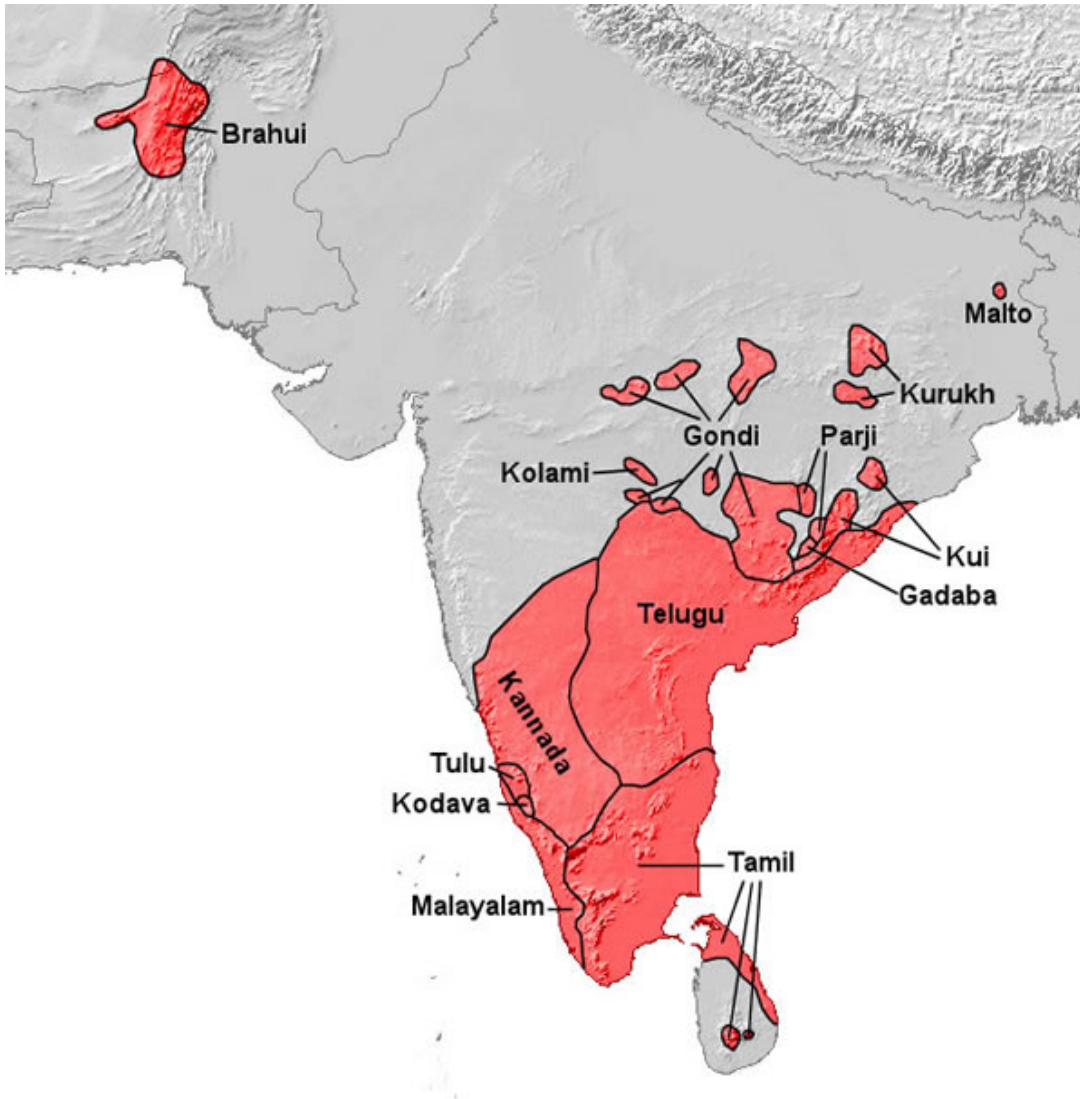



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- Mainly spoken in the southern part of South Asia
- Native to the whole Indian subcontinent by the time the Indo-European languages spread into the Indus and Ganges valleys in the late 3rd Millennium B.C.
- Most important:
  - Telugu (75 M in Andhra Pradesh, India)
  - Tamil (70 M in S.E. India and N. Sri Lanka)
  - Kannada (45 M in Karnataka, India)
  - Malayalam (35 M in Kerala, India)



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