

Combination Weighting Method Based on Maximizing Deviations and Normalized Constraint Condition

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Abstract

When the weight of each attribute is determined in the multiple attribute decision making problems, calculated by the method of subjective values or objective values solely will cause the problem that weight coefficient is not reasonable. So the paper puts forward the weighting method which is based on maximizing deviations and normalized constraint condition. The method integrates the subjective and objective weighting information. On the one hand, the deviation between each weight vector which is determined by the various weighting method makes the maximum of its total deviation. On the other hand, the various evaluated object integrated value makes the maximum of its total evaluated value. Thus we establish a double objective optimization model. What's more, we deduce the weight calculation formula by solving the model. Finally we have an experimental analysis. It proves that the combination weighting method can reflect the relative importance of each indicators and the information that index itself contains. In other words, it can reflect the subjective and objective decisions which make the weighting results more reasonable.

Keywords: *multiple attribute decision making; maximizing deviations; normalized constraint condition; combination weighting; weight*

1. Introduction

Multiple attribute decision making is a kind of multi-objective decision making. It aims at limited scheme with multiple attributes, according to a decision criterion for scheme selection and sorting. It has extensive theoretical and practical application background in many fields such as engineer design, economy, management and military.[1] Multiple attribute decision making has some solution methods. These methods have a close relationship with the attribute weight. Because the rationality of weight affect the accuracy of multiple attribute decision making sorting, the weight plays an important part in the multiple attribute decision making.

Based on the differences between the source of raw data and the calculation process when we calculate the weight coefficient, the evaluation index weight determination method can be roughly divided into two types: subjective weighting method and objective weighting method. Subjective weighting method takes the method of qualitative. Experts make subjective judgment to get the weight according to the experience. Then they make a comprehensive evaluation to index, such as analytic hierarchy process [2], expert investigation method [3], the binomial coefficient method [4], sequential analysis method [5]. The analytic hierarchy process is the most common method used in the practical application. It makes complicated problems stratified and makes qualitative problems quantitative. Subjective weighting method can reflect the experience judgment of policy makers. The relative important degree of attributes doesn't violate people's common sense generally. While its randomness is bigger, the decision-making accuracy and reliability is a bit poor. According to the relationship of each index or the relationship

between the index and evaluate results in the historical date, objective weighting method takes a comprehensive evaluate. It includes the entropy value method [6], principal component analysis [7], and the mean square deviation method [8]. The entropy value method is used frequently. The kind of weighting method uses data which is decision matrix. It determines the attribute weights reflect the degree of discrete attribute values. There is objective standard in the objective values. It can use certain mathematical model and get the coefficient weight of attribute by calculating. Ignorance of the subjective knowledge and experience of decision makers are its disadvantages. Sometimes the weight coefficient will be unreasonable. In view of the advantages and disadvantages of the subjective or objective weighting methods, there are a lot of discussions about the combination weighting method. Literature [9] proposed an assignment method based on a linear combination of entropy. Literature [10] puts forward the comprehensive weighting which combined AHP with expert investigation method and error back propagation neural network (BP work). Literature [11] according to optimization theory puts forward a kind of subjective preference and objective information linear comprehensive weighting method. Literature [12] constructs the comprehensive weighting method based on the sum of squared residuals. It uses the multi-attribute decision-making schemes value as the basic idea. Literature [13] combines subjective weights preference information which is given by decision makers with objective decision matrix information by a mathematical programming model. It makes sure the weights reflect the subjective and objective degree at the same time. Literature [14] deduces a comprehensive weighting method includes subjective preference and objective information which makes the analysis results of comprehensive weight grade method more reasonable and reliable. Literature [15] proposes the comprehensive integration weighting method based on the sum of square residuals and the comprehensive integration weighting method based on normalized constraint condition respectively. Most combination weighting is based on optimization theory, and establishes the single objective optimization model and solves it.

