



Derived Verbs with Suffix *-ang* in Balinese: Syntactic and Semantic Analysis



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Abstract

This paper accounts for the suffix *-ang* in Balinese and it focuses on its syntactic and semantic representation. Using I Madé's Sugianto's *Ki Bari Gajah*, a one hundred fifty-page Balinese novel and informants as the data, and applying the RRG theory by Van Valin and Randy (1997) other thoughts of the experts of Balinese, it was found out that *-ang* functioning as a transitivizing suffix can attach to the noun, adjective, adverbs, and verbs and imply various syntactic structures and semantic representations. Suffix *-ang* attached to the base in imperative sentences express no meaning. In this case, it is just used to imply that the sentence is in the form of imperative. Like other languages, English for example, one derived verb with *-ang* may be used transitively or intransitively.

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1 Introduction

Balinese is one of the larger regional languages in the middle part of Indonesia. This language is mainly spoken by Balinese people living in Bali. It is spoken by around 3,247,283 speakers, about 77% of the population of Bali, which was recorded as 4.2 million.

Balinese is categorized as a synthetic language in which morphology plays an important role. Its word-formation involves derivation, inflection, duplication, reduplication, and compound. Affixation by the suffix *-ang* or *-in*, for example, can deal with more than one type of word formation, they can function either as derivations or inflections (Kersten, 1984).

It is known that the morphology of Balinese verbs is very simple; there is no tense, no infinitive, and no active participle in Balinese. However, in Balinese, there is a means of distinguishing between active and passive voice; by affixation, which in practice they can be used without any difficulty.

Although the morphology of Balinese verbs is simple, in practice its usage is very complicated because it involves pre and post modification, that is by the attachment of affixes or left unsuffixed (Arka, 1998; Suryati, 1997). This condition brings various semantic representations: e.g. *banten* 'offering' *ma-banten* 'do offering' *m-(b)anten-ang* 'do offering for someone else' *m-(b)anten-in* 'do offering to an object', *banten-ang* 'offer!', *banten-in* 'do offering at', *banten-in-a* 'do offering at', *ka-banten-ang* 'be offered', *banten-ang-a ajak...* 'be offered by ...'. Sometimes, in certain expressions, the subjects or objects are not expressed, but the context and the social culture make them understood or clear in meaning.

To sentence construction, Balinese involve morphological unmarked basic verbs and nasal verb forms. According to Artawa (2013), the word order of the basic verb form is Patient-Verb-Agent oriented, while the nasal construction is Agent-Verb-Patient. According to Wechsler & Arka (1998), it is stated that Balinese has nasal and basic verb forms. Its complex variation of verb forms shows morphological distinct kinds of prefixes and suffixes which bring various constructions with various semantic representations.

In recent years, some researchers have discussed Balinese syntax. For example, Arka (2005), discussed speech levels, social predicates, and pragmatic structure in Balinese, Indrawati (2011), discussed Balinese serial verbs construction, Artawa (2013) examined the basic verb constructions of Balinese, Kardana & Satyawati (2014), analyzed about *Morphosyntax of Balinese Reciprocal Constructions*, Bagus (2018) analyzed *Intransitive verb makers in Balinese*, Pratiwi et al. (2018), wrote about *On The Situated Socio-Cultural Meaning Of Benefactives In Balinese*, and Sujaya & Satyarini (2020), discussed *The Constructions of Balinese "Giving" Verbs*.

The researchers mentioned above talked about the grammar of Balinese (Foley, 2009; Quirk, 2010). They talked about syntactic analysis which, theoretically, cannot be separated from semantic and pragmatic perspectives. They also talked about how the morphosyntax works. However, they have not discussed the Balinese suffix, namely *-ang*. They haven't talked about syntactic and semantic analysis of suffix *-ang* in more detail. It is based on this reason so that serious study on it is necessary to be conducted.

The focus of this study is on the syntactic and semantic analysis of suffix *-ang*. It is about its modifications and the meaning assigned. It deals with its constructions and its semantic representation. The structure of this paper is as follows: section 1 is about the introduction, in section 2 there will be a brief discussion of Balinese verb morphology, section 3 is about the research method, section 4 is about a detailed discussion of the constructions with the suffix *-ang*, then, finally, in section 5, there will be the concluding remarks (Intiana, 2017).

