Experimental Study of Hydrograph Model of
Catchment Area Based on Regional Characteristic

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Abstract-- This research intends to know regional physic characteristic such as rainfall, land use, soil type and regional topography in the frame work for development of hydrograph model experimental based on regional characteristic; hydrograph pattern for various regional factor; synthetic unit hydrograph model applies catchment area parameter; Information of model validity when it is applied in others catchment area.

This research in the form of experimental study implemented in the laboratory by using rainfall simulator as a simulation rain. Modelling process is prepared by statistic with regression method. The research is implemented toward a physic factor of the catchment area like rainfall, land use, soil type, large of catchment area (A), the length of the main river (L) river mean slope (S) believed that has effect to hydrograph shape. The result of this study shows that result of the test for cover land, stone, earth, grass, and the combination of stone, earth, grass) characterize shape of catchment area tend to stretch a line (hydrograph rising line < hydrograph recession line).

The result of adjustment produces hydrograph parameter value \( a^* = 1 - 2,5 \) whereas for value \( t_g \) is modified from the original formulation \( t_g = 0,21 \ L^{0,7} \) becomes \( t_g^* = \sqrt[5]{\frac{1}{0,21 \ L}} \). After model constant adjustment be done, the result is more accurate than their measurement unit hydrograph, indicated by value of coefficient of efficiency (CE) more than 0,90 shows that adjustment of model HSS has a good approximation accurateness level, and it is supported by the test parameter value of EV, AEQp, EQp and ETP which have approached or equals to 0 (zero). The result of model validity with measurement data of sub catchment area of Bantimurung has produces good performance. Value of CE for other tested model = 1 (one) likewise for other test parameter so that result in the most satisfaction unit hydrograph shape estimation. From this condition indicates that hydrograph of empiric synthetic unit (HSE) have the same shape with the measurement unit hydrograph.

Index Term-- Characteristic of Catchment area, synthetic unit hydrograph physic model.

I. INTRODUCTION

A. Problem Background

The transformation process of rain into discharge is a complex phenomenon, so it becomes serious problem for hydrologist. Basically, this problem can be overcome if discharge data exists in the long distance at any outlet in the river, therefore, determining design flood is not necessary done transformation analysis of rain becomes discharge. However, discharge data is often unavailable or the data is available with very restricted data distance. Therefore, transformation analysis of rain becomes discharge must be done as a consequences of data restriction.

Actually, many models have been introduced to analyze transformation of rain becomes discharge as an anticipation of that problem. However, many cases that model not give a satisfaction result and tends to results in big deviation. This means that the method application tend to be restricted in the catchment area applied as a composer of the model parameter. As consequences of that problem, this research tries to prepare any model in the form of small scale as a key parameter of the unit hydrograph with the title “Experimental Study of Hydrograph model in catchment area Based on Regional characteristic.

B. The Objective of This Study

The purpose of this study is to implement experimental study to investigate the role or contribution of regional factor to justify a pattern of hydrograph unit for catchment area based on regional factor and finds a practical implementation perspective within hydrograph unit development for specifically catchment area.

The aim of this study is to:

1. Know regional physical characteristic such as rainfall, land use, soil type and regional topography in the frame work of development of hydrograph model experimental based on the regional characteristic.
2. Know hydrograph pattern for various regional factor
3. Know synthetic unit hydrograph model using parameter of the catchment area
4. Know model validity information when it is applied in other catchment area.

C. Benefit of The Study

1. As a simple instrument for unit hydrograph estimation for catchment areas which are not measured yet (catchment area having not flow data either water level or discharge measurement data) in particular in the activity of water structure design.
2. Identifying level of unsafe flood and region which has flood potential.
II. LITERATURE REVIEW
A. Catchment Area
The catchment area interpreted as a landscape bordered by topography divide catching, collecting and flowing rain water to outlet has been extedly accepted as a water resources management existing in the catchment area (IPB Team). The catchment area as the smallest planning unit has specific character which is extremely influenced by type soil, topography, geology, geomorphology, vegetation and land use.

B. Factor and Parameter of Catchment Area Flow
In the catchment area there are several factors having special characteristic means that every catchment area will provide a different catchment area to the same rainfall input. Several factors influencing are rainfall and catchment area characteristic namely : (a) Rainfall intensity, (b) rainfall duration, (c) rainfall distribution, (d) distribution of rainfall spreading, (e) Rain movement direction, (f) previous rainfall index, (g) catchment area, (h). Large of catchment area, (i).land use, (j). Topography, and (k) and Soil type.