When we need ensure attribute index weights in the multiple attribute decision making problem, calculating by subjective weighting method or objective weighting method singly will cause the problem that the weight coefficient is unreasonable. So the paper puts forward a comprehensive combination of subjective and objective weight information weighting approach. The method not only considers the decision makers' experience and judgment, but also reflects the raw data information and can reflect the subjective and objective decision at the same time. It eliminates the irrationality of using subjective or objective weighting alone in a certain degree.

2. Combination Weighting Theory

As various subjective and objective weighting method have advantages and disadvantages, scholars have put forward to combine various weight methods. There are two forms of the combination of the weighting method, multiplicative synthesis and linear weighted combination respectively.

Multiplicative synthesis method is making each index weight from weighting methods multiplication. Then we should normalize to get the combination weight. This method is suitable for more index and more uniform weight distribution. Linear weighted combination method is to weight each weight from each weighting methods to get combination weight. When decision makers have preference in different weighting methods, weight can be determined by decision makers' preference. When decision makers have no preference in different weighting methods, there it needs to use other methods to determine the relative importance of different weighting method. Therefore, there is a weight allocation problem in the linear weighted combination.

Based on the linear weighted combination, the paper puts forward a combination method, which takes the optimization model to determine the weight allocation problem.

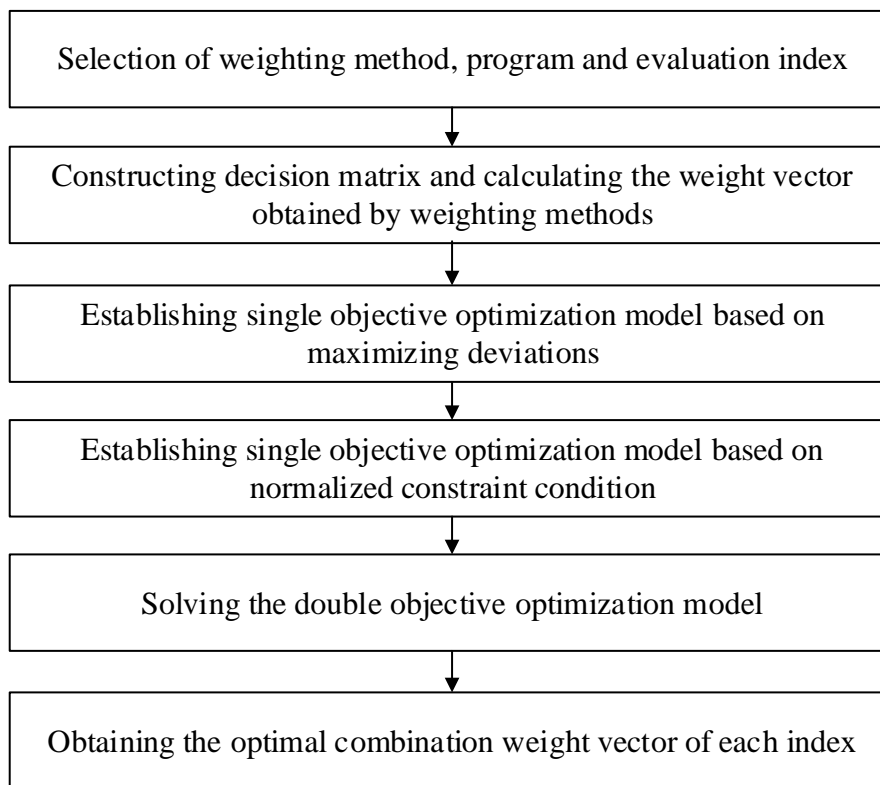


Figure 1. Flow Chart of Combination Weighting Method

3. Combination Weighting Method Based on Maximizing Deviations and Normalized Constraint Condition

In a multiple attribute decision making problem, the solution set is expressed as $S = \{S_1, S_2, \dots, S_m\}$, the attributes (or index) set is expressed as $P = \{P_1, P_2, \dots, P_n\}$, the attribute of the i scheme S_i accord to the j index P_j is expressed as $a_{ij}, i = 1, 2, \dots, m, j = 1, 2, \dots, n, \mathbf{A} = (a_{ij})_{m \times n}$ is called decision matrix.