The Morphology of Balinese Verbs

What is discussed in this section is about the understanding of Balinese morphology in general (Hunter Jr, 1988; Sedeng, I.N. 2007). It involves the specific form of precatagorical, basic verbs, and the derived ones. The morphology of the Balinese verb is extremely simple; it has no conjugations, no system forms to mark the person or number of the subject or the tense or mood of the verb itself; it has no infinitives, no active participles. However, it has the means of distinguishing between active and passive voice.

The morphology of the verb must begin with the base; this is usually the root-word whose function is to indicate an action or being in a condition (Friederici, 2004; Melinger & Dobel, 2005). Many such bases are also used as nouns, adjectives, or adverbs. Similarly, roots that are primarily nouns, adjectives, or adverbs, may act as bases for verbs. Verb-bases may also be nouns made up of prefix + root (+ suffix): *tutur* 'tell', *pitutur* 'narrative', *pituturin* 'be narrated to someone', *mituturin* 'narrate to someone'. Even phrases may act as bases for verbs: *telu bulan* 'three

months': *matelubulanan* 'be 3 months old'; *das lemah* 'early in the day'; *ngedaslemahang* 'do (something) early in the day'.

Balinese, like many other languages in Indonesia, has basic and derived verbs (Warna, 1983). Besides these two kinds of verb construction, there is also the existence of what Artawa calls 'precategorial' roots (Artawa 1994), a lexical form which will only have a verbal lexical function if it is attached with prefix *N-* or suffix *-ang* or *-in*. Take the form *tegak* 'sit' as an example. This form will function syntactically if it is derived like in the following examples.

- (1) a. **Ia tegak di bucu*
 3SG sit in corner
 'He sat in the corner'
- b. *Ia negak di bucu*
 3SG sit in corner
 'He sat in the corner'
- c. *Ia n-(t)egak-in kursi*
 3SG AF-sit-APPL chair
 'He sat on the corner'

Tegak in data (1) a belongs to precategorial. This form has no meaning in Balinese but it will have meaning if it is attached by affixation like in the data (1) b and c.

Basic verb

Basic verb, in Balinese called *keruna lingga*, is a base form with no affixation and reduplication. The basic verb can be classified into transitive or ditransitive.

- (2) a. *Kuluk-é idih tiang*
 Dog-DEF ask for 1SG
 'I asked for your dog'
- b. *Poh-é amah lelawah*
 Mangoes-DEF eat bats
 'Bats ate the manggoes'

The base, the basic form of the verb, is the fundamental root-form of the word that carries meanings and constitutes the Balinese verb-system. This base, unmodified, is by no means always and unmistakably a verb. In a context, this base may be performing any one of some different grammatical functions, not distinguished from each other by morphological signs (Barber, 1974).

The basic form can also be intransitive active, imperative active, or passive; The N-form is usually transitive active. The essential feature of the N-form is that it shows that the speaker is concerned with what the subject of the transitive is doing; he may be doing something to an object, but the speaker is not concerned with this. It is because of this that the N-form is used in many sentences which have no direct object; *geling* 'weep': *ngeling* 'he is weeping'; if an object is mentioned the verb must be *ngelingin* 'he is weeping-for her' (Barber, 1974).

Derived verb

A derived verb is a verb formed through the attachment of affixes. It may involve the addition of prefix *N-*, *ma-*, *ka-*, *pa-* *pati-* suffix *-a*, *-ang*, *-in* and the combination of *ma-* *-an*. The nasal (*N-*) occurring with roots (which may be an adjective, a noun or a verb) has the allomorphs *ng-*, *ny-*, *n-*, *m-*, and *nga-* depending on the first phoneme of the root (Warna, 1983).

