṅ</i> “shape, sketch” Sh. <i>هَاجَ haan3</i> “appearance, figure”
?วิลาศ	wílâat	wilayah	territory ¹⁵³	Pe. <i>ولاية welāyat</i> “province” Ar. <i>ولاية wilāya</i> “state”
?อังโล่	âṅlôo	anglo	brazier	TW 紅爐 <i>âṅ-lôo</i> “red stove”
?ฮิญาบ	híyâap	hijab	Arab veil	Ar. <i>حجاب hijāb</i> “curtain, veil”

The first word in the chart, *กระตั่ว gràdûa* cannot be explained for the time being. It may have entered CT directly, not via ST, perhaps due to voyagers from Thailand who sought a designation for the Australasian animal.

The word *กระพอก gràpôk* “bamboo food case”, if really borrowed from Malay and not from a Mon-Khmer language, must be a very old loan because of the /b/-/p^h/-correspondence (cf. chart on p. 28). If Malay /b/ was then borrowed into Thai, undergoing a sound shift into a voiceless aspirated stop, only three letters in Thai writing would be possible: *พ*, *ผ*, *ภ*. For foreign words, usually the first is used, whereas the second letter is often found in native Thai words and loans from Pali or Sanskrit. The last letter only occurs in borrowings from Pali or Sanskrit. However, not all three consonants produce the same tone when they appear initially in a long-vowel dead syllable (cf. chart on p. 8): The letter *พ* (corresponding to Sanskrit *b*) causes a falling tone, the letter *ผ* (corresponding to Sanskrit *ph*) generates a low tone, and the letter *ภ* (corresponding to Sanskrit *bh*) results in a falling tone. The problem in Thai is that no

¹⁵¹ The Thai meaning is “fig-leaf worn by little girl”.

¹⁵² While the Thai word is usually only used to refer to what is called “rose apple” in English, the Malay word stands for different kinds of the *Syzygium* family. It is spelled *ชมพู่ compuu* in Pallegoix’s dictionary and has a final mid tone.

¹⁵³ The Thai meaning is “the British” or “European”, and is an old term to refer to Western people. Pallegoix (1850:863) says this word means “pretty, beautiful” (probably from Skr. *विलास vilāsa* “fun, pleasure”), but if prefixed by *เมือง muang* “city, state” it refers to Europe and England. On the other hand, the Malay word *wilayah* means “territory” and is derived from Persian. Another possibility is that Thai *วิลาศ wílâat* “the British, European” may also be directly borrowed from Persian, not via Malay. Interestingly, the Thai spelling suggests an expected Sanskrit origin like ***विलाश**vilāśa*, which does not exist.

other tone than falling or low is possible in long-vowel dead syllables. Therefore, if the word is not intended to look “sanskritized”, the only option will be *w* giving it a falling tone.

The word *จันฉิ่ง* *jàpǎ̌ŋ* is a problematic case because both the Thai and Malay meanings fit perfectly. However, the numerous alternative spellings in Thai show an irregularity which is known from Khmer loans¹⁵⁴. Taking a closer look at Khmer reveals the word *ចាប័ង* *chapǎ̌ng*, which is defined as “plate of gold or silver in the shape of a banyan leaf worn in ancient Cambodia by young girls to cover their genital area”¹⁵⁵. However, it is very unusual for Thai to have a tone mark on words borrowed from Khmer. Furthermore, the Thai rendering of the Khmer original does not fit the common pattern. This, in turn, suggests a loan from Southern Chinese, but no such source is available so far.

As for the word *ชมพู* *comp̄uu* “rose apple”, it must be a very old loan from Malay, which itself is a loan from Sanskrit. Loans from Sanskrit or Pali hardly ever receive a tone mark, but the consonants fit the Sanskrit spelling of *जम्बू* *jambū* “id.” exactly. This word might therefore have been borrowed from Malay into CT receiving a falling tone, as is the usual convention for loanwords, and then readjusted to the Sanskrit original. Consider also ST *ย่ำม* *yām̄u* “guava” with a final rising tone, which is derived from Malay *jambu*, too, but has not entered CT.

Suthiwan (1997:120) suggests that the term *ร่าง* *râaŋ* “draft, sketch” might be a native Thai word, and might then have been borrowed into Malay. The hypothesis that this is a native Thai word is also based on the fact that Lao and Shan have an equivalent word.

The etymology of *วิลาศ* *wîlâat* is uncertain. As for the explanation, see footnote 153 on p. 59.

The word for a Chinese brazier has spread all over Southeast Asia, and may not be a loanword from Malay, but from a Southern Chinese language. I suggest TW *紅爐* *âŋ-lôo* “red stove”, as this is the closest to the Thai pronunciation. Malay has *anglo*, Khmer has *អាំងឡូ* *’ăŋlo*, Vietnamese has *lò*, Lao has *ອັງລົ* *àŋlôo*, and Javanese has *anglo*, all of them meaning “brazier”.

¹⁵⁴ E.g. *กรรไกร* *gangrai*, *ตะกรไ* *dàgrai*, and *กรรไกร* *gandrai* “scissors” are all from Kh. *កាត្រី* *kantrey* “id.”, ultimately irregularly borrowed from Skr. *कर्तारि* *kartari* “id.”

¹⁵⁵ Cf. <http://sealang.net/khmer/dictionary.htm>.

The Thai form *ฮิญา/híyâp* is irregular if borrowed from Malay. However, it may also have entered Thai directly from Arabic, not via Malay. This could also explain the use of *ญ* *y* instead of *ย* *y*, although the former is usually reserved for loans from an Indic language.

The comments on the words above clearly depict that it is highly improbable to encounter a Malay word in Thai having a falling tone on the final syllable. All of them must therefore be treated as exceptions or may not be direct borrowings from Malay.

3.4.2.4.3 High tone

The high tone on final syllables is not very common in loanwords from Malay, compared to those from English. The following chart gives an overview of loanwords from Malay with a high tone in Thai.

Thai		Malay word	Translation	Remarks
Lexeme	GTS			
โกปี	goobîi	kopi	coffee	old-fashioned in CT, rather used in ST ¹⁵⁶
ตะเบ๊ะ	ḍàbé	tabik	salute	Jv. <i>ṭabik</i> , <i>ṭabé</i> “greeting”, originally from Skr. <i>क्षन्तव्य</i> <i>kṣantavya</i> “which is to be pardoned” (Gonda 1973:640)
ปอเนาะ	bəwón	pondok	small Islamic school	probably from Ar. <i>فندق</i> <i>funduq</i> “hotel”
ปัญจักลีลัต	banjaksīlāt	pencak silat	martial arts	also appears in Jv. <i>pencak</i> “self-defence system” and <i>silat</i> “self-defence”
ปาเต๊ะ	baadé	batik	batik	from Jv. <i>baṭik</i> “id.”, might be from PAN <i>*betik</i> “to tattoo” (PAP 1009)
พริ๊ด	prát	barat	west (wind)	old loan (cf. chart on p. 28)

¹⁵⁶ CT and modern ST use *กาแฟ* *gaafæ* “coffee”, while *โกปี* *goobîi* sounds old-fashioned to Thai speakers. So, the latter must be an old loan from a time before the European term entered the Thai language.

