# Research on Highway Project Sustainable Development Evaluation under the Perspective of Engineering Philosophy

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**Abstract.** According to the status of the highway project, and combining with the significance of engineering philosophy, the paper determines the sustainable development evaluation index, using the entropy weight -fuzzy theory to establish the comprehensive sustainable development evaluation model. The actual highway project was made sustainable development evaluation by applying the comprehensive evaluation model, from a practical angle, to verify the feasibility and practicability of the highway project sustainable development comprehensive evaluation model.

**Keywords:** Engineering philosophy, Sustainable development, Highway project, Entropy theory; Fuzzy evaluation method, Evaluation index

## 1. Introduction

Engineering philosophy is used to study the engineering practice and analyze the coordinated development of engineering and the natural environment, engineering and the humanities environment, engineering and the social environment. Engineering philosophy is the tie connecting engineering, natural and human and a thinking of human transform natural activities.

Sustainable development is a comprehensive concept of rich connotation, mainly including three aspects: First, ecological economy system is regarded as the basic research object of sustainable development to seek the limit range economic and ecological system, and realize the coordinated development of ecological and social; Second, the scarcity of energy resources together to form a constraint conditions of the economic and social development; Third, when we are pursuing today's economic and social development and its own interests, but also cannot ignore the interests of people in the future. Therefore, sustainable development is a comprehensive concept, including economic, ecological and social fields, involving the relationship of inter and intra generation and that between man and nature. The connotation of sustainable development of project combines the influence of the ecological environment and the use of natural resources and the tolerance of environment etc. From three aspects of economy, environment and society, the sustainable development of construction projects including economic sustainable development, ecological sustainable development and social sustainable development and social sustainable development and social sustainable development and social sustainable development.

The Chinese are promoting the development of the world economy at an unprecedented rate, and has made great achievements, but it is at the expense of consume a large amount of natural resources, energy and cause the negative effects of environment, a lot of highway engineering has been in not friendly to the environment, low level, low efficiency, high consumption and high pollution state, such as ecological destruction, environmental pollution, nonrenewable resources and various social problems, the development is not sustainable. The engineering practice is full of dialectics, the relationship between the engineering activities not only involves the human and nature, but also relates to the people and people, people and society, area and area, different levels of relationship between individual and collective, relates to the whole, overall, fundamental and abstract philosophical questions. In order to achieve the sustainable development of highway engineering, we should follow the philosophy of dialectical engineering of "practice, cognition, practice again, re-understand", embody the dialectical unity of interdependence, interaction, mutual influence between human and nature.

At present, China is still not a complete evaluation system of sustainable development of highway engineering, the existing evaluation system of project is not completely built on idea and theory of sustainable development, the need of sustainable development is not reflected fully in content. To solve the above problems, this paper will establish the complete evaluation system of sustainable development of highway engineering under the perspective of philosophy, and carries on the objective and accurate evaluation to sustainable development of actual project by fuzzy comprehensive evaluation method.

## 2. Establishment of fuzzy entropy comprehensive sustainable development evaluation model

#### 2.1. Establishment of evaluation index system

According to the evaluation factor set to establish evaluation index system, the steps are as follows:

(1).Let  $U = \{u_{1}, u_{2}, ..., u_{n}\}$  being n kinds of sustainable development factors (or indexes),  $V = \{v_{1}, v_{2}, ..., v_{m}\}$  being m kinds of evaluations. Various factor's position is different, its effect is different also, certainly, weight is different also, so evaluation is different also.

The sustainable development evaluation factor set  $U = \{u_1, u_2, ..., u_n\}$  is divided into several

groups 
$$U = (U_1, U_2, ..., U_k)$$
,  $U = \bigcup_{i=1}^k U_i$ ,  $U_i \cap U_j = \phi(i = j)$ ,  $U = (U_1, U_2, ..., U_k)$  is called the first

factor set.

Let 
$$U_i = \left\{ u_1^{(i)}, u_2^{(i)}, \dots, u_{n_i}^{(i)} \right\} (i = 1, 2, \dots, k)$$
, which  $n_1 + n_2 + \dots + n_k = \sum_{i=1}^k n_i = n$  is called the second

factor set.

(2).Let have n sustainable development evaluation indexes and select m reviewers, m reviewers evaluate n sustainable development evaluation indexes for formation of the original data matrix  $U = (u_{ij})_{n \times m}$ .

$$U = \begin{pmatrix} u_{11} & \cdots & u_{1m} \\ u_{21} & \cdots & u_{2m} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ u_{n1} & \cdots & u_{nm} \end{pmatrix}$$

#### 2.2Determination of evaluation set

Various evaluation results of evaluation object are form evaluation set, in this model,  $V = \{v_1, v_2, ..., v_m\}$  being m kinds of evaluations

## 2.3. Establishment of sustainable development evaluation matrix

Through the expert investigation method and the practical statistical method, using a review account for all the expert-reviewed percentage to determine the membership degree of sustainable development factors, and get the membership degree matrix of second index of sustainable development evaluation.