Examples:

<i>alih</i>	'find'	<i>ngalih</i>	'to find'
<i>sampat</i>	'broom'	<i>nyampat</i>	'to sweep'

<i>tusuk</i>	‘penetrate’	<i>nusuk</i>	‘to penetrate’
<i>pancing</i>	‘fishing rod’	<i>mincing</i>	‘to fish’
<i>maling</i>	‘theaf’	<i>ngamaling</i>	‘to steal’

In Balinese, derived verbs can be transitive or intransitive. A transitive can be mono transitive or ditransitive (verb with three arguments). Freebase verbs and bound verbs can become the verb of three arguments through morphological processes, namely suffixation of an applicative. Let us have a look at the following examples.

- (3) a. *Panak tiang-é sampun ma-gaé*
 Son 1SG-POSS already AF-work
 ‘My son has already got a job’
- b. *Mén Sukasih N-gaé baju*
 Mother Sukasih AF-work dress
 ‘Mother Sukasih made shirts’
- c. *Ia N-gaé-ang panak-né baju*
 3SG AF-wor-Trans. daughter-POSS dress
 ‘She made her daughter a dress’

One other morphological feature is the suffix *-a*, which is very frequent in speech, but rare in literary works, since it belongs, and is felt by the Balinese to belong, to *basa ketah*. When added to a noun, *-a* is a possessive pronominal suffix. The form *umaha* means *his/her house*. When added to an active transitive verb, it expresses a pronominal object in the third person. *Biuné lablaba* means ‘He boiled his bananas’. When added to a passive verb, it indicates that the agent is kept in mind, even if not expressed, and that the agent is not the speaker or the person addressed. The form *enot* means ‘seen, visible’ or ‘was seen’, but *enota* means ‘was seen by someone (whose identity is known from the context)’ (Barber, 1974).

2 Materials and Methods

As mentioned previously, the focus of this paper is the syntactic structure and semantic representation of suffix *-ang* in Balinese. The method applied in this study is a descriptive qualitative method with a 150 page-long novel called *Ki baru Gajah* written by I Madé Sugianto (2015) used as the data of this study. This novel consists of 27 *palets* ‘sections’ or chapters. The reason for choosing this novel as the data of this research is that this novel uses all kinds of Balinese register (low, middle, and high). Besides this novel, this research also uses informants (native speakers) to support the data.

The analysis was done by applying the RRG theory proposed by Van Valin & Randy (1997). In this case, the notion of morphosyntactic structure is used. It is stated that if we are to capture linguistic regularities it is necessary to look at the morphosyntax, not just the syntax or morphology. The analysis was to show how the suffix *-ang* works in the Balinese sentence constructions. Its syntactic analysis was also to show how the grammatical structures imply the semantic representations (Yalcinkaya & Singh, 2015; Yeh et al., 2005; Zupanc & Bosnić, 2017). It is hoped the analysis can also be seen from its communicative functions. For this purpose, besides the theory mentioned above, other theories like the theory of semantic approach from Dixon (2005), and the theory of information structure from Lambrecht (1996), are also applied in this study.

3 Results and Discussions

In Balinese, *-ang* functioning as a transitivity suffix may also function as an imperative marker. This suffix, when attaches to verbs, implies the object is mobile. It is quite different from suffix *-in*, in which the object is immobile. As a transitivity suffix, *-ang* can attach to different categories: noun in *buku-ang* ‘write on a book’; an adjective in *tegeh-ang* ‘make high’; adverb in *kelod-ang* ‘move north’; and verb in *jagur-ang* ‘punch someone for someone else’.

And these morphological kinds of verb forms bring or imply different distinct constructions and meanings. After the data were observed and analyzed, the result shows the following constructions.

3.1 Stative verbs with suffix *-ang*

When attaches to an adjective or adverb, suffix *-ang* mostly expresses the meaning of ‘become’ or ‘make more...’. The derived verbs are always in nasal forms. Syntactically, suffix *-ang* attaches to those class of words forms the constructions like in the following data.