มด	mót	semut	ant	probably an area word ¹⁵⁷
มังคุด	maŋkút	manggis	mangosteen	old loan (cf. chart on p. 28)
มัสยิด	mátsàyít	masjid	mosque	might also be directly borrowed from Ar. مسجد <i>masjid</i> “place of worship”
มาระ	maará	marah	angry	
มารี	maarí	mari	let us	Thai meaning: to come PAN * <i>ayi</i> “to come” (PAP 739)
มุลุต	múlút	mulut	mouth	originally Malay
ละลัด	lálát	lalat	fly	PAN * <i>laleg</i> “id.” (PAP 881)
สะเต๊ะ	sàdé	sate	meat skewer	of Ta. origin, cf. fn. 95 on p. 37.
สุโหงโกลก	sùŋǎi goolók	(sungai) golok	“sword river”	new loan of the same origin as the following word, cf. fn. 113 on p. 40.
หัวครก (ST)	(hǔa) krók	jambu golok	cashew nut	old loan, cf. chart on p. 28
อะนะ	àná	anak	offspring	originally Malay, cf. PAN * <i>alák</i> “id.” (PAP 741)
อาระ	aará	arak	alcohol, liquor	Ar. عرق <i>‘araq</i> “clear raisin liquor”
ฮัจญ์	hát	haj	Hajj	Ar. حج <i>ḥajj</i> “pilgrimage”, also appears with low tone
ฮิจเราะห์	hítró	hijra	Hijra	Ar. هجرة <i>hijra</i> “migration (of Muhammad)”

Striking is that, all words listed above, except for two, end in an obstruent in Malay, resulting in a plosive in Thai. Note that the character ʔ represents a glottal stop not rendered in GTS and counts as a obstruent, too. However, โกลี *goobii* “coffee” is problematic, as it must have entered Thai from Malay *kopi*, which in turn is from En. *coffee*. Thai โกลี *goobii* cannot be a direct borrowing from English, as En. /f/ never appears as /p/ in Thai.

¹⁵⁷ Native animal terms, such as “ant” are hardly ever borrowed from neighboring non-related languages; therefore, similar words in these languages call for further research. This is the case with มด *mot* and *semut*, of which the former seems like the first syllable has been dropped. Interestingly, Kh. also has ស្រមោច *srômoŋc* “ant”, and Mandarin has 蚂蚁 *mǎ* “id.” The same can be said for นก *nók* and *manuk* “bird”, ตา *taa* and *mata* “eye”, ส้ม *sôm* and *asam* “sour”, น้ำ *nám* and *danum* “(fresh) water”, รัง *raj* and *sarang* “nest”, etc. Based on these occurrences, Benedict (1942) was the first to make a proposal of an Austro-Tai relationship, which is not to be further discussed in this thesis.

The relatively small number of Malay loanwords in Thai that have a high tone may be due to the fact that the CT high tone corresponds to the ST low tone (cf. chart on p. 27). Thus, if the preferred tone for borrowings with a final stop consonant in ST is the low tone and if the number of low and high tone loanwords is added up, they cover about one quarter of all terms borrowed from Malay. The rest are those ending in vowels or sonorants both in Malay and Thai, and therefore generate either a rising final or a mid final tone. The falling tone is an exception.

3.4.2.4.4 Rising tone

When Thai borrows words from another language, the final syllable usually generates a falling or a mid tone on polysyllabic words, and a high or a low tone on monosyllabic ones. This is illustrated in chapter 3.4.2.3 for loanwords from English. The rising tone is hardly ever encountered in those borrowings. For (Old) Khmer or Old Indic languages that have had a considerable impact on Thai, the rising tone is also not typical in final syllables unless there is no other option because of the Thai tone rules¹⁵⁸. The reason for these tone generations is that Thai tries to adjust the borrowed word to the natural Thai pronunciation as adequately as possible. It is, therefore, even more striking that many loans from Malay, Indonesian, or Javanese bear a final rising tone, not resulting from any consonant correspondence between Thai and Malay. However, a first approach towards an explanation is offered by Suthiwan (1992:1361):

“An interesting feature of these Malay loans is their tonalization. Whenever the Malay word ends with a vowel or a sonorant, the Thai version will bear a rising tone at the same (final) syllable. At this point, it is not possible to explain this phenomenon, since more research on middle Thai phonology, as well as old Malay phonology, is needed. However, it may be hypothesized that in middle Thai, loanwords tended to have a universal rising tone at word final position. The tendency is different in modern Thai where loanwords can have either mid, low, falling or high tone. [...] As far as dialect study is concerned, not enough information is available, since these words were borrowed into written Thai.”

¹⁵⁸ Loanwords like อาหาร *aahāan* “food” or สถานที่ *sàtāan* “place” require a rising tone because of the consonant correspondence between Sanskrit and Thai. The former is derived from Skr. *āhāra* “provisioning”, for which the Thai letter *ห* *h* is the equivalent to Skr. *ह* *h*, producing a rising tone on long-vowel live syllables; the latter comes from Skr. *sthāna* “place”, for which the Thai *ถ* *t* as the equivalent to Skr. *थ* *th* also requires a rising tone.

Several years later (Suthiwan 1997:98), she seems to revoke her theory by explaining the tonalization in a different way:

“From this observation, we can theorize that the falling tone of Southern Thai corresponds to the rising tone of Central Thai. However, in the environment where rising tone cannot be applied to in Central Thai, low tone is used most of the time, while high tone is used only in some cases.”

While I do not agree with her first theory, I do support the second. The simple reason for this is the CT-ST tone correspondence displayed in the chart on p. 27. When the two princesses retold the Panji romance in the vicinity of Nakhon Sri Thammarat (cf. story in chapter 2), they might have used the ST pronunciation, resulting in the falling tone for final long-vowel live syllables with an initial sonorant or fricative, then might have written it down using the Central Thai writing system, so that it was later interpreted as a CT rising tone. This has eventually become the standard convention of these loanwords, with exceptions showing a falling tone, as shown on p. 58.

