Deixis and Spatial Reference in Makassarese

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Abstract:
Makassarese (South Sulawesi, 2 million speakers) has a three-way deictic contrast exemplified by the demonstrative set anne 'near speaker' antu 'near hearer' and anjo 'far from both' and the corresponding deictic adverbs anrinni, antureng, andanjoreng. They are pervasive in discourse. This paper will discuss the morphosyntactic properties of these terms, and examine their semantic and pragmatic features according to Levinson's (2006) framework.