Making standardized treatment for the original data of membership matrix, the standardized

treatment formula as follows: 
$$a'_{ij} = \frac{a_{ij} - \min\{a_{ij}\}}{\max\{a_{ij}\} - \min\{a_{ij}\}}$$

## 2.4 Determination of the second index weight tables

When sustainable development evaluation matrix is determined, in order to make a value judgment, through consulting with industry experts to get initial weight of each factor in general,

namely obtain the subjective weight of each factor of the second index and make standardized treatment for the original experts evaluation weight tables.

#### 2.5 Calculation of entropy and weight

Using entropy formula to calculate the weight of the second index, which, the calculation formula

of entropy as follows: 
$$e_i = -k \sum_{j=1}^n r_{ij} \ln r_{ij}$$
, which  $k = 1/\ln m$ ,  $r_{ij} = \frac{R_{ij}}{\sum_{j=1}^n R_{ij}}$ ; *m* represents the number

of evaluation expert.

The calculation formula of weight as follows:  $A_i = \frac{1 - e_i}{n - \sum_{i=1}^n e_i}, (i = 1, 2, ..., n)$ , which,

 $0 \le A_t \le 1, \sum_{i=1}^n A_i = 1, n$  represents the number of evaluation index.

## 2.6 Determination of the first grade index membership degree

To determine the first grade index membership degree using fuzzy comprehensive evaluation method, steps as follows:

(1)Let evaluation set  $V = \{v_{1}, v_{2}, ..., v_{m}\}$ , the single factor evaluate  $n_{i}$  factors of the second factor

set 
$$U_i = \{u_1^{(i)}, u_2^{(i)}, ..., u_{n_i}^{(i)}\}$$
, the single factor evaluation matrix is  $R_i = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11}^{(i)} & \cdots & r_{1m}^{(i)} \\ r_{21}^{(i)} & \cdots & r_{2m}^{(i)} \\ \vdots & & \vdots \\ r_{n_i}^{(i)} & \cdots & r_{n_i}^{(i)} \end{pmatrix}$ .

(2)Let weight of  $U_i = \{u_1^{(i)}, u_2^{(i)}, ..., u_{n_i}^{(i)}\}$  is  $A_i = \{a_1^{(i)}, a_2^{(i)}, ..., a_{n_i}^{(i)}\}$ , which get comprehensive evaluation is  $A_i \circ R_i = B_i \{i = 1, 2, ..., k\}$ .

(3) Comprehensive evaluation the first factors set  $U = (U_1, U_2, ..., U_k)$ . Let weight of  $U = (U_1, U_2, ..., U_k)$  is  $A = (a_1, a_2, ..., a_k)$ , the first grade index membership degree matrix

is 
$$R = \begin{bmatrix} B_1 \\ B_2 \\ \vdots \\ B_k \end{bmatrix}$$
.

Note: weight determination method of the first grade index and second index are same.

## 2.7 Fuzzy comprehensive sustainable development evaluation

To evaluate comprehensively the highway project sustainable development evaluation under the perspective of engineering philosophy by the first grade index weight vector and the first grade index membership degree matrix, the formula is  $B = A \times R$ , which, *B* represents the comprehensive membership degree, *A* represents the first grade index weight vector; *R* represents the first grade index membership degree matrix.

#### 3. Practical engineering application and analysis

Evaluating sustainable development of an actual highway project under the perspective of engineering philosophy.

## 3.1 Establishment of evaluation index system

Through detailed analysis and study and combined with the significance of engineering philosophy, sustainable development of the project was evaluated from three aspects of economy, environment

and society: social influence index  $U_1$ , environmental influence index  $U_2$ , economic benefit index  $U_3$ , which is confirmed three the first grade evaluation indexes. The evaluation factor set including the first factor set and the second factor set two parts. The hierarchical structure of sustainable development evaluation index as follows: The first grade factor set is  $U = \{U_1, U_2, U_3\}$ ; the second factor set is  $U_1 = \{U_{11}, U_{12}, U_{13}\}, U_2 = \{U_{21}, U_{22}, U_{23}, U_{24}, U_{25}\}, U_3 = \{U_{31}, U_{32}, U_{33}\}$ , establishment of the evaluation index system structure as shown in table 1.