Consequently, the GTS scheme in the following list does not apply to ST, since all words should be pronounced with a final falling tone:

Thai			Malay	
Lexeme	GTS	Translation	Lexeme	Translation
กระโถน	gràtōon	spittoon	ketur	id.
กระยาหั่น	gràyaanǎn	heaven	kayangan	id.
กะลาสี	gàlaasǐ	sailor	kelasi	id.
กะลาหนา	gàlaanǎa	warrior, soldier	kelana	wanderer
กะหมังกุหนิง	gàmǎngùnnǐng	<i>name of an Inao character</i>	kembang kuning	“yellow flower”
กะหลาป่า	gàlǎabǎa	Batavia, Jakarta	(Sunda) kelapa	coconut, <i>name of the old port of Jakarta</i>
กัลปิงหา, กะละปิงหา	ganlábǎnhǎa, gàlábǎnhǎa	<i>kind of coral</i> (Euplexaura)	akar bahar	id.
?การะบุหนิง	gaarábùnnǐng	Orange Jessamine	kemuning ¹⁵⁹ (Jv.)	tree with yellowish blossoms

¹⁵⁹ The Jv. designation *กัลยาณี* kemuning is derived from *กัลยา* kuning “yellow” with the rare intensifying infix *-em-*.

กิดायัน	gìdaayǎn	royal page	kedayan	serving man
กุนุง	gùnŋ	high mountain	gunung	mountain
จินดาหนา	jìndaanǎa	sandalwood tree	cendana	id.
ตะหมัง	dàmmǎŋ	troops, army	demang	chief of district
ดาหลัง	daalǎŋ	<i>name of a romance</i>	dalang	puppeteer
ตุสน	dùsǒn	<i>old name of Khuan Don</i>	dusun	orchard, village
ตันหยง	đanyǒŋ	bullet wood	tanjung	id.
ตำมะหงง	đammǎŋǒŋ	secretary of state	temenggung	chief of public security
ตุนาหงัน	đùnaaŋǎn	to trothplight	tunangan	fiancé(e)
โด้หลง	đòolǒŋ	to assist, to help	tolong	help
ทหาร	táhhǎan	soldier	tahan	to withstand
นากาสำหรับ	naagaasǎarǐi	<i>Mammea siamensis</i>	nagasari ¹⁶⁰	Ceylon ironwood
บาหลี	baalǐi	<i>name of the island Bali</i>	Bali	id.
บุหงัน, บุหงา	bùŋǎn, bùŋǎa	flower	bunga	id.
บุหงาประหงัน	bùŋǎaabrǎŋǎn	<i>Jasminum auriculatum</i>	bunga berangan	chinkapin
บุหร่ง	bùrǒŋ	bird	burung	id.
บุหลัน	bùlǎn	moon	bulan	moon, month
แบหลา	bēelǎa	to commit suicide	bela	self-immolation, sut-tee
ประหมัน	bràmǎn	uncle	paman	maternal uncle

¹⁶⁰ The origin of this word is uncertain. Jv. has *kekasari* “(1) steamed cake wrapped in banana leaves made from flour and coconut milk filled with banana, (2) name of a mystical tree”, most probably originally from Kannada *ನಾಗ ಕೆಸರಿ* *naga kesari*, ultimately from Skt. *नागकेसर* *nāgakesara* “a snake’s hair”, in modern Malay *nagasari* refers to “Ceylon ironwood (*Mesua ferrea* Linnaeus)”.

ประไหมสุหรี	bràmäisùrīi	first wife of Jv. king	permaisuri ¹⁶¹	queen, king's most senior wife
ปะตาระกาหลา	bàḍaarágaalǎa	adult male angel	Batara Kala	God of the Under- world
ปะหนัน, ปาหนัน	bànǎn, baanǎn	<i>Pandanus tectorius</i>	pandan	id.
ปันหยี	banyīi	<i>name of an Inao character</i>	panji	crown prince
มะงุมมะงาหรา	mǎṅummǎṅaarǎa	to wander aimlessly	mengembara	to travel
มะเดหรี, มะดีหรี	mádeewīi, mádiwīi	second wife of Jv. king	mahadewi (Jv.)	title for the second queen
มะหล	máhǎn	loved, expensive	mahal	expensive
มุสัง	muusǎṅ	Asian palm civet	musang	id.
ย่ามู (ST)	yāamūu	guava	jambu	id.
ยาหยี	yaayīi	sweetheart	yayi	younger sibling
ยิหวา	yíwǎa	soul, darling	jiwa	soul, spirit
โสะดาหมัน	sàḍaamǎn	garden	setaman	“one garden”
สุโหลง	sùṅǎi	<i>part of district names</i>	sungai	river
โหมันหยา	mǎnyǎa	<i>name of kingdom</i>	maja(pahit)	<i>name of the empire Majaphit</i>
โหยงหยัง	yǎṅyǎṅ	beautiful	yang-yang	Gods
หวัน	wǎn	mister	tuan	id.
หวันยิหวา	wǎnyíwǎa	soul	tuan jiwa	“soul master”
อัสัญแดหวา	àsǎnyáḍewǎa	angel, devine de- scent	asalnya dewa	of divine origin
อะสัญ, อัสัญหยา	àsǎn, àsǎnyǎa	original, first	asalnya	origin
อาสิน	aasīn	fruit tax	hasil	product, revenue
โอิบรอม	ìbroohĕem	Ibrahim	Ibrahim	id.

¹⁶¹ This word comes from Jv. *prameswari*, OJv. *parameswarī* and is originally from Skr. *परमेश्वरी paramēśvarī* “supreme woman” as a compound of *परम parama* “supreme” and *ईश्वरी īśvarī* “possessing (as a woman)”.

อิเหนา	ìnnǎu	name of a romance	ino	title for Jv. crown prince
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The chart above requires further explanation only in a few instances.

The coral that is called Euplexaura in English has two alternatives in Thai: *กัลปังหา* *ganlábaṅhǎa* and *กะละปังหา* *gàlábaṅhǎa*, both of which do not seem to resemble Malay *akar bahar* at first sight. However, if the first syllable of the Malay word, i.e. *a-*, is dropped, and the final *-r* gets lost, too, a form such as **kar-baha* might appear. The pair Malay *h* and Thai *ṅh* seems a little odd here, but if compared to *กำปั่น* *gambàn* (< *kapal*) “vessel”, *กะลุมพี* *gàlumpii* (< *kelubi*) “Eleidoxa”, *หมั่นหย้า* *manyǎa* (< *maja*), there seems to be some rule that Thai sometimes inserts a homorganic nasal before a plosive. This explains *kar-baṅha* from *akar bahar*. Any medial *r* is problematic in Thai, and there seems to be no rule whether it is pronounced as *ra*, doubled as *nra* (because final *r* always becomes *n*), rendered as *n* or as something totally different, compare *ครีม* *kriim* “cream”, *ภรรยา* *panráyaa* (< Skr. *भार्या* *bhāryā*) “wife”, *พรรษา* *pansǎa* (< Skr. *वर्ष* *varṣā*) “rainy season”, and *ไอติม* *aiḍiim* “ice cream” for these arbitrarities. Sometimes, even *r* and *l* may be used interchangeably in such clusters. This leads to two outcomes for *akar bahar*: *ganlábaṅhǎa* and *gàlábaṅhǎa*.

