

**Tab.4** Normalized path coefficient between variables

Variable	Topographic relief	Surface roughness	Runoff path density	Contagion index	Stand density of cypress	Surface runoff coefficient
Topographic relief	-					
Surface roughness	-0.495	-				
Runoff path density	0.121	-0.517	-			
Contagion index	-0.775***	0.539	-0.509	-		
Stand density of cypress	-0.507	0.773***	-0.491**	0.521	-	
Surface runoff coefficient	0.245**	-0.272***	0.239**	-0.311**	-0.134***	-

\*\* means significant differences at  $P < 0.05$  level, and \*\*\* means significant differences at  $P < 0.01$ .