- (4) a. *Panak-é suba N-(t)egeh-ang.*
Child-DEF already AF-tall-Trans.
‘Our child has become taller’
- b. *Ia Ng-(k)aja-nang.*
3S AF-South-Trans.
‘He/She is going South’

The data above shows that in (4) a, the verb *negehang* ‘becomes tall’ is formed from the adjective base *tegeh* ‘tall’ attached with *-ang* and combined with the nasal prefix. *-ang* in this case is used to form a stative intransitive sentence. *-ang* in this context implies causative meaning. The stative verb *ngajanang* ‘go South’ in (4) b is formed from the adverb base *kaja* ‘South’ attached with *-ang* and added by nasal prefix also expresses causative meaning.

3.2 Suffix *-ang* in transitive construction

As mentioned previously, the suffix *-ang* can function as a transitivizer. To this, *-ang* can attach to the noun, adjective, adverb, intransitive, and transitive bases. In this case, the derived verbs are in the nasal forms. These forms imply various constructions and meanings like in the following discussions. The verbs indeed added with *-ang* concentrate the action on the object, the suffix has to be interpreted as implying an object.

3.2.1 *-ang* attach to noun

Whatever word-class *-ang* attaches, if the derived verbs are active indicative and transitive and they are in the N-form. Some data of *-ang* attached to nouns can be seen in the following data.

- (5) a. *Mula patut semeton kelihan m-(p)ica-(y)-ang tongos tekén adi-né (2)*
Yes right brothers older AF.-gift-Trans. place with brother-POSS
‘It is true that older brother gives place to his younger brother’
- b. *Ditu nyén dadi nabdab jagat N-(t)itah-ang panjak (2)*
There who can govern universe AF-.lead-Trans. Society
‘There, anyone can govern kingdom leading its society’
- c. *Yén ba Ng-orta-ang ané jaruh-jaruh jeg énggal saling*
If already AF-story-Trans. which dirty-dirty so soon each other
tebungin (8)
answer
‘If they talk dirty things they will soon answer each other’
- d. *Yén tiang Ng-(k)eneh-ang boya sangkaning timpal-timpalé ugig (25)*
If 1SG AF-mind-Trans. not because frind-friend ignorant
‘According to me, it is not because our friends ignorant’

We can see that in data (5) a. the verb *micayang* comes from the noun *pica* ‘gift’ attached with suffix *-ang* and then added with prefix nasal becomes *micayang* ‘give’ or ‘bestow’. *-ang* in this context implies that the action was done on the object. The word *micayang* itself means ‘to give *pica*’. In (5) b, it can also be seen that the derived word *ngortaang* comes from the noun base *orta* ‘news’ added with the suffix *-ang* and then attached with prefix nasal so that it becomes *ngortaang* ‘to talk about’. *-ang* in this context also functions as a transitive and it implies that the

action is dedicated to the object of the sentence. The same case also happens to the word *ngortaang* ‘talk about’ in data (5) c and *ngenehang* ‘think of’ in d.

3.2.2 -ang attached to adjectival base

The suffix *-ang* attaches adjective based mostly expresses the meaning of ‘making’ or ‘becoming’ the meaning denoted by the adjective used in the word (the adjective base). Such a kind of derivation is commonly used in daily conversation. This can be seen in the following data.

- (6) a. *Tegeh-ang ngaé témbok!*
High-Trans. make wall
‘Make high wall!’
- b. *Ia ng-linggah-ang natah.*
3SG AF-wide-Trans. yard
‘He widened the yard’

It can be seen, like in example (6) a and b, *-ang* can attach an adjective to form a verb. The specific meaning implied in this derivation is ‘to make something more...’. *Tegeh*, in (6) a, for example, may mean to make something more *tegeh* ‘higher’. *Nglinggahang* in (6) b is also composed from the word *linggah* ‘wide’ attached with *-ang* added with nasal prefix so that it becomes *nglinggahang* ‘to make something wider’. *-ang* in this case also implies the meaning of ‘making something more..’ As the word implied, *nglinggahang* means to make something wider.

3.2.3 -ang attached to the adverbial base

The suffix *-ang* added to the adverbial base can form a verb that expresses adverbial meaning, a verb that expresses how something is done. This is illustrated in the following data.