For a variety of different indicators, they can be generally divided into efficiency, cost, fixed type, and range. In order to eliminate the influence of different dimension to final decision matrix, we need to standardize decision matrix. The matrix $\mathbf{B} = (b_{ij})_{m \times n}$ which has standardized is called standardized decision matrix. b_{ij} means the standardized attribute value of the i program S_i accord to the j index P_j . The i line of matrix \mathbf{B} means the standardized value of the i program accord to n attribute values. Obviously the bigger b_{ij} , the better.

After weighting decision problem by using subjective weighting method and objective weighting method respectively, we assume that there is l kinds of subjective and objective weighting methods to give n indicators weight coefficients. The weight vector value of the k weighting method is $\mathbf{W}_k = (w_{1k}, w_{2k}, \dots, w_{nk})^T, k = 1, 2, \dots, l, w_{jk} \geq 0,$

$$\sum_{j=1}^n w_{jk} = 1, k = 1, 2, \dots, l, j = 1, 2, \dots, n.$$

For synthesize the characteristics of each weighting methods, we consider the following combination weighting:

$$\mathbf{W}_c = \theta_1 \mathbf{W}_1 + \theta_2 \mathbf{W}_2 + \dots + \theta_l \mathbf{W}_l \quad (1)$$

$\mathbf{W}_c = (w_{c1}, w_{c2}, \dots, w_{cn})^T$ is called combination weighting coefficient vector. $\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_l$ is called linear expressing coefficient of the combination weighting coefficient vector. Satisfying $\theta_k \geq 0, k = 1, 2, \dots, l$, and normalized constraint condition

$$\sum_{k=1}^l \theta_k^2 = 1 \quad (2)$$

\mathbf{W} and Θ can be expressed as partitioned matrix: $\mathbf{W} = (\mathbf{W}_1, \mathbf{W}_2, \dots, \mathbf{W}_l)$ and $\Theta = (\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_l)^T$. \mathbf{W} is called weight coefficient vector matrix which made in l kinds of weighting methods. \mathbf{W} is the $n \times l$ matrix in fact, Θ is l dimension column vector which made in linear expressing coefficient of the combination weighting coefficient vector. Formula (1), (2) can be expressed as:

$$\mathbf{W}_c = \mathbf{W}\Theta \quad (3)$$

$$\Theta^T \Theta = \mathbf{1} \quad (4)$$

According to the simple linear weighted combination method, the comprehensive index of the i program S_i can be expressed as:

$$Z_i(\mathbf{W}_c) = \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij} w_{cj}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad (5)$$

Generally speaking, the bigger the $Z_i(\mathbf{W}_c)$ is, the better. That $Z_i(\mathbf{W}_c)$ is bigger means the i program S_i is better. In the multiple attribute decision making problems, according to the comprehensive evaluation value of each decision scheme, we can take a comprehensive sequencing. Among them, the choice of the weight coefficient is very important.

In the comprehensive evaluation problem, we always want to make the comprehensive evaluation values of each decision-making scheme space out the difference generally. In other word, we hope to make the comprehensive evaluation values of each decision-making scheme be decentralized as much as possible. We also hope to maximize the comprehensive evaluation value of each evaluation objects.

3.1. Make the Comprehensive Evaluation Values of each Decision-Making Scheme be Decentralized as much as Possible

In order to maximize the total dispersion of all n indicators to all m decision-making plans, constructing the following objective function:

$$J_1(\mathbf{W}_c) = \sum_{j=1}^n \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{i_1=1}^m |b_{ij} - b_{i_1j}| w_{cj} \quad (6)$$

n dimensional row vector \mathbf{B}_1 :

$$\mathbf{B}_1 = \left[\sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{i_1=1}^m |b_{i1} - b_{i_11}|, \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{i_1=1}^m |b_{i2} - b_{i_12}|, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{i_1=1}^m |b_{in} - b_{i_1n}| \right] \quad (7)$$

The objective function can be expressed as:

$$J_1(\mathbf{W}_c) = \mathbf{B}_1 \mathbf{W}_c = \mathbf{B}_1 \mathbf{W}\Theta \quad (8)$$