The borrowing *กะหลาป่า* *gàlǎabǎa* is striking: Not only does the semantics of this word require some explanation, but the tonalization is also a little odd, since the mid tone would be expected on the final syllable. All the other words listed above have an initial sonorant or fricative on the final syllable, except this one word. It is derived from *Sunda Kelapa*, the name of the old port of Jakarta, and not directly from the meaning “coconut”.

While the Thai phrase *ทุลาปา* *ḍulǎabaabaa* simply means “misfortune”, the original Malay *tulah papa* is translated as “a curse to bring misery” by the online edition of Kamus Dewan¹⁶².

It is not clear how Thai *ทหาร* *táhǎan* is related to Malay (*ber*)*tahan*, as it seems more plausible that Thai borrowed the word from AKh. **ṭāḥṇ* **tāhān* “soldier, to dare, courageous” (cf. MoKh. *ṭāḥṇ* *tiehien*), and then passed it on to Malay. In any case, the written Thai *ร* at the end is of obscure origin, because both AKh. and Malay have final *-n*.

The ST *ย่ำมย่ำม* *yâamǎu* “guava” does not appear in CT, which uses *ฝรั่ง* *fàràṅ* instead. However, it would be pronounced with a falling tone on the final syllable in CT.

¹⁶² Cf. <http://prpm.dbp.gov.my/Search.aspx?k=tulah+papa>.

The Thai rising tone in borrowings from Malay can be considered to be the result of the following steps: (1) SM words were first borrowed into ST, taking a falling tone¹⁶³, then they adjusted to the CT writing system resulting in a rising tone, (3) finally, in CT they are treated as the standard form of Malay loanwords containing a final vowel or sonorant. In ST, this standard form is also used in public and formal speech, but not when the local dialect is spoken¹⁶⁴.

3.4.2.4.5 Mid tone

Most Malay loanwords show the final mid tone. This tone occurs when either the final vowel in Thai is long or when the final consonant is a sonorant under the condition that the initial consonant of the final syllable is a plosive.

Thai			Malay	
Lexeme	GTS	Translation	Lexeme	Translation
กง	goŋ	rib of boat	kong	id.
?กรง	groŋ	cage	kurung	enclosure, cage
?กระชัง	gràcaŋ	floating basket for fish	keranjang	basket, hamper
?กระแซง	gràcɛɛŋ	roofing sheet	kerajang	gold foil
กระดังงา	gràdanŋaa	ylang-ylang	kenanga ¹⁶⁵	id.
?กระบือ	gràbueu	water buffalo	kerbau ¹⁶⁶	id.
กระพัน	gràpan	invulnerable	kebal	id.
?กราม	graam	molar	geraham ¹⁶⁷	id.
กะลุมพี	gàlumpii	<i>Eleiodoxa conferta</i>	kelubi	id.
กำยาน	gamyaaŋ	frankincense	kemenyan ¹⁶⁸	benzoin

¹⁶³ Since polysyllabic Malay words are hardly ever stressed on the final syllable unless there is an unstressed schwa in the penultima (cf. chapter 3.4.2.3).

¹⁶⁴ Personal communication with Mrs. Orapim Bernart (native CT speaker) and Ms. Surainee Sainui (native ST speaker) in July 2013.

¹⁶⁵ Cf. Kh. ក្រវ៉ង់ *kdǎŋŋéa* “ylang-ylang vine” or ក្រវ៉ង់ *kdǎŋ* “ylang-ylang”.

¹⁶⁶ Cf. fn. 128 on p. 42.

¹⁶⁷ This word is problematic, because both PAN **bayeqáŋ* “molar tooth” (PAP 748) and PMK **dga(a)m*, **dgəŋ* “id.” (MKD 361) have been reconstructed. Schuessler (2007:270) also gives PTB **gam* and lists OCh. 𑜉𑜂𑜫𑜀𑜫 *gām?* “jaw”. It is not clear where the Thai word comes from.

กูเรา	gùrau	threadfin	kurau	id.
กุลี	gùlii	coolie, laborer	kuli ¹⁶⁹	id.
โกดัง, กุดัง	goodaŋ, gùdaŋ	warehouse	gudang	id.
ความ	kwaam	affair, matter	guam	lawsuite, dispute
?ங (ST)	koŋ	maize	jagung	id.
?ங	ŋoŋ	confused	bingung ¹⁷⁰	id.
?งา	ŋaa	sesame	lenga ¹⁷¹	id.
?จำ	jam	to remember	cam	id.
จินตะหรวาดี	jindàràawaadii	<i>name of an Inao character</i>	cendera-wati	“Miss Moon”
ขันซี (ST)	cancii	to promise	janji	id.
ตรา	draa	mark, brand, seal	tera	seal
ตุลาปาปา	đułăabaabaa	misfortune	tulah papa	curse to bring misery
ทัน	tan	to be on time	dan	to have time ¹⁷²
ทุเรียน	túrian	durian	durian	id.
?เทียน	tian	candle	dian ¹⁷³	id.
โนรี	noorii	Lorius parrot	nuri ¹⁷⁴	parrot
?บัดกรี	bàtgrii	to solder	pateri	solder
บุหงารำไป	bùŋăarambai	flower satchet	bunga rampai	flower potpourri
บูดู	buuduu	<i>fermented fish soup</i>	budu	id.
ปะการัง (CT), กะรัง (ST)	bàgaaraŋ, gàraŋ	coral	karang	id.
ปะตาปา	bàđaabaa	hermit	pertapa	id.

¹⁶⁸ Cf. Kh. *កំព្រាស kămnhéan* “gum benzoin used as incense”. Mahdi (2007:73) also cites Yamada (1955:4) in a longer discussion on the distribution of this word.

¹⁶⁹ This word is originally from an Indian language, cf. Ta. *கூலி kūli* “wages, hire”, Hindi *कुली kulī* “porter”, Urdu *قُلّی qulī* “id.”. Consider also the Gujarati community name *કોળી koḷī* whose traditional occupation is cultivation of land (Singh 2003:693-697).