C. Concept and Mechanism of Hydrograph Process Flow.
1. Catchment Area Concept
The simplification of hydrology cycle elements conceptuals is a basic principle that will be developed as a volume calculation or water flow from the all flow components that maybe occur in one area or given zone. In hydrology context can be stated that transformation process from one input set becomes one output set in a hydrology system, namely watershed system. Input in this interpretation is rainfall, whereas output is flow. This concept is schematically shown in Figure 1.

2. Unit Hydrograph
The unit hydrograph is defined as a direct runoff hydrograph recorded at the end of catchment area in downstream emerged by effective rainfall in the amount of one unit (1 mm, 1 cm, or 1 inch) that has occurred spread throughout in all catchment areas with intensity is constant in the one time unit (example 1 hour) given.

3. Seyhan Unit Hydrograph
Seyhan said that several parameters of catchment area physic in determining shape of unit hydrograph besides rain characteristic. The parameter of the catchment area physic is large of catchment area, slope, drainage pattern and so on. The parameters of catchment area physic will be used in determination amount of unit hydrograph from the related catchment area with synthetic hydrograph method.

III. STUDY METHODOLOGY
A. Time and Study Object
This study is implemented in laboratory of soil mechanic and hydrologic Civil Technic Department, Technic Faculty of Hasanuddin for six months from May to October 2013. The object of study is carried out in sub catchment area of Bantimurung in Maros Regency of South Sulawesi. Geographically, Bantimurung catchment area is located in position 05°01´14,55“ of south latitude and 119°40´32,3“ of east longitude with area of 20,26 km² with elevation between 100 to 500 m above sea mean level given in Figure 2.

B. Study Procedure
This study has been conducted by the following steps:
1. Data collection
In this step is carried out of preparation, collection of data, material and instrument for model preparation.
   a. Data collection consists of secondary and primary data. The collection of secondary data compares rainfall intensity data, procentage of land use application, land slope, river slope, large of catchment area, shape of the catchment area and soil type and the primary data such as infiltration measurement, discharge data, water level data, and run off volume.

   b. Scale model of catchment area
   The catchment area model in laboratory such as shown on figure 3, with length of 3,11 meters and the wide of 1,63 meters. The depts of soil layer in upstream is taken 50 cm and in down stream 10 cm.

   c. Material and Tool
   1. Material used in this study is soil, sand, water, crushed stone, sement, grass, pipe,pipe joint, pipe glum, saw, and iron.
2. The tool used is rainfall simulator, measurement glass, stopwatch, digital camera, rain water reservoir, roll meter, laptop, software Microsoft Excel, and the other supporting instrument.

2. Preparing model parameter design.
3. Preparation of physic model
4. Laboratory test
5. Data analyst

   The data analyst comprises:
   a. Determination of regional rainfall is done by mean method.
   b. Analysis of infiltration capacity is done by using Ø index.
   c. Preparation of model was established by mathematic equals describing run off process occurring in the catchment area, started from process of rain, infiltration percolation up to have formed lag flow at the end forms base flow. Accumulation from all the run off typoies are a hydrograph of river in the catchment area.
   d. Model calibration was conducted as return test based on data of infiltration calculation result by using data of hours or daily rainfall up to be obtained estimation hydrograph which its value approaches/same with measurement data with determination coefficient value toward real data.
   e. Model validity test is conducted by hydrograph estimation simulation with applying model that had been calibrated using other rainfall data. Standard of model validity test based on presentation hydrograph and graphically actual hydrograph and determination coefficient value (R²).

The completion study step can be shown in Figure 3 as following:

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IV. RESULT AND DISCUSSION

A. Measurement hydrograph result for each land cover condition (Catchment Area).

B. Result of measurement unit hydrograph component for each land cover condition (Catchment Area)

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Table I

<table>
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<tr>
<th>Factor</th>
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<td>H - 38 cm</td>
<td>Peak Time (T): hour</td>
<td>0.194</td>
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<td>0.220</td>
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<td>0.00020</td>
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<td>%</td>
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<td>0.5</td>
<td>0.56</td>
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Fig. 3. Test model perspective

Fig. 5. Discharge Hydrograph for condition of land grass, stone, average, and HSS Nakayasu (H-38cm)

Fig. 6. Discharge hydrograph for condition of grass land, stone, average, and HSS Nakayasu (H-58cm)
C. Model Adjustment of experimental hydrograph and synthetic unit hydrograph (HSS) Nakayasu.

The adjustment of empirical to be done by way to minimize the different of modelling result value with measurement value. Equation of model constant adjustment result for every principal variable of synthetic unit hydrograph (HSS) Nakayasu, with the following result:

1. Equation of tg, namely time lag of beginning to flood peak, length of the river (L) < 15 km be suggested \(tg = 0.21 \frac{L}{B^2}\), after model constant adjustment be carried out \(tg^* = \left(\frac{1}{0.21}\right) tg\).