Tab	le 1 Sustainable developmer	nt evaluation index system structure			
total index	first grade index	second index promoting social stability degree $U_{11}$ promoting political stability degree $U_{12}$ promoting social development degree $U_{13}$ highway arterial air pollution degree $U_{21}$ highway arterial noise pollution degree $U_{22}$			
	social influence index $U_1$	promoting social stability degree $U_{11}$			
		promoting political stability degree $U_{12}$			
	social influence index 0	promoting social development			
Highway project					
sustainable		highway arterial air pollution degree $U_{21}$			
development	environmental influence	highway arterial noise pollution degree $U_{22}$			
evaluation under the perspective of	index $U_2$	highway arterial garbage pollution degree $U_{23}$			
engineering		highway arterial ecological destruction degree $U_{ m 24}$			
philosophy $U$		highway greening degree $U_{25}$			
	economic benefit index $U_3$	economic promotion of project $U_{31}$			
		highway engineering resources and			
		environment support capability $U_{32}$			
		the project own economic situation $U_{33}$			

#### **3.2Determination of evaluation set**

Each index value is divided into five grades, which through fuzzy evaluation to determine. To evaluate set *V* selected five risk evaluation levels:  $V = \{V_1, V_2, V_3, V_4, V_5\}$ ,  $V_1$  represents poor,  $V_2$  represents less poor,  $V_3$  represents general,  $V_4$  represents less good, and  $V_5$  represents good.

## 3.3. Establishment of sustainable development evaluation matrix

Using a review account for all the expert-reviewed percentage to determine the membership degree of sustainable development evaluation factors and establish evaluation matrix. See Table 2. **3.4 Establishment of second index weight tables** 

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first grade index $U_i$	second index $U_{ii}$			Level		
This grade index $U_i$	second index $U_{ij}$	poor	less poor	general	less good	good
	${U}_{11}$	2	4	2	1	1
$U_1$	$U_{12}$	2	2	3	3	0
$U_1$	$U_{13}$	2	3	2	2	1
	$U_{21}$	2	3	2	1	2
	$U_{22}$	1	4	1	2	2
$U_2$	$U_{23}$	0	2	3	3	2
	U 24	2	3	2	2	1
	$U_{25}$	3	4	1	2	0
	$U_{31}$	4	3	1	2	0
<b>I</b> I	$U_{32}$	2	3	2	2	1
$U_3$	$U_{33}$	2	2	3	2	1

Table 2 Membership degree matrix of second index of sustainable development evaluation

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	Table 3 S	ustainab	le deve	lopmer	nt factor	s secon	d index	weight t	able		
first grade	second				e	valuatio	n expert	S			
index $U_i$	index $U_{ij}$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	$U_{11}$	0.025	0.075	0.05	0.05	0.075	0.025	0.025	0.1	0.075	0.05
${U}_1$	$U_{12}$	0.025	0. 05	0.075	0.025	0.05	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.05	0.025
	$U_{13}$	0.05	0.025	0.025	0.075	0.025	0.1	0.05	0.025	0.025	0.075
	$U_{21}$	0.2	0.1	0.15	0.175	0.125	0.2	0.15	0.15	0.2	0.1
	$U_{ m 22}$	0.125	0.2	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.15	0.1	0.15	0.1
$U_2$	$U_{23}$	0.1	0.1	0.15	0.15	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.15	0.1	0.15
	$U_{ m 24}$	0.175	0.15	0.1	0.1	0.175	0.15	0.1	0.1	0.1	0.2
	$U_{25}$	0.1	0.15	0.2	0.125	0.15	0.15	0.2	0.2	0.15	0.15
	$U_{ m 31}$	0.1	0.05	0.075	0.1	0.075	0.05	0.1	0.05	0.05	0.075
$U_3$	$U_{ m 32}$	0.05	0.05	0.025	0.075	0.1	0.075	0.05	0.025	0.025	0.05
	$U_{ m 33}$	0.05	0.05	0.05	0.025	0.025	0.025	0.05	0.075	0.075	0.025
	Table 4 S	ustainab	le deve	lopmer	nt factor	s secon	d index	weight t	able		
First grade	second					evaluat	ion expe	rts			
index $U_i$	index $U_{ij}$	1	2	3	4	5	6	7	8	9	10
	${U}_{11}$	0	0.66	67 0.33	33 0.33	3 0.66	<b>57</b> 0	0	1	0.667	0.333
${U}_1$	${U}_{12}$	0	0.5	5 1	0	0.5	5 0	0	0	0.5	0
	${U}_{13}$	0.33	3 0	0	0.66	<b>5</b> 7 0	1	0.333	3 0	0	0.667
	$U_{21}$	1	0	0.5	5 0.7	5 0.2	5 1	0.5	0.5	1	0

# 3.5 Calculation of entropy and weight

 $U_{22}$ 

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 $U_2$ 

 $U_3$ 

Using entropy formula  $e_i = -k \sum_{j=1}^{n} r_{ij} \ln r_{ij}$ ,  $A_i = \frac{1 - e_i}{n - \sum_{i=1}^{n} e_i}$ , (i = 1, 2, ..., n) to obtain the weight of

second index A, the calculation process as shown in Table 5.