¹⁷⁰ Cf. Kh. *ងោង ngoŋŋ* “very confused, close to fainting”.

¹⁷¹ Cf. fn. 96 on p. 37.

¹⁷² Cf. Brown 1956:24.

¹⁷³ This is an area word: Kh. *ត្បែង tiēn* “candle”, Viet. *đèn* “lamp”, OCh. **ṭṭṭ *təŋ* “id.” The direction of borrowing is not clear.

¹⁷⁴ Cf. Kh. *ល្អវីន nori* “kind of large red parrot”.

ปัตตานี	bàtḍaanii	Pattani Province	pantai ini ¹⁷⁵	this beach
ปาดิ	baad̥ii	big person	pati	minister
เปอมุดอ	bəʔmuudəʔ	adolescent	pemuda	young man
พัตทยา	pátṭáyaa	<i>name of the city Pattaya</i>	barat daya	southwestern (wind)
มลายู	málaayuu	Malay	Melayu ¹⁷⁶	id.
มะตาหะรี	máḍaahàrii	sun	matahari	id.
มะตี	máḍii	to die	mati	dead, to die
มะโตะ	máḍoo	third wife of Jv. king	matur (Jv.)	id.
มายา (ST)	maayaa	fertilizer	baya	id.
มาลาดี	maalaad̥ii	Arabian jasmine	melati	water jasmine
มาหารัศมี	mayāarás̥mii	<i>name of an Inao character</i>	maya-rasmi	“vision of splendor”
มินดา	mindaa	to apologize	mintā	to ask, to request
มียา	míyaa	counter	meja	table
มิรันตี	mírand̥ii	Tagetes erecta	meranti	<i>Shorea</i> tree
มูลา	muulaa	first	mula	beginning
เมงอะปา	meen̥-àbaa	why	mengapa	id.
เมน	meen	to play	main	id.
ยารวี	yaawii	Pattani Malay	Jawi	Malayo-Arabic script, Malayan
รอมมะดอน	rəʔmmáḍəʔ	<i>Muslim fasting month</i>	ramadan	id.
ระตู	ráḍuu	Malay prince(ss)	ratu	queen
ระมา	rámaa	gadfly	rama-rama	moth
ละคร	lákəʔ	drama	lakon (Jv.) ¹⁷⁷	plot of a drama
ละไม	lámai	<i>Baccaurea motleyana</i>	rambai	id.

¹⁷⁵ Cf. fn. 120 on p. 41.

¹⁷⁶ Cf. En. *Melayu*. The Thai word may also be borrowed from English.

¹⁷⁷ This correspondance can be coincidental, but cf. Rubin (1998:542): “Lakorn is the Thai version of the Javanese word *lakon* or perhaps the Malay word *lakan*. Some believe that the word was derived from the name of Nakonsritammarat province, often abbreviated *Nakorn*.” But indeed, Jv. does have *lakon* meaning “plot, scenario, leading player”, derived from *laku* “to play”.

โลมา	loomaa	dolphin	lumba-lumba ¹⁷⁸	id.
วิ้งรอง	wíŋŋrɔŋ	lily	wiraŋrwaŋ ¹⁷⁹	bewildered, disturbed
สการะวาที	sàgaaráwaatii	<i>name of a character in the Inao tale</i>	sekar-wati-	“Miss Flower”
สตูล	sàduun	Satun Province	se(n)tul	santol fruit
สลาตัน	sàlāaḍan	late southwest monsoon	selatan	south
สาคุ	sāakuu	sago	sagu	id.
สีเกา	sìgau	<i>Sikao District</i>	segau	<i>kind of tree</i>
สุโขทัย	sùŋǎibaadii	<i>Su-ngai Padi District</i>	sungai padi	“paddy river”
อังกะลุง	aŋgàluŋ	<i>name of musical instrument</i>	angklung ¹⁸⁰	id.
อัลกุรอาน	aŋgùrá-aan	Quran	al-Quran	id.
อาภัง	aagɔŋ	big, important	agung	high, noble
อุรังอุตัง	ùraŋ-ùḍaŋ	orang-utan	orang hutan ¹⁸¹	id.
ฮัจญี, หะยี, หัจญี	hátyii, hàtyii, hàtyii	Hajji	haji ¹⁸²	id.

According to my theory, the final mid tone appears when in Thai either the final vowel is long or when the final consonant is a sonorant, i.e. when the final syllable is a live syllable as explained in fn. 7 on p. 2, provided that the initial consonant of the final syllable is a plosive. The exceptions shall be explained in further detail below.

The tone generation of the following words cannot be traced at the present time: *ทุรา* gùrau “threadfin”, *ปะการัง* bàgaaraŋ (CT) “coral”, *กะรัง* gàraŋ (ST) “id.”, *มะดาหะรี* mádaahàrii “sun” *มายา* maayaa (ST) “fertilizer”, *มาหยารัศมี* mayāarásàmi “name of an Inao character”, *มุลา* muulaa “first” and *ยาวิ* yaawii “Pattani Malay”. There are also many words from English bear-

¹⁷⁸ It is not clear whether this word is really a Malay loan, because Kh. has *လူမာ* loŋméa, written Kh. loomaa “large ocean fish”, which phonetically and orthographically fits a lot better than the Malay word.

¹⁷⁹ This word is from Javanese. Cf. fn. 131 on p. 43 for further details.

¹⁸⁰ This word could also be considered a borrowing from English, originally from Sundanese *angkleung* describing the sound of this instrument.

¹⁸¹ Cf. fn. 119 on p. 41.

¹⁸² Cf. Ar. *الحجّ* al-ḥajjī “one who has completed the Hajj” (cf. fn. 122 on p. 42). The final mid tone in Thai can be explained as follows: The ultima of the Malay starts with a palatal stop /j/, regularly resulting in a final mid tone in Thai (more like /háci:/ rather than /hátji:/), which later has been dissolved into a plosive followed by a sonorant in Thai, still retaining the mid tone.

ing a mid tone on final long-vowel syllables after a sonorant, such as *ทีวี* *tiwii* “TV”, *นอร์เวย์* *nowráwee* “Norway”, and *วานิลลา* *waaninlaa* “vanilla” (Gandour 1979:100-103). These are obviously exceptions, too.

Some of the terms in the chart above also appear in other languages, and therefore may not be borrowed from Malay into Thai. The borrowing process may have occurred either from Thai into Malay or from Khmer, Tamil, English, or Arabic, as explained in the respective footnotes. Old loans usually bear the mid tone (cf. chart on p. 28), and correspond to AT mid or high-falling tone (cf. diagram on p. 21). These include *ทุเรียน* *túrian* “durian” and *สาอู* *sáakuu* “sa-go”.