2. Equation of peak discharge \((Qp)\) of synthetic unit hydrograph (HSS) be suggested \(Qp = \frac{CA + Ro}{3.6 \left(0.3 Tp + T0.3\right)}\), after model constant adjustment is done : \(Qp^* = \left(\frac{1}{\alpha^*}\right)\). 

3. Coefficient \(\beta\) is needed in calibration process of value \(Tp\). The value of \(Tp\) of coefficient standard \(\beta\) is 3, if calculation of Tp is smaller than Tp of observation, value \(\beta\) is taken > 3 in order that value \(Tp\) increases. If the \(Tp\) of calculation is bigger than \(Tp\) calculation, value \(\beta\) is taken < 3 in order that value of \(Tp\) will reduce. This process is repeated in order that \(Tp\) of calculation approx \(Tp\) of calculation.

4. Coefficient \(\alpha^*\) is needed in calibration process of peak discharge value \((Qp)\). Value of \(Qp\) of coefficient standard \(\alpha^*\) is 3, if the value of calculation peak discharge value is smaller than observation peak discharge, value \(\alpha^*\) is taken < 3 in order that peak discharge value increases. If the calculation peak discharge is bigger than observation peak discharge, the value of \(\alpha^*\) is taken > 3 in order that peak discharge value will reduce. This process is repeated in order to calculation peak discharge approaches observation peak discharge \((Qp)\).

5. Hydrograph parameter (a) is needed in process of calibration in the form of hydrograph. The value of \(\alpha\) coefficient standard is 3 for time hydrograph shape rises is faster than their recession.

6. Base time (\(Tb\)) for catchment area has measurement medium and in the amount of teority value \(Tb\) may have unlimitation value (equal to Nakayasu method), however, in their practical \(Tb\) can be limited until recession curve approaches zero.

From the result of analysis, coordinate of measurement unit hydrograph and synthetic unit hydrograph (HSS) Nakayasu with adjustment indicates small deviation (<10%). This indicates that model of synthetic unit hydrograph (HSS) is good enough to predict discharge in this study.

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<td>%</td>
<td>1.170</td>
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<td>Absolute error of Peak Discharge (AE Qp)</td>
<td>m</td>
<td>0.000346</td>
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<td>Relative error of Peak Discharge (E Qp)</td>
<td>%</td>
<td>1.200</td>
<td>1.270</td>
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<td>Absolute error of Peak Time (AE Tp)</td>
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The table IV and table V, shows that after adjustment is done toward model constant measurement unit hydrograph shape estimation accurateness is more improve where the shape of synthetic unit hydrograph (HSS) of adjustment result is the more approaches shape of their measurement unit hydrograph shown by a mounth value of coefficient of efficient (CE) approaching value 1. The value of coefficient of efficient (CE) more then 0.90 indicates that model of synthetic unit hydrograph adjustment has good estimation accurateness level, and it is supported by test parameter value of EV, ΔEQp, EQp, and ETP in which approaches or equal to value 0 (zero).

Adjustment of synthetic unit hydrograph applied to estimate unit hydrograph shape of other catchment area is an adjustment synthetic unit hydrograph with average measurement unit hydrograph. The application of average measurement unit hydrograph is intended in order to model can be valid to all conditions of land cover, not only for any condition of just land cover.

D. Model Validation of catchment area of empirical unit hydrograph and synthetic unit hydrograph Nakayasu.

Model validation is done in order to model developed can be known their validity in other catchment area.
The model validation is done on sub Bantimurung catchment area with the following parameter: Large of catchment area \( (A) = 20.26 \text{ km}^2 \), the main length of the channel \( (L) = 6.22 \text{ km} \) from outlet (AWLR Bantimurung) with average river slope = 0.523, the depth average = 7.0 meters and wide average = 14 meter. The shape of Bantimurung Catchment area is more like shape of bird fur (stretch a long of length) with measurement outlet in station of automatic water level recorder of Bantimurung.

**Table VI**

Component of empirical unit hydrograph and synthetic unit hydrograph Nakayasu of sub Bantimurung Catchment Area (not validated yet)

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<th>Water Stage</th>
<th>Parameter</th>
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<th>HSS - Empirical</th>
<th>HSS - Nakayasu</th>
<th>Deviation (%)</th>
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<td>H = 38 cm</td>
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<td>hour</td>
<td>0.2</td>
<td>0.656</td>
<td>-2.253</td>
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<td></td>
<td>Peak Discharge (Q_P)</td>
<td>hr/sec</td>
<td>0.0049</td>
<td>0.0016</td>
<td>-0.245</td>
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<td>Time Base (T_B)</td>
<td>hour</td>
<td>2</td>
<td>2.973</td>
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**Fig. 8.** Empirical unit hydrograph and synthetic unit hydrograph Nakayasu sub Catchment Area of Bantimurung (not validated yet).