So we can establish the optimization model based on maximizing deviationI:

$$\begin{aligned} \max F_1(\Theta) &= \mathbf{B}_1 \mathbf{W} \Theta \\ \text{s.t.} \quad &\begin{cases} \Theta^T \Theta = 1 \\ \Theta \geq 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (9)$$

3.2. Maximize the Comprehensive Evaluation Value of each Evaluation Objects

The comprehensive evaluation values of the i decision-making scheme S_i can be expressed as:

$$Z_i(\mathbf{W}_c) = \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij} w_{cj}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, m \quad (10)$$

In order to make the comprehensive evaluation value of each objects as large as possible, we can establish the optimization model:

$$\begin{aligned} \max F_2^*(\Theta) &= (Z_1(\mathbf{W}_c), Z_2(\mathbf{W}_c), \dots, Z_m(\mathbf{W}_c)) \\ \text{s.t.} \quad &\begin{cases} \Theta^T \Theta = 1 \\ \Theta \geq 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

As there is no preference relation between each decision scheme, we can get the answer by the weighted linear summation method that the multi-objective decision model is converted into equivalent single objective optimization model. The objective function, in other word, the comprehensive evaluation values of all the decision is

$$J_2(\mathbf{W}_c) = \sum_{i=1}^m Z_i(\mathbf{W}_c) = \sum_{i=1}^m \sum_{j=1}^n b_{ij} w_{cj} \quad (12)$$

n dimensional row vector \mathbf{B}_2

$$\mathbf{B}_2 = \left[\sum_{i=1}^m b_{i1}, \sum_{i=1}^m b_{i2}, \dots, \sum_{i=1}^m b_{in} \right] \quad (13)$$

The objective function can be expressed

$$J_2(\mathbf{W}_c) = \mathbf{B}_2 \mathbf{W}_c = \mathbf{B}_2 \mathbf{W} \Theta \quad (14)$$

So we can establish the optimization model based on the normalized constraint condition II:

$$\begin{aligned} \max F_2(\Theta) &= \mathbf{B}_2 \mathbf{W} \Theta \\ \text{s.t.} \quad &\begin{cases} \Theta^T \Theta = 1 \\ \Theta \geq 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (15)$$

3.3. Solve the Double Objective Optimization Problem

If we consider two constraints separately, we need to solve the optimization model I and II. This paper will consider the two constraints mentioned above at the same time. On the one hand, it can make the comprehensive evaluation values of each decision-making scheme space out the difference. On the other hand, it can maximize it. This is a double objective plan problem. Using the linear weighted sum method solves the double objective optimization problem. The linear weighted sum method gets the weight according to the importance of each objective function, then gets the single objective function by summing the multiplication of the objective function and weight. The optimization problem is

$$\begin{aligned} \max F(\Theta) &= \alpha \mathbf{B}_1 \mathbf{W} \Theta + \beta \mathbf{B}_2 \mathbf{W} \Theta \\ \text{s.t.} \quad &\begin{cases} \Theta^T \Theta = 1 \\ \Theta \geq 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (16)$$

Among then, $\alpha + \beta = 1$.

The corresponding weight shall be given with different values according to different situations. There is a calculating in the situation that the two optimization condition has the same importance. After such a weight assignment, we can establish double objective optimization model.

$$\begin{aligned} \max F(\Theta) &= 0.5 \mathbf{B}_1 \mathbf{W} \Theta + 0.5 \mathbf{B}_2 \mathbf{W} \Theta \\ \text{s.t.} \quad &\begin{cases} \Theta^T \Theta = 1 \\ \Theta \geq 0 \end{cases} \end{aligned} \quad (17)$$

\mathbf{B}_1 and \mathbf{B}_2 are dimensional row vectors, \mathbf{W} is weight index vector matrix made in l kind of weighting methods l , Θ is 1 column vector made in the linear expressing coefficient of combination weight coefficient.