The mid tone of the three words *ละม* *lámai*, *โลมา* *loomaa*, and *อังกะลุง* *angàlung* is due to the fact that the Malay source words have a medial consonant cluster: *rambai*, *lumba-lumba* and *angklung*. This cluster was simplified in Thai by dropping the plosive causing the final mid tone in the first two cases, by the insertion of an epenthetic *a* in the case of *angklung*. The final mid tone of *ระมา* *rámaa* may result from the original reduplicated form *rama-rama* by analogy to *lumba-lumba*.

As for the remaining three exceptions to the final mid tone rule, i.e. *มายอ* *maayɔɔ*, *เมีย* *míyaa*, and *เม่น* *meen*, the explanation must be sought in the dialects of Northern Malaysia. Medial *j* is pronounced [j] in the Narathiwat dialect (Phaiboon 2006:210-223), and justifies *เมีย* *míyaa* from *meja*. In the same dialect final *-a* is pronounced [ə], but final schwa from other languages is represented as [a] in Thai; for example, English loanwords that are unstressed on the ultima and contain a schwa, usually receive a final falling or a mid tone with a long /a/, cf. *โคล่า* *koolâa*¹⁸³ “cola” and *โซดา* *soodaa* “soda”, respectively. The diphthong *ai* is usually monophthongized and nasalized as [ẽ̃] in some areas where the Patani dialect is spoken (Uthai 2011:126) and therefore explains *เม่น* *meen* from *(ber)main*, since Thai does not have nasalized consonants.

¹⁸³ The more common word in Thai is *โค้ก* *kóok* “coke”.

4 SEMANTIC FIELDS OF LOANS IN THAI FROM MALAY

In this chapter, I will analyze the different semantic fields of borrowings from Malay, while concentrating on the semantics of the Malay word only, since the meanings sometimes change in the borrowing process. A fairly large number of words from Malay refer to nature, especially to flora and fauna of Southeast Asia. Another large semantic field comprises loanwords about humans and their surroundings, such as their society, tools, and military terms. Words ultimately originating from Javanese usually belong to court language.

4.1 Court

The following ten words belong to court language and are almost all originally from Old Javanese, but as most of them also exist in Malay, Thai must have borrowed them via Malay:

Thai	GTS	Malay	Hanacaraka	Javanese	meaning
กิดาหยัน	gìdaayǎn	kedayan	ꦏꦢꦪꦲꦤ	kadyahan	corps of pages
ประไหมสุหรี	bràmǎisùrī	permaisuri	ꦥꦫꦩꦲꦶꦱꦸꦫꦶ	prameswari	1 st wife of Jv. king
ปันหยี	banyī	panji	ꦥꦤꦗꦶ	pañji	crown prince
มะเดหวี, มะดีหวี	mádeewī, mádiwī	mahadewi	ꦩꦲꦢꦺꦮꦶ	mahadewi	2 nd wife of Jv. king
มะโต	mádo	matur	ꦩꦠꦸ	matur	3 rd wife of Jv. king
ระเด่น	rádèn	raden	ꦫꦢꦺꦤ	raden	crown prince
ระตู	ráduu	ratu	ꦫꦠꦸ	ratu	king, queen
อิเหนา	inǎu	—	ꦲꦶꦤꦺꦴ	(h)ino	Jv. crown prince ¹⁸⁴
อากง	aagon	agung	ꦲꦒꦸꦁ	agung	high, noble

¹⁸⁴ The fact that all other loanwords that are ultimately from Javanese came into Thai via Malay raises the question where *inǎu* comes from. There are some theories about its origin, of which Robson's seems to be the most probable one to me: It may be connected with the title *Rakryan i Hino*, in former times being a title for an official below the king but above *Rakryan i Halu* and *Rakryan i Sirikan* (cf. <http://keriskamardikan.com/id/artikel/58?start=3>). However, if CT has *inǎu* and Jv. has *ino*, we would expect SM ***inau*. This SM name does not appear in any writing, but Robson (1996:51) mentions that Poerbatjaraka in his *Pandji-verhalen onderling vergeleken* (1940) suggests a misreading of the Jawi spelling *ino* as *inǎu* in Thai. This theory, however, seems improbable to me, since *inǎu* would require the Jawi spelling *ꦲꦶꦤꦺꦴ* *inau*. Interestingly, the Cambodian version of the Panji tale also has the character's name *ꦲꦶꦤꦺꦴ* *eynao*, being the Prince of Kuripan. (Fang 2013:138).

There is one more word that may be classified as court language, though probably not originally from Javanese, i.e. *หมั่นทยา mǎnyǎa* “name of an Inao character” as an abbreviation of the *Majapahit Empire*. The Thai rendering of *ny* for Malay *j* has been explained on page 67.

4.2 Humans and their surroundings

Out of all possible borrowings from Malay, the largest amount of words refers to the human environment. This category needs to be further divided into nine subcategories. The Thai word is given first, followed by GTS along with their translations. The last two columns show the original Malay word and its translation.

Body parts

กราม	graam	molar	geraham	id.
มุลุต	mulut	mouth	mulut	id.

Clothes

บันเหนง	bānnèeŋ	belt	(ikat) pinggang	waist belt
ปาเต๊ะ	baadé	batik	batik	id.
โสร่ง	sàròŋ	sarong	sarung	id.

Foodstuffs

กะหรี่	gàrìi	curry	kari	id.
โกปี้	goobíi	coffee	kopi	id.
สะเต๊ะ	sàdé	meat skewer	sate	id.
หมี	mìi	noodles	mi	id.
อาระ	aará	alcohol, liquor	arak	id.

Human activities

จำ	jam	to remember	cam	id.
จันซี	cancii	to promise	janji	id.
โด้หลง	đôolõŋ	to assist, to help	tolong	help
บัดกรี	bàtgrii	to solder	pateri	id.
เบหลา	bēlǎa	to commit suicide	bela	self-immolation
ปะ	bà	to meet	jumpa	id.

มะงุมมะงาหราม่างุมม่างาอาร์ää	to wander aimlessly	mengembara	to travel	
มารี	maarí	to come	mari	let us, to come
มินตา	mindaa	to apologize	mintā	to ask, to request
เมน	meen	to play	main	id.

Human attributes

งง	ŋoŋ	confused	bingung	id.
ยาหัด	yaahàt	bad, evil	jahat	id.
หลับ	làp	asleep	lelap	id.