- (7) a. *Ia N-énggal-ang majalan mara nepukin kuluk galak*
3SG AF-slow-Trans. walk.way just see dog wild
‘He slowed down his walk while seeing a wild dog’
- b. *Ban takut-né, ia ng-tengah-ang negak*
Because of afraid-POSS, 3SG AF-center-Trans sit
‘Being so scared, he moved and sat to the center’

The word *ngénggalang* ‘to speed up’ in data (7) a is derived from the adverb *énggal* ‘fast’ attached with verbalizing suffix *-ang* and added with prefix nasal as a transitive. The derived verb *ngénggalang* implies the meaning of how the action takes place. It can be seen that *ngénggalang* in the data above expresses or modifies the verb *majalan* ‘to walk’. It means it modifies how the action *majalan* takes place.

In data (7) b, it can also be seen that suffix *-ang* functioning as a transitive attaches to the adverbial *tengah* ‘center’ then added with prefix nasal and it becomes the verb *ngtengahang* which carries the meaning of moving to *tengah* ‘center’. It implies how and to where the activity is done.

3.2.4 -ang modifying intransitive verb

Again when *-ang* is added to an intransitive verb it functions as a transitioning suffix. In this case *-ang* is used when the object is mobile. It is the object that is moved. *Ang* attaches intransitive verbs may express a causative meaning like in the following data.

- (8) a. *I mémé m-(p)ules-ang panak-né*
Det. Mother AF-sleep-Trans. Child-POSS
‘Mother slept her baby’
- b. *Belabar-é ng-anyud-ang punyan kayu-né ané gedé nto*
Flood-DEF AF-drift away-Trans. tree wood-DEF that big Det.
‘The flood washed drifted away from the big tree’

It can be seen that in (8) a the derived *mulesang* comes from the intransitive verb *pules* ‘sleep’ attached with the suffix *-ang* then added with prefix nasal becomes *mulesang* ‘to sleep’. As a transitifying suffix *-ang* in this case express causative meaning. In (8) b, *-ang* attaches the intransitive verb *anyud* ‘drift away’ added with prefix nasal becomes *nganyudang* ‘wash away’.

3.3 Suffix *-ang* in imperative construction

Imperative constructions use the base form. When *-ang* is added to the base form, especially to the imperative, suffix *-ang* does not carry any meaning. Syntactically, *-ang* on the base form verb may express that the sentence belongs to an imperative form. The verbs with *-ang* concentrate the action on the object.

- (10) a. *Men kénkén keneh adi-né, tegarang sambat-ang!* (2)
 So how mind brother-DEF try say-Trans.
 ‘So what do you think, try to mention it!’
- b. *Yén mbok kondén teka jakan-ang adi-né*
 If sister not yet arrive cook-Trans. brother-POSS
 ‘If I have not arrived yet, cook rice for your brother’

In data data above, we can see that the verb *sambatang* ‘say’ in (10) a is composed by the base *sambat* ‘say’ and attached with suffix *-ang* and the verb *jakanang* in (10) b is formed by the base verb *jakan* ‘cook’ attached with suffix *-ang* becomes *jakanang* ‘cook for someone’. It can be noted here that besides as the marker of imperative sentence, *-ang* which also as applicative suffix implies benefactive meaning.

In Balinese, besides the base form, the imperative sentence may also be in the N-form which may have no suffix or have *ang* or *-in*. It is the feeling of the speakers that determines which form is chosen. The following data are the imperative sentence with N- forms.

- (11) *Ideolas gati da m-(b)eli-ang panak-é manisan.*
 Please very don/t AF-buy-Trans child-POSS candy
 ‘Pleas, don’t buy our child candy’

Data (11) above shows that the nasal form *meliang* is derived from the base *beli* ‘buy’ attached with the suffix *-ang* and added with prefix nasal. This nasal form is used to express the imperative function.

When the imperative sentence is made negative, the word *sampunang* (H) or *da* (L) ‘Don’t’ is used and put in front of the clause. These negative words are also used the third person verbs to make negative commands.