If $0.5(\mathbf{B}_1 + \mathbf{B}_2) = \mathbf{B}_3$, the optimization model is

$$\max F(\Theta) = \mathbf{B}_3 \mathbf{W} \Theta \quad (18)$$

$$\text{s.t.} \quad \begin{cases} \Theta^T \Theta = 1 \\ \Theta \geq 0 \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

Using the Lagrange multiplier method to solve the model. Construct the Lagrange function.

$$L(\theta_1, \theta_2, \dots, \theta_l) = \mathbf{B}_3 \mathbf{W} \Theta + \lambda (\Theta^T \Theta - 1) = \mathbf{B}_3 \sum_{k=1}^l \mathbf{W}_k \theta_k + \lambda \left(\sum_{k=1}^l \theta_k^2 - 1 \right)$$

λ is Lagrangian multiplier. Make $\partial L / \partial \theta_k = 0$, $\mathbf{B}_3 \mathbf{W}_k + 2\lambda \theta_k = 0$, $k = 1, 2, \dots, l$.

$$\theta_k = -\mathbf{B}_3 \mathbf{W}_k / 2\lambda, k = 1, 2, \dots, l \quad (20)$$

Take formula(20) into formula $\Theta^T \Theta = 1$, conform to the formula $\Theta \geq 0$ at the same time, then

$$\lambda = -\sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^l (\mathbf{B}_3 \mathbf{W}_k)^2} / 2 \quad (21)$$

So the optimal solution of the double objective optimization model is

$$\theta_k^* = \mathbf{B}_3 \mathbf{W}_k / \sqrt{\sum_{k=1}^l (\mathbf{B}_3 \mathbf{W}_k)^2}, k = 1, 2, \dots, l \quad (22)$$

Then take formula(22) into formula(1), we can get the optimization combination weighting vector of multiple attribute decision making based on the combination of maximizing deviations and normalized constraint condition.

$$\mathbf{W}_c^* = \theta_1^* \mathbf{W}_1 + \theta_2^* \mathbf{W}_2 + \dots + \theta_l^* \mathbf{W}_l \quad (23)$$

Because of the normalized processing for weight vector, we need to take the normalized processing for $\mathbf{W}_c^* = (w_{c1}^*, w_{c2}^*, \dots, w_{cn}^*)^T$. We only need to take the normalized processing for θ_k^* , $k = 1, 2, \dots, l$.

$$\theta_k^{**} = \theta_k^* / \sum_{k=1}^l \theta_k^* = \mathbf{B}_3 \mathbf{W}_k / \sum_{k=1}^l (\mathbf{B}_3 \mathbf{W}_k), k = 1, 2, \dots, l \quad (24)$$

Obviously, $\sum_{k=1}^l \theta_k^{**} = 1, \theta_k^{**} \geq 0, k = 1, 2, \dots, l$.

Take formula (24) into formula (1). Get the optimization normalized combination weighting vector of multiple attribute decision making based on the combination of maximizing deviations and normalized constraint condition.

$$\mathbf{W}_c^{**} = \theta_1^{**} \mathbf{W}_1 + \theta_2^{**} \mathbf{W}_2 + \dots + \theta_l^{**} \mathbf{W}_l \quad (25)$$

4. Experimental Analysis

We choose Gehua viewing date in Beijing in March 2014 as the date source. Types in 14 shows as evaluation object set. Selecting six viewing index as a set of properties, $P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_5, P_6$. They are audience rating(%), arrival rating(%), loyalty(%), the market share(%), the average viewing time(minutes) and ratings section number(period). P_1, P_2, P_3, P_4, P_5 are quality-benefit type attributes, P_6 is cost attribute. Table 1 shows the original property value.