Military

กระพัน	gràpān	invulnerable	kebal	id.
กริช	grìt	dagger	keris	id.
กำปั่น	gambàn	ship	kapal	id.
ตะหมัง	dàmmāŋ	troops, army	demang	chief of district
ตะเบ๊ะ	ḍàbé	salute	tabik	id.
ทหาร	táhāan	soldier	tahan	to withstand
พวก	pûak	group	puak	id.
วิลาศ	wílâat	the British	wilayah	territory
สลัด	sàlàt	pirate	selat	strait

People

Descriptions

กะลาหนา	gàlaanāa	warrior, soldier	kelana	wanderer
หวัน	wān	mister	tuan	id.
หวันยิหวา	wānyíwāa	soul	tuan jiwa	“soul master”
ปะตาปา	bàḍaabaā	hermit	pertapa	id.
ปาดิ	baadii	big person	pati	minister
เปอมุดอ	bəumuudəw	adolescent	pemuda	young man

Kinship terms

ตุนาหงัน	ḍūnaaŋān	to trothplight	tunangan	fiancé(é)
ประหมัน	brāmān	uncle	paman	maternal uncle
ยาหยี	yaayīi	sweetheart	yayi	younger sibling
อะนะ	àná	offspring	anak	offspring, child

Professions

กะลาสี	gàlaasii	sailor	kelasi	id.
?กุลี	gùlii	coolie, laborer	kuli	id.
ดาหล้ง	daalǎŋ	name of a romance	dalang	puppeteer
ตำมะหงง	đammǎŋǒŋ	secretary of state	temenggung	chief of public security
สร้ง	sàràŋ	boatswain	serang	id.

Society

Entertainment

กระจับปี	gràjǎpbi	lute	kecapi	lute
เซปัก	seebàk	kick volleyball	sepak	id.
ปญจักสีลัต	banjǎksilát	martial arts	pencak silat	id.
?ละคร	lákoon	drama	lakon	plot of drama
?อังกะลุง	angǎlung	musical instrument	angklung	id.

Village terms

ดusun	dùsǒn	old name of Khuan Don	dusun	orchard, village
สะดามัน	sàđāamǎn	garden	setaman	“one garden”

Other

ทัน	tan	to be on time	dan	to have time
มะดี	máđii	to die	mati	dead, to die
มาหยารัศมี	maayǎarǎtsàmi	name of an Inao character	maya-rasmi	“vision of splendor”
ยาวี	yaawii	Pattani Malay	Jawi	Arabic script for Malay, Malayan

Trade

โกดัง, กุด้ง	goodaŋ, gùdaŋ	warehouse	gudang	id.
ความ	kwaam	affair, matter	guam	lawsuit, dispute
มะหล	máhǎn	loved, expensive	mahal	expensive
?ร่าง	râaŋ	draft, sketch	rang	id.
ริงกิต	ringgit	Malay currency	ringgit	id.

อาสิน	aasĭn	fruit tax	hasil	product, revenue
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Utilities

Inventions

กระดาษ	gràdàat	paper	kertas	id.
จับปิ้ง	jàpbĭŋ	metal plate to cover pudenda of young girl	caping	id.
เทียน	tian	candle	dian	id.
มายา	maayaa	fertilizer	baya	id.
มียา	míyaa	counter	meja	table
สลัก	sàlák	bolt	selak	id.
อุหรับ	ùràp	cosmetic powder	urap(-urap)	id.

Tools

กง	gon	rib of boat	kong	id.
กรง	groŋ	cage	kurung	enclosure, cage
กระชัง	gràcaŋ	floating basket for fish	keranjang	basket, hamper
กระแซง	gràcæŋ	roofing sheet	kerajang	gold foil
กระโถน	gràtōon	spittoon	ketur	id.
กระพอก	gràpōók	bamboo food case	kerobok	id.
ตรา	draa	mark, brand, seal	tera	seal
ตลับ	đàlàp	small box	telap	id.
อังโหล	âŋlōo	brazier	anglo	id.

4.3 Nature

The second largest group of loanwords from Malay is comprises terms of flora and fauna, especially species native to the Malay Peninsula. Thai also borrowed many geographical terms from Malay. Many of these nature words do not have the same meaning in the two languages. All of the three subcategories, i.e. fauna, flora, and geography, are again subgrouped for the sake of better readability.

Fauna

Aquatic

กัลปังหา,	ganlábanhăa,	<i>kind of coral</i>	akar bahar	id.
กะละปังหา	gàlábanhăa	(Euplexaura)		
กูเรา	gùrau	threadfin	kurau	id.

กะรัง (ST),	gàraŋ,	coral	karang	id.
ปะการัง	bàgaaraŋ			
โลมา	loomaa	dolphin	lumba-lumba	id.

Terrestrial

กระต๊ว	gràdûa	cockatoo	kakaktua	id.
กระบือ	gràbueu	water buffalo	kerbau	id.
กะปะ	gàbà	Calloselasma	(ular) kapak	id.
โนรี	noorii	Lorius parrot	nuri	parrot
บุหร่ง	bùrõŋ	bird	burung	id.
มด	mót	ant	semut	id.
มูฮัง	muusǎŋ	Asian palm civet	musang	id.
ระมา	rámaa	gadfly	rama-rama	moth
ละลัด	lálát	fly	lalat	id.
อุรังอุตัง	ùraŋ-ùdaŋ	orang-utan	orang hutan	id.

Flora

Flowers

กะหมังกุหนิง	gàmǎŋgùnnĩŋ	<i>name of an Inao character</i>	kembang kuning	“yellow flower”
งา	ŋaa	sesame	lenga	id.
นากาสาหรี	naagaasǎarĩi	Mammea siamensis	nagasari	Ceylon ironwood
บุหงัน, บุหงา	bùŋǎn, bùŋǎa	flower	bunga	id.
บุหงาประหงัน	bùŋǎabrǎŋǎn	Jasminum auriculatum	bunga berangan	chinkapin
บุหงารำไป	bunǎarambai	flower satchet	bunga rampai	flower potpourri
วิริงรอง	wíroŋrõŋ	Crinum asiaticum	wiraŋrwaŋ	bewildered ¹⁸⁵
สการะวาตี	sàgaarǎwaatii	<i>name of an Inao character</i>	sekar-wati	“Miss Flower”
อุบะ	ùbà	to arrange flowers	gubah	id.

Other plants

กระจุต	gràjùut	bulrush	kercut	id.
พง	koŋ	maize	jagung	id.

¹⁸⁵ See fn. 131 on p. 43 for an explanation on the semantic change of this word.

มาลาดี	maalaadii	Arabian jasmine	melati	water jasmine
ย่านนัด,	yâanàt, yâannàt	pineapple	nanas	id.
ย่านนัด				
ย่านมู (ST)	yâamûu	guava	jambu	id.
องุ่น	àngùn	grape	anggur	id.

