# A Study on the Evaluation of Foreign Teachers' Classroom Teaching Quality of Sino-foreign Cooperation in Running Schools from the Perspective of New Engineering

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ABSTRACT. The mathematical model is used to evaluate the classroom teaching quality of foreign teachers in Sino-foreign cooperative education projects under the new engineering perspective. Based on the analytic hierarchy process, the main factors affecting the quality of foreign teachers' classroom teaching and their weights were studied. On this basis, a fuzzy comprehensive evaluation model of classroom teaching quality was established. The actual case shows that the method can evaluate the classroom teaching quality of foreign teachers from the perspective of new engineering subjects, and had certain practicality.

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The 2010 "National Medium and Long-term Education Reform and Development Plan Outline (2010-2020)"[1] clearly stated that international exchanges and cooperation should be strengthened and the proportion of foreign teachers hired by higher education institutions should be increased. Since then, Sino-foreign cooperation in running schools has sprung up in the field of higher education. Sino-foreign cooperative education refers to the cooperation between Chinese educational institutions and foreign educational institutions in China in accordance with the law to organize educational and teaching activities with Chinese citizens as the main enrollment target [2]. As of June 2019, there are 2431 Chinese-foreign cooperative education institutions and projects nationwide [3]. The smooth implementation of Sino-foreign cooperative education projects requires the employment of a large number of foreign teachers. Data showed [4] that in 2015 alone, there were 16,279 foreign teachers employed in various general universities in China. As Linell David said, people with cross-cultural backgrounds are more likely to deepen communication and understanding [5], but foreign teachers do not have enough understanding of the teaching situation and student learning conditions of Chinese universities [6]. The teaching philosophy and teaching methods are quite different from traditional Chinese education, which has caused many students to be uncomfortable and the educational effect is restricted. Therefore, it is necessary to make a reasonable evaluation of the teaching quality of foreign teachers for evaluation and re-employment.

On February 20, 2017, the Ministry of Education issued the "Notice on the Development of New Engineering Research and Practice", which opened the curtain of the construction of the "New Engineering" nationwide. The field of higher education has thus embarked on a new path of engineering education reform [7] For the construction of new engineering disciplines, learning and teaching are a key task, and the reform of the education evaluation system is a breakthrough point [8]. As we all know, student evaluation of teaching is an important component of the classroom teaching quality evaluation system. However, when evaluating the quality of classroom teaching of foreign teachers, many students tend to rely on their personal preferences and are highly subjective, which affects the fairness and credibility of the evaluation results.

This article takes the classroom teaching quality evaluation of foreign teachers in a local applied undergraduate college that has carried out a Sino-foreign cooperative education project as the research object, combines the analytic hierarchy process with the fuzzy comprehensive evaluation method, and establishes a mathematical model. Comprehensively evaluate the classroom teaching quality of foreign teachers under the new engineering perspective, so as to improve the objectivity in the evaluation

process, reduce the influence of subjective emotions, and provide a reference for foreign teachers' classroom teaching quality evaluation under the new engineering perspective.

# 1. Current Domestic Evaluation Models and Their Existing Problems

The traditional teaching quality evaluation of domestic colleges and universities is mainly composed of three parts: student evaluation, peer and supervisor evaluation, and teaching management staff evaluation. Among them, student evaluation results are the most direct and convincing. Through student evaluation of teaching, not only can the teaching management department obtain first-hand information on teaching quality quickly, directly and in a timely manner, it can also strengthen teaching control and management and formulate improvement measures based on the results of the teaching evaluation.

At present, the most common method for teaching evaluation by students in China is to divide the evaluation content into several aspects, briefly describe the content of each aspect, and then ask students to score according to a hundred-point system, and finally accumulate the score, which is the teacher's final score. This method is simple and convenient, but there are some obvious drawbacks. For example, the results of teaching quality evaluation are easily affected by the subjective factors of the evaluator, which leads to large deviations in the evaluation results. In particular, as evaluators, students have less social experience and shallow knowledge, and their views and understanding of certain issues are not comprehensive enough, and they tend to become emotional in the process of teaching evaluation. The results of teaching evaluation are also prone to have heavier personal feelings, leading to distortion of the evaluation results. This is especially true when evaluating foreign teachers with outstanding personal styles.

#### 2. Establishment of Evaluation Model and Weight Calculation

This paper adopts the analytic hierarchy process to establish a foreign teacher classroom teaching quality evaluation model under the new engineering perspective. The so-called Analytic Hierarchy Process (AHP) is to first layer the problem, and decompose the problem into the evaluation index layer (the lowest layer), the criterion layer (the middle layer), and the target layer (the highest layer) according to the nature of the problem and the overall goal. The importance of the lower level to the upper level is used to determine the weight of the evaluation factors [9,10], so that the qualitative results of subjective judgments can be expressed and processed in a quantitative form [11].