Table 1. Gehua viewing Date in Beijing in March 2014

program type	P_1	P_2	P_3	P_4	P_5	P_6
finance	0.0013	0.2839	0.0048	0.0282	1076.4846	3.1349
tv series	0.0021	0.5080	0.0041	0.2626	5604.5420	9.0750
moive	0.0033	0.2849	0.0117	0.0406	1545.5377	2.9174
law	0.0042	0.3020	0.0137	0.0321	1154.0796	2.9143
education	0.0015	0.0669	0.0219	0.0030	481.2764	1.4299
other	0.0015	0.5823	0.0025	0.0944	1757.7659	21.0363
teenagers	0.0013	0.1868	0.0068	0.0189	1097.0800	3.4919
Life service	0.0025	0.5578	0.0044	0.0874	1699.2490	13.8613
sports	0.0032	0.3090	0.0105	0.0550	1929.8000	4.1186
drama	0.0025	0.1647	0.0151	0.0113	743.1830	1.8426
news	0.0036	0.4839	0.0075	0.1487	3331.5970	6.5669
music	0.0018	0.2239	0.0079	0.0186	898.9922	2.1484
special	0.0020	0.4606	0.0042	0.0942	2219.0070	5.4914
variety	0.0029	0.4396	0.0067	0.1051	2592.4540	5.2894

Set up original decision matrix by the data in table 1. Get normalized decision matrix by normalization formula according to the data in the literature [16]. The standardized data is shown in table 2.

Table 2. The Standardized Viewing Data

program type	P_1	P_2	P_3	P_4	P_5	P_6
finance	0.0000	0.4210	0.1186	0.0971	0.1162	0.9130
tv series	0.2759	0.8558	0.0825	1.0000	1.0000	0.6101
moive	0.6897	0.4230	0.4742	0.1448	0.2077	0.9241
law	1.0000	0.4562	0.5773	0.1121	0.1313	0.9243
education	0.0690	0.0000	1.0000	0.0000	0.0000	1.0000
other	0.0690	1.0000	0.0000	0.3521	0.2492	0.0000
teenagers	0.0000	0.2326	0.2216	0.0612	0.1202	0.8948
Life service	0.4138	0.9525	0.0979	0.3251	0.2377	0.3660
sports	0.6552	0.4697	0.4124	0.2003	0.2827	0.8629
drama	0.4138	0.1898	0.6495	0.0320	0.0511	0.9790
news	0.7931	0.8091	0.2577	0.5612	0.5563	0.7380
mucis	0.1724	0.3046	0.2784	0.0601	0.0815	0.9634
special	0.2414	0.7639	0.0876	0.3513	0.3392	0.7928
variety	0.5517	0.7231	0.2165	0.3933	0.4121	0.8032

Calculate weight by coefficient of Variation, Entropy weight method, Mean-squared deviation decision, and Analytic hierarchy process respectively. When using AHP, we should choose three relative importance between policymakers index. The weighting results is shown in table 3.

Table 3. The Evaluation Index Weight

index	AHP(1) W1	AHP(2) W2	AHP(3) W3	Coefficient of Variation W4	Entropy weight W5	Mean-squared Deviation W6
P_1	0.3871	0.3409	0.3409	0.1807	0.2082	0.1859
P_2	0.0627	0.0762	0.1226	0.1235	0.1019	0.1807
P_3	0.2467	0.2054	0.2054	0.1882	0.1886	0.1620
P_4	0.1588	0.2054	0.0762	0.2216	0.2419	0.1573
P_5	0.1014	0.1226	0.2054	0.2073	0.2047	0.1510
P_6	0.0433	0.0496	0.0496	0.0787	0.0546	0.1630

According to the formula (7) and formula (13) to calculate the dimension row vector respectively.

$$\mathbf{B1} = (67.9310, 66.3163, 55.9381, 51.6448, 48.5792, 50.4893)$$

$$\mathbf{B2} = (5.3448, 7.6013, 4.4742, 3.6907, 3.7853, 10.7715)$$

So,

$$\mathbf{B3} = (36.6379, 36.9588, 30.2062, 27.6678, 26.1823, 30.6304)$$

Take the weight vector from each weighting method into formula(24). We can get

followings. $\theta_1^{**}=0.1703$, $\theta_2^{**}=0.1682$, $\theta_3^{**}=0.1698$, $\theta_4^{**}=0.1625$, $\theta_5^{**}=0.1624$, $\theta_6^{**}=0.1668$. So, combination weight vector is

$$W_c^{**} = 0.1703W_1 + 0.1682W_2 + 0.1698W_3 + 0.1625W_4 + 0.1624W_5 + 0.1668W_6$$

$$= (0.2753, 0.1111, 0.1997, 0.1761, 0.1649, 0.0730)^T$$

The evaluation results and rankings from each weighting method are shown in Table 4. In Table 4, S represents score and R represents rank.