Trees

กระดังงา	gràdaŋŋaa	ylang-ylang	kenanga	id.
กะหลุมพี	gàlumpii	Eleiodoxa conferta	kelubi	id.
กะหลาป่า	gàlăabăa	Batavia, Jakarta	kelapa	coconut
การะบุหนิง	gaarábùnnĩŋ	Orange Jessamine	kemuning	id.
จำปาตะ	jambaadà	cempedak	cempedak	id.
จินดาหนา	jindaanăa	sandalwood tree	cendana	id.
ชมพู่	compûu	rose apple	jambu	id.
ต้นหยง	đanyõŋ	bullet wood	tanjung	id.
ทุเรียน	túrian	durian	durian	id.
ปะหนัน,	bànăn, baanăn	Pandanus tectorius	pandan	id.
ปาหนัน				
มังคุด	maŋkút	mangosteen	manggis	id.
มิรันตี	mírandii	Tagetes erecta	meranti	Shorea tree
ละไม	lâmai	Baccaurea motleyana	rambai	id.
ลางสาด	laaŋsàat	langsar	langsar	id.
สตูล	sàduun	<i>name of a province</i>	se(n)tul	santol fruit
สละ	sàlá	Salacca zalacca	salak	id.
สาकु	săakuu	sago	sagu	id.
สิเกา	sìgau	<i>name of a district</i>	segau	<i>kind of tree</i>
(หัว)ครก	hũa krók	cashew nut	(jambu) golok	id.

Geography

Celestial objects

จินตะหรวาดี	jindàràawaadii,	<i>name of an Inao character</i>	cendera-wati	“Miss Moon”
บุหลัน	bùlăn	moon	bulan	moon, month
มะตาหะรี	máđaaahàrii	sun	matahari	id.

หนึ่งหรัด	nèngràt	belonging to the state	ningrat	id.
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Directions

พริด	prát	wind from west	barat	west
พัตยา	pátáyaa	<i>name of a city</i>	barat daya	southwestern (wind)
สลาตัน	sàlāaḍan	late southwest monsoon	selatan	south

Landforms and deposition

กุนง	gùnŋ	high mountain	gunung	mountain
ปัตตานี	bàtḍaanii	<i>name of a province</i>	pantai ini	“this beach”
ภูเก็ต	puugèt	<i>name of an island</i>	bukit	hill
สุโง	sùŋǎi	part of district names	sungai	river
หลุด	lùt	mud	selut	id.

4.4 Religion

There are some religious terms that Thai borrowed from Malay. The Muslim terms are not directly borrowed from Arabic, but via Malay (Intarachat 1980:14).

Belief

กำยาน	gamyaa	frankincense	kemenyan	benzoin
ปะตาระกาหลา	bàḍaarágaalǎa	adult male angel	Batara Kala	God of the Underworld
ยิหวา	yíwǎa	soul, darling	jiwa	soul, spirit
หยั่งหยั่ง	yǎŋyǎŋ	beautiful	yang-yang	Gods

Islam

ปอนาะ	bəwŋó	Islamic school	pondok	id.
มัสยิด	mátsàyít	mosque	masjid	id.
รอมมะดอน	roommádoon	<i>Muslim fasting month</i>	ramadan	id.
สุนัต	sùnàt	circumcision	sunat	id.
สุหร่า	sùràu	mosque	surau	id.
หัจญ์, ฮัจญ์	hàt, hát	Hajj	haj	id.
อัลกุรอาน	angùrá-aan	Quran	al-Quran	id.
อิบรอหิม	ìbroohēem	<i>Muslim name</i>	Ibrahim	id.

อิหม่าม	ìmàam	Muslim priest	imam	id.
ฮัจญี, หะยี,	hátyii, hàyii,	Hajji	haji	id.
หัจญี	hàtyii			
ฮิจเราะห์	hítró	Hijra	hijra	id.
ฮิญาบ	híyâap	Arab veil	hijab	id.

4.5 Other

Several loanwords from Malay cannot be clearly categorized and are listed below. Two out of these words are also actually less prone to borrowing. It is not clear why Thai borrowed such words, because it does have native terms for them that are almost exclusively used.

ตูลาปาปา	đułăabaabaa	misfortune	tulah papa	curse to bring misery
มูลา	muulaa	first	mula	beginning
เมงอะปา	meen-àbaa	why	mengapa	id.
อะสัย,	àsǎn, àsǎnyǎa	original, first	asalnya	origin
อสัยหยา				
อสัยแดหวา	àsǎnyádεwǎa	angel, devine descent	asalnya dewa	of devine origin

5 CONCLUSION

In this thesis, I have attempted to show how words from Malay, Indonesian, and Javanese are treated in Thai, including borrowings via Southern Thai or directly into Central Thai vocabulary. An interesting feature of these borrowings is that they can help narrow down the period of the Thai devoicing process thanks to the fact that the words have been entering Thai orally in most cases, and not in writing, as is not the case with Old Indic loans.

It is also unique that the Thai tones generated from Malay loans indicate the dialectal difference between ST and CT, which hardly vary in syntax and lexis, not even greatly in their phoneme inventory, but merely in their tone contours, of which only the mid tone is similar in both dialects. I propose three categories for the generation of tones:

1. Final syllables ending in a stop or fricative consonant in Malay generate a *low* or *high* tone.
2. Final syllables ending in a vowel or sonorant in Malay generate a *rising* or *mid* tone.
3. Final syllables having entered CT from Malay or another language without touching ST generate a *falling* tone and are to be considered exceptions.

Rules 1 and 2 can be subdivided again according to whether low or high, and whether rising or mid tones apply. The decision between the low and high tone is not phonological, but must be dialectal and rather a matter of style. Usually, loanwords in category 1 receive a low tone in ST, are maintained orally in CT, and then adapted to the CT writing system. However, whenever a word enters ST with a low tone in writing, the CT reading results in a high tone. It helps to consult the chart on p. 27 for better comparison.

The rising or mid tone on words of category 2 is merely a matter of phonology: When borrowings have an initial sonorant or an initial fricative in the final syllable, the rising tone is generated, but for an initial stop consonant the mid tone is expected. This generation of tones is not free of exceptions.

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APPENDIX I: COMPLETE LIST OF MALAY LOANWORDS (THAI INDEX)

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กระจับปี.....	14, 56, 76	ชวา.....	28, 36	พริต.....	42, 61, 80
กระจุค.....	33, 56, 78	ชะอวด.....	41	พวก.....	43, 59, 75
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