#### 2.1 Establishment of evaluation model

# 2.1.1 A set of factors affecting the quality of classroom teaching of foreign teachers from the perspective of new engineering

Under the new engineering perspective, there are many factors that affect the quality of foreign teachers' classroom teaching. This is analyzed on the basis of referring to the traditional teacher's teaching quality evaluation table and discussions with students and teaching administrators. It can be roughly divided into 5 rating elements, namely, foreign teachers' teaching attitude, teaching content, teaching methods, teaching effects and the overall impression of the evaluator. Assuming that the set of factors affecting the evaluation result is U, U is composed of 5 factors: U={teaching attitude, teaching content, teaching method, teaching effect, overall impression}={ U1, U2, U3, U4, U5}. Continuing to analyze the various factors, the teaching attitude U1={classroom management, be a teacher of others}={ U11, U12}; teaching content U2={right view, classroom information, theory and practice}={ U21, U22, U23}; Teaching method U3={language expression, key points, teaching methods, classroom atmosphere}={ U31, U32, U33, U34}; teaching effect U4={student mastery, teaching attractiveness}={ U41, U42}.

# 2.1.2 Evaluation model

According to 2.1.1, an analytic hierarchy model can be formed for students to evaluate foreign teachers' classroom teaching quality from the perspective of new engineering, as shown in Figure 1.

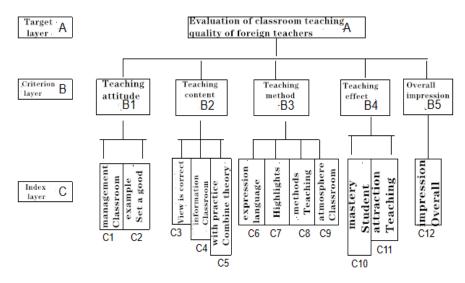


Figure 1 Hierarchical analysis model of foreign teachers' classroom teaching quality evaluation from the perspective of new engineering

It can be seen from Figure 1 that the classroom teaching quality evaluation model of foreign teachers can be divided into three levels. The first layer is the target level A, which is the evaluation of the classroom teaching quality of foreign teachers by students. The second layer is the criterion layer B, which is the specific 5 factors that affect the evaluation results. The third layer is the index layer C, which means that the sub-factors are affected by each influencing factor.

#### 2.2 Analysis of the weight of each influencing factor in the analytic hierarchy model

# 2.2.1 Weight analysis of criterion level B

Based on the opinions of student representatives, teacher representatives, teaching supervisors, and teaching administrators, and based on the importance of the two factors, a 9-quantile ratio method is used to compare the importance of each pair. Construct the judgment matrix of criterion layer B on target layer A, solve the eigenvector of the matrix and the maximum eigenvalue  $\lambda$ max, and perform consistency check judgment. If the consistency judgment index CR<0.1, the consistency is considered acceptable, and the obtained feature vector is the first-level influence weight  $\alpha$ B1 $\sim$  $\alpha$ B4 of each factor in the criterion layer B, as shown in Table 1.

Table 1 Judgment matrix of criterion layer B relative to target layer A

A-B Judgment matrix	$B_I$	$B_2$	$B_3$	$B_4$	$B_5$	Weights $a_B$
$B_I$	1	1/3	5	1/3	5	$\alpha_{BI} = 0.173$
$\boldsymbol{B}_2$	3	1	7	1	7	$\alpha_{B2} = 0.367$
$B_{\beta}$	1/5	1/7	1	1/7	1	$\alpha_{B3} = 0.046$
$B_4$	3	1	7	1	7	$\alpha_{B4} = 0.367$
$B_5$	1/5	1/7	1	1/7	1	$\alpha_{B5} = 0.046$
λ <sub>Amax</sub> =5.0951, CI=0.0238,CR=0.0212<0.1						

As can be seen from Table 1, the weight values of the factors (B1~B4) in the criterion layer relative to the target layer A are respectively  $\alpha_{B1}$ =0.173,  $\alpha_{B2}$ =0.367,  $\alpha_{B3}$ =0.046,  $\alpha_{B4}$ =0.367,  $\alpha_{B5}$ =0.046.

# 2.2.2 Weight analysis of indicator layer C

In the same way, construct the judgment matrix of index level C about each factor in criterion level B, solve the maximum eigenvector of each matrix, and calculate the secondary influence weight  $\alpha C1 \sim \alpha C11$  of each sub-factor in index level C. See Table 2~Table 5 for details.