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First grade index	second index	$\sum R_{ij}$	$\sum r_{ij} \ln r_{ij}$	$E_i$	$A_i$			
	$U_{11}$	4	-1.8635	0.8093	0.1813			
${U}_1$	${U}_{12}$	2.5	-1.4661	0.6367	0.3454			
	${U}_{13}$	3	-1.1566	0.5023	0.4732			
	$U_{21}$	5.5	-1.9960	0.8669	0.0966			
$U_2$	$U_{22}$	2.25	-1.2730	0.5529	0.3245			
	$U_{23}$	4	-1.3863	0.6021	0.2888			
	U 24	3.5	-1.5741	0.6836	0.2296			
	$U_{25}$	5.75	-2.1108	0.9167	0.0605			
	$U_{31}$	4.5	-1.7351	0.7535	0.2913			
	$U_{ m 32}$	3.666	-1.4916	0.6478	0.4163			
	$U_{ m 33}$	4	-1.7329	0.7526	0.2924			

#### 3.6 Determination of the first grade index membership degree

To determine the first grade index membership degree using fuzzy comprehensive evaluation method, the first grade index sustainable development level membership degree as shown in table 6, weight determination method of the first grade index and second index are same, the first grade indexes weight table as shown in table 7.

Table 6 the	e first grade index			mbership degree n	hatrix table
$R_i$	poor	Less poor	general	Less good	good
${U}_1$	2	2.8356	2.3452	2.1639	0.6545
$U_2$	1.1584	3.0962	1.9038	2.1922	1.6494
$U_3$	2.5826	2.5826 2.7076		2	0.7087
	Ta	ble 7 the first grad	le index weight t	able	
first gra	de index	$\sum R_{ij}$	$\sum r_{ij} \ln r_{ij}$	$E_i$	$A_i$
	$U_1$	2	-2.2836	0.9918	0.0787
	$U_2$	1.85	-2.2878	0.9936	0.0614
	$U_3$	1.25	-2.2824	0.9912	0.0845
	$U_4$	1.35	-2.2747	0.9879	0.1161
	$U_5$	1.45	-2.2732	0.9872	0.1228
	$U_{6}$	1.2	-2.2604	0.9817	0.1756
	$U_7$	0.9	-2.2161	0.9624	0.3608

Table 6 the first grade index sustainable development level membership degree matrix table

#### **3.7** Comprehensive evaluation of sustainable development

The calculation formula of sustainable development comprehensive evaluation is as follows:  $B = AR = (A_1, A_2, A_3)(R_1, R_2, R_3)$ 

This A represents the first grade index weight vector; R represents the first grade index membership degree matrix. The results are as follows:

B = (1.3042, 3.0556, 1.9327, 2.1769, 1.5319)

#### 3.8 Analysis of evaluation results

(1) According to the maximum membership degree principle, highway project sustainable development evaluation under the perspective of engineering philosophy is" less poor".

(2)From the first grade index weights to see, the biggest sustainable development factor is the environmental impact factor in the project, so the highway project should pay more attention to highway arterial air pollution degree and highway arterial noise pollution degree and highway arterial garbage pollution degree and highway arterial ecological destruction degree and highway greening degree.

(3) The highway project should pay more attention to promote social stability degree and promote social development degree and highway engineering resources and environment support capability in order to improve sustainable development according to the second indexes weight and membership degree.

#### 4. Conclusion

The fuzzy comprehensive evaluation method based on entropy was applied to evaluate on highway project sustainable development evaluation under the perspective of engineering philosophy, the first grade index membership degree matrix and the second index weight and membership degree were obtained by using the traditional fuzzy evaluation method. The subjective weight of experts was standardized processing to obtain comprehensive weight, which can make determination of the weight more scientific, reasonable, and ensure the reliability of the evaluation results. The fuzzy comprehensive evaluation method based on entropy can overcome the shortcomings of single sustainable development evaluation method, and make the sustainable development assessment process more practical and safe and the evaluation results more objective.

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