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<sup>1</sup> Synthetic Unit Hydrograph

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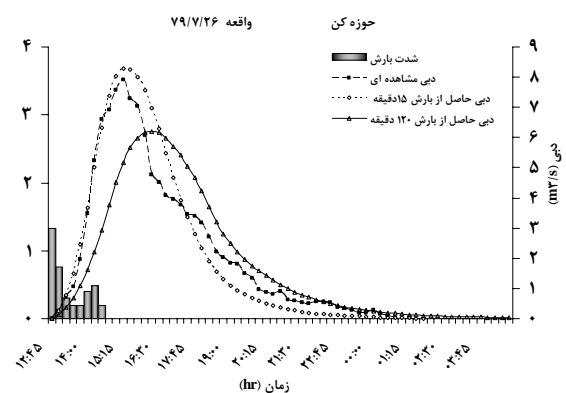
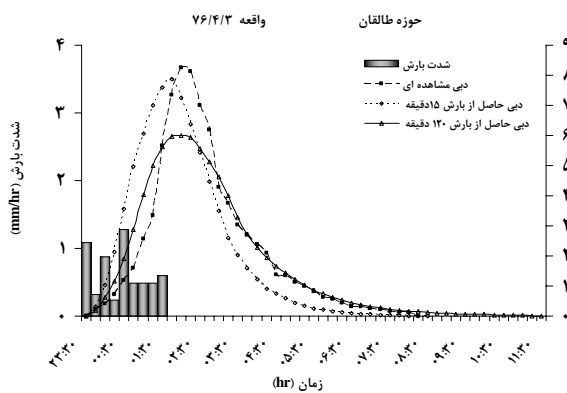
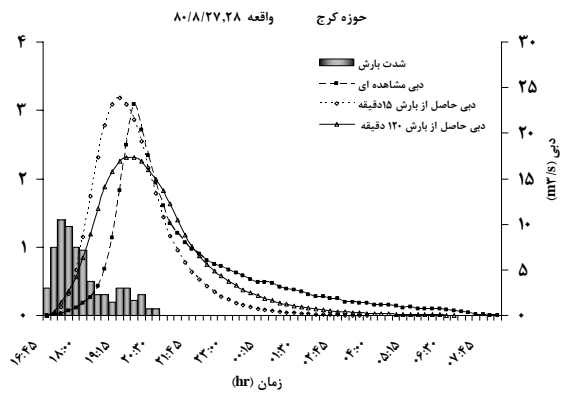
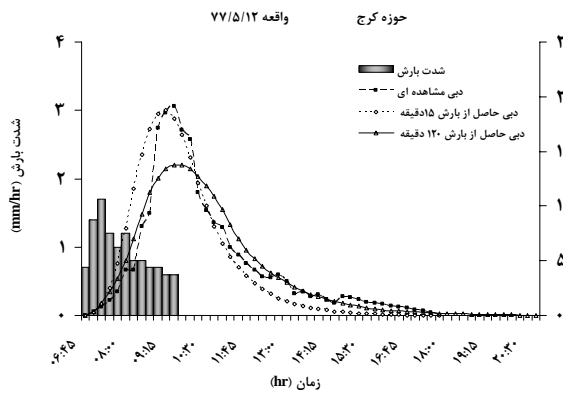
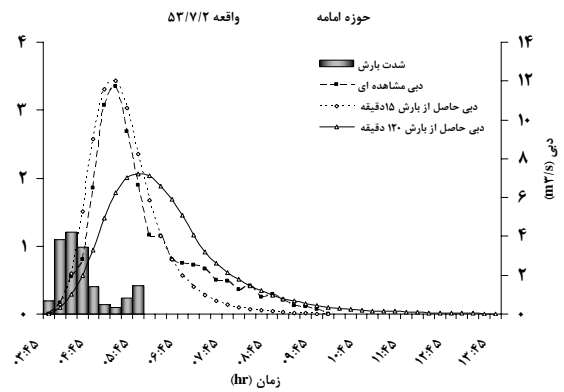
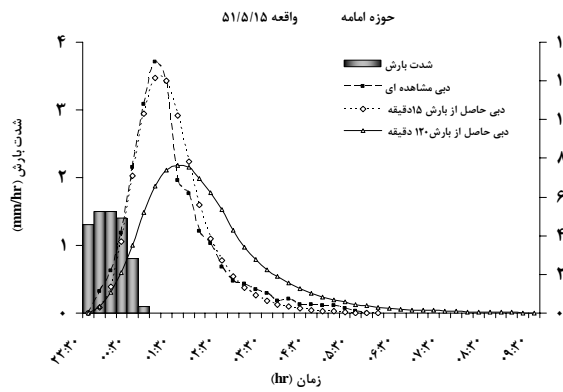
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## Determining the Role of Rainfall Time Intervals in Accuracy of SCS Synthetic Unit Hydrograph (Case study: Tehran and Alborz Provinces)

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### Abstract

One of the most important purposes of hydrology is quantitative prediction of rainfall-runoff process, transferring of runoff to the outlet and determination of peak discharge, time to peak, runoff volume and base time of hydrograph. The present research has done with the goal of study of the role of different temporal bases of rainfall in the accuracy of SCS synthetic unit hydrograph in Tehran and Alborz provinces. Amameh, Kan, Karaj and Taleghan sub-basins were selected, which have 37.2, 197, 76.3 and 65.17 square kilometers area, respectively because of their relatively small size, existence the hydrometry and rain gauge stations; and availability of paired records of flood and storm event. In such manner, 31 flood events and corresponding storms were collected and four parameters including peak discharge, time to peak, runoff volume and base time of seven rainfall intervals were calculated using SCS synthetic unit hydrograph method. Finally, the calculated and observed direct runoff hydrographs were compared based on relative error percentage method. The results showed that the rainfall intervals of 15 minutes in each studied parameter, had the minimum relative error percentage (maximum accuracy) while rainfall interval of 120 minutes, had the maximum of relative error percentage (minimum accuracy).

**Keywords:** Hydrograph, SCS synthetic unit hydrograph, Rainfall interval, Tehran, Alborz