Table 4. The Evaluation Results and Rankings

type	AHP(1)		AHP(2)		AHP(3)		Coefficient of Variation		Entropy weight		Mean-squared Deviation decision		combination weighting	
	S	R	S	R	S	R	S	R	S	R	S	R	S	R
1	0.12	14	0.14	13	0.15	13	0.19	13	0.16	13	0.28	13	0.17	13
2	0.47	5	0.53	3	0.53	3	0.65	1	0.64	1	0.63	2	0.57	2
3	0.49	3	0.47	4	0.48	4	0.41	6	0.40	6	0.49	6	0.46	6
4	0.63	1	0.58	2	0.60	2	0.47	3	0.47	3	0.55	3	0.55	3
5	0.32	9	0.28	10	0.28	10	0.28	10	0.26	10	0.34	10	0.29	10
6	0.17	12	0.20	12	0.22	11	0.27	11	0.25	11	0.29	12	0.23	11
7	0.13	13	0.14	14	0.15	14	0.18	14	0.15	14	0.25	14	0.17	14
8	0.34	8	0.35	8	0.37	7	0.36	8	0.35	7	0.41	8	0.36	7
9	0.48	4	0.46	5	0.48	5	0.42	5	0.42	5	0.49	5	0.46	5
10	0.39	7	0.35	7	0.36	8	0.32	9	0.30	9	0.39	9	0.35	8
11	0.60	2	0.61	1	0.62	1	0.59	2	0.59	2	0.63	1	0.60	1
12	0.21	11	0.21	11	0.22	12	0.23	12	0.20	12	0.31	11	0.23	12
13	0.29	10	0.31	9	0.33	9	0.37	7	0.34	8	0.43	7	0.34	9
14	0.45	6	0.46	6	0.48	6	0.47	4	0.45	4	0.52	4	0.47	4

It can be concluded from the Table 4 that weighting results which are obtained by different methods differ from each other. The combination weighting method based on the maximizing deviations and normalized constraint condition assembles the advantages of other methods, which renders the methods of combination weighting more completed and accurate.

These methods obtain weights from different prospects. For example, AHP compares the initial weights according to the relative importance from each index, while the Entropy value method trusts the weight to each different target from the prospect of information volume that each target contains. In the Table 4, the combination weighting based on the maximizing deviations and normalized constraint condition can not only reflect subjective decision, but also simultaneously reflect the objective decision, and can effectively integrate other different methods.

Experimental results indicate that weights calculated by AHP, Coefficient variation, Entropy weight method and Mean squared error are not equal to each other, in which case it's tough to generate a final evaluation of the projects. The way of combination weighting proposed in this paper maximized the final evaluation value and the deviation between value of our method and that of other methods, which makes the final weight coefficient of evaluation stable and reasonable.

5. Conclusion

The confirmation of weight of the evaluation index is a vital link of multiple attribute decision making, whether the evaluation is reasonable plays a pivotal role on the scientific of evaluation result. The change of a certain weight will influence the overall judgment. Therefore, it must be scientific and objective to settle a weight. This paper primarily summarizes the confirmation of weights available and analyzes the merits and demerits of all the methods, and subsequently puts forward a new method towards the combination weighting that conducts a combination of the objective and subjective weighting information. On the one hand, this method considers the deviation of weight vectors ascertained by different methods of weights, makes the overall deviation up to the maximum and scatters the degree of each integrated assessment of objects as much as possible; on the other hand, the method also considers the integrated assessment of objects, and generally the bigger the value is, the better the plan performs. Thus, in order to maximize the sum evaluation, an optimization model of double targets is built. The paper then solves the model and gives the formula of weights. The experimental analysis in the end indicates the rationality of the method.

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