**Table VII**

Value of test parameter of synthetic unit hydrograph quantitative towards measurement unit hydrograph

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<tr>
<td>3</td>
<td>Absolute error of Peak Discharge (AE Q_p)</td>
<td>hr/sec</td>
<td>-0.00010 0.00000</td>
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<td>%</td>
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<td>5</td>
<td>Absolute error of Peak Time (AE T_p)</td>
<td>hour</td>
<td>0.56 0.00</td>
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**Fig. 9.** Hydrograph of units measurements and synthetic unit Nakayasu after being validated.

In Figure 9 and Table 7, show that application of synthetic unit hydrograph Nakayasu in estimating unit hydrograph of sub catchment area of Bantimurung has indicated a good result. The value of C for testing model = 1 (one), this means that simulation result hydrograph has the same shape with measurement unit hydrograph. Likewise for other test parameter if it is seen from the value improvement of relative error volume total (EV) that before is 44.98% becomes 0.00%. This Indicates that there is no volume different between unit hydrograph of measurement result with synthetic unit hydrograph Nakayasu.

The adjustment of model constant also improves the accurateness in estimating the amount of peak discharge namely there is a change of value EQP from 19.75% to 0.00%. This means that there is no different between model of synthetic unit hydrograph Nakayasu with measurement unit hydrograph. The Adjustment of model constant also improves the accurated value of ETP from 0.5 hour to 0 (zero) hour, this means that there is no different between peak time of synthetic unit hydrograph Nakayasu and peak time of measurement unit hydrograph after adjusment of model constant.

**V. CONCLUSION AND SUGGESTION**

**A. Conclusion**

From the obtained result can be concluded as following:

1. The application of synthetic unit hydrograph for a catchment area having different morphometry characteristic with catchment area where the model to be developed should be adjusted in order to get accurate estimation.

2. Model of synthetic unit hydrograph Nakayasu adjusted with the model is able to estimate a shape of measurement unit hydrograph with high accurateness.

3. Model of empirical unit hydrograph which has been adjusted their model constant with unit hydrograph measurement data of sub catchment area are able to estimate the well unit hydrograph shape.

4. Characteristic observation hydrograph (for all land cover conditions) characterize the shape of catchment area tendency to scetche a long of length, namely has rising line characteristic is faster than recession line (hydrograph rising line time < hydrograph recession line time).

5. Coordinaat of empirical hydrograph unit hydrograph with its model constant adjustment indicates small deviation (<10%) to measurement unit hydrograph.

6. From the calculation of the deviation to find the value of \( \alpha \) by using a synthetic unit hydrograph Nakayasu river turns characteristic factors greatly affect the magnitude of the value of \( \alpha \). Here we can see that for any given drainage area will result in a certain \( \alpha \) value anyway, so the value of \( \alpha \) can be used only on a sub-watershed that have the same...
characteristics of the river where the value of the parameter $\alpha$ is found
7. From the results before calibration measurements with HS HSS Nakayasu via parameters $\alpha$, $\beta$, $\alpha^*$ obtained value $\alpha = 3$, $\beta = 4$, and $\alpha^* = 2.5$ the deviation of the peak discharge = 77.942%, whereas after calibration parameters $\alpha$, $\beta$, $\alpha^*$, and $tg$ through measurement unit hydrograph obtained value $\alpha = 2.3$, $\beta = 4$, $\alpha^* = 1$, and $g = t = 0.7$ hours with irregularities in the discharge peak at $= -1.880$
8. Based on these results, the parameter values are generated unit hydrograph peak time (Tp) = 0.7 hours, peak discharge ($Q_p$) 2, 5, and 10 years respectively m3/sec beturut = 91,848, 119,021 m3/sec, 137.493 m3/sec, and time base (Tb) = 3.588 hours

B. Suggestion

Based on study result related with a verification result is suggested us the following:
1. The usefulness of measurement unit hydrograph having shorten time period to minimize the different between peak time of synthetic unit hydrograph model with the peak time of measurement with unit hydrograph.
2. In accordance with study result that has been implemented, the length of river and large of catchment area is the most dominant in the preparation of synthetic unit hydrograph Nakayasu. The two factors are predicted as deviation causal. Likewise for roughness coefficient of catchment area (n), is suggested to re-examine the method of roughness coefficient determination of catchment area (n).
3. Considering to make several accurate synthetic unit hydrograph models with each relative small error (<10%) is difficult, then public works department for long range is suggested to complete each catchment area with automatic water lever recorder and automatic rain recorder.

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