- (12) a. *Sampunang ng-raos-ang anak, tan patut nika*
 Don’t AF-words-Trans. child not good that
 ‘Don’t talk about someone, it is not good’.
- b. *Nah, da buin lantang-ang-a. Ingong cocok* (11)
 Okay, don’t again long-Trans.-clitic. 1SG agree
 ‘Okay, don’t say it again. I do agree’

In the data (12) a above we can see that the sentence belongs to a negative imperative sentence. It is identified by the occurrence of the word *Sampunang* ‘don’t’ followed by the derived verb *ngraosang* which comes from the noun *raos* ‘words’ attached with *-ang* and added with prefix nasal and it becomes *ngraosang* ‘talk about’. While in (12) b, the negative form is marked by the *da* ‘don’t’.

3.4 *-ang* in passive construction

In Balinese, quite often such verbs have two objects, a person and a thing. In such construction the thing is expressed without a preposition and looks like a direct object; it is, however, a noun used adverbially. Balinese uses *Ka-base-ang* or *Ka-base-in* constructions to express passive sentences. If the person object is used as the subject of the passive

construction, the thing object remains unchanged in form; if the thing object is to be the subject of the passive construction, the suffix used is *-ang*.

After the data were observed, there were some passive constructions of *ka-* base *-ang* form found, with or without Agent. If it has an agent, normally it is expressed by preposition *L tekén, baan, olih* 'by', *H antuk* 'by'.

- (13) a. *Ditu nyen karirihan adi-né unduk agama patut ka-sobyah-ang* (2)
 There then knowledge brother-POSS about religion necessary Pass-inform-Trans.
 'There then your knowledge about religion should be spread'.
- b. *Gusti Ngurah Celuk sane waged ring sastra lan pascap ring payudan taler ka-titah-ang dados taméng* (1)
 Gusti Ngurah Celuk who good at literature and good at war also Pass-order-Trans. as guard.
 'Gusti Ngurah Celuk who was good at literature and war was also ordered to be a guard'.
- c. *Raksasa Mangpiah lantasp mabalik ngalih tongos timpal-né mapupul disubané antar nyalanang tugas ané ka-titah-ang olih Kala Babau* (16)
 Giant Mangpiah then return find place friend-POSS gether after well doing duty that Pass.-rule-Trans. by Kala Babau
 'The giant Mangpiah then returned back to find his friend's place to gather after the did their duty which was ordered by Kala Babau'.
- d. *Duke malu, Raksasa Kala Babau ka-kasor-ang olih Bhatara Indra dugas ngusak-asik mercapada* (10)
 Before, the giant Kala Babau Pass-defeat-Trans by Bhatara Indra when disturb the universe.
 'Before, Raksasa Kala Babau was defeated by Bhatara Indra when he was trying to destroy the universe'.

In data (13) a and b we can see that the suffix *-ang* is used in passive construction using *ka-* passive form. It can be seen that the verb *kasobahyang* 'be informed' in a is formed by the word *sobyah* 'inform' attached with the suffix *-ang* and prefix *ka-*. The passive form, in this case, is marked by the occurrence of the prefix *ka-*. The same process of derivation also happens in b. *Katitahang* 'be ruled' is derived from the word *titah* 'rule' attached with the suffix *-ang* a prefix *ka-* as the marker of the passive sentence. We can also see these two data of passive with *-ang* do not have prepositional Agent. However, the passive forms with *ka-base-ang*, *katitahang* in (13) c and *kakasorang* in (13) d is followed by the prepositional phrase Agent using the preposition *olih* 'by'.

4 Conclusion

Considering and paying attention to the analysis above, it can be concluded that Balinese suffix *-ang* can attach the word class of noun, adjective, adverb, intransitive and transitive verb. Syntactically, it can occur in various constructions. In imperative construction, *-ang* does not express any meaning. It is just used for the emphasis that the sentence is in the imperative form. The important thing to distinguish between suffix *-ang* and suffix *-in* if it is followed by an object is that with *-ang* the object is mobile while with *-in* the object is immobile. Besides as transitivizing suffix, *-ang* when used applicatively may express benefactive or causative meaning. The use of *-ang* in the sentence *Ia meliang tiang baas* 'He bought me some rice' expresses benefactive meaning. While *-ang* in the

sentence *Ia ngelutang anaké cenik anto ka méméné* ‘He made the child hug her mother’ is used to express causative meaning.

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