Table 2 Judgment matrix of index level C relative to criterion level B1

B <sub>1</sub> -C Judgment matrix	$C_I$	$C_2$	Weights $a_C$
$C_2$	1/2	1	$\alpha_{CI} = 0.667$
$C_2$	1	2	$\alpha_{C2} = 0.333$

It can be seen from Table 2 that the weight values of the sub-factors C1 and C2 in the index layer C relative to the criterion layer B1 are  $\alpha$ C1=0.667 and  $\alpha$ C2=0.333, respectively.

Table 3 Judgment matrix of index level C relative to criterion level B2

B <sub>2</sub> -C Judgment matrix	$C_3$	C4	$C_5$	Weights $a_C$
$C_{\beta}$	1	3	5	$\alpha_{C3} = 0.648$
$C_4$	1/3	1	2	$\alpha_{C4} = 0.230$
$C_5$	1/5	1/2	1	$\alpha_{C5} = 0.122$
$\lambda_{\text{max}} = 3.0247$ , CR=0.024<0.1				

It can be seen from Table 3 that the weight values of the neutron factors C3 $\sim$ C5 in the index layer C relative to the criterion layer B2 are  $\alpha$ C3=0.648,  $\alpha$ C4=0.230, and  $\alpha$ C5=0.122, respectively.

Table 4 Judgment matrix of index level C relative to criterion level B3

B <sub>2</sub> -C Judgment matrix	$C_6$	$C_7$	$C_8$	$C_9$	Weights $a_C$
$C_6$	1	2	4	6	$\alpha_{C6} = 0.520$
$C_{7}$	1/2	1	2	3	$\alpha_{C7} = 0.260$
$C_8$	1/4	1/2	1	2	$\alpha_{C8} = 0.140$
$C_9$	1/6	1/3	1/2	1	$\alpha_{C9} = 0.081$
$\lambda_{\text{max}}$ =4.0206, CR=0.0077<0	.1				

It can be seen from Table 4 that the weight values of factors C6~C9 in index layer C relative to criterion layer B3 are  $\alpha$ C6=0.520,  $\alpha$ C7=0.260,  $\alpha$ C8=0.140, and  $\alpha$ C9=0.081.

Table 5 Judgment matrix of index level C relative to criterion level B4

B <sub>1</sub> -C Judgment matrix	$C_{10}$	$C_{11}$	Weights $a_C$
$C_{10}$	6	6	$\alpha_{C10} = 0.857$
$C_{11}$	1/6	1	$\alpha_{CII} = 0.143$

It can be seen from Table 5 that the weight values of the neutron factors C10 and C11 relative to B4 in the index layer C are  $\alpha$ C1=0.857 and  $\alpha$ C2=0.143, respectively.

#### 2.2.3 Analysis of the total weight of each sub-factor

Suppose the total weight of each sub-factor is  $\alpha,$  then  $\alpha=\alpha_{\mathtt{B}}\times\alpha_{\mathtt{C}}$ 

 $\alpha_B$  is the primary influence weight of the sub-factor, and  $\alpha c$  is the secondary influence weight of the sub-factor. The specific results are shown in Table 6.

Table 6 the total weight of each sub-factor

Evaluation factors	First-level weight	Evaluation sub-factor	Secondar y weight	Total weight α
Teaching	0.173	Classroom management( $C_I$ )	0.667	0.115
$attitude(B_1)$	0.17.5	Set a good example( $C_2$ )	0.333	0.058
Teaching		View is $correct(C_3)$	0.648	0.234
$content(B_2)$	0.367	Classroom information( $C_4$ )	0.230	0.084
		Combine theory with practice( $C_5$ )	0.122	0.045
		language expression( $C_6$ )	0.520	0.024
Teaching	0.046	$Highlights(C_7)$	0.260	0.012
$method(B_3)$	0.040	Teaching methods( $C_8$ )	0.140	0.006
		Classroom atmosphere( $C_9$ )	0.081	0.004
Teaching	0.367	Student mastery( $C_{10}$ )	0.857	0.315
$effect(B_4)$	0.367	Teaching attraction( $C_{II}$ )	0.143	0.052
Overall impression(B <sub>5</sub> )	0.046	Overall impression( $C_{12}$ )	1	0.046

It can be seen from Table 6 that the weights of the sub-factors in the index layer C from large to small are C10>C3>C1>C4>C2>C11>C12>C5>C6>C7>C8>C9. That is to say, students' mastery, correct viewpoints, and classroom management have the greatest influence, and the sum of the three weights accounts for 66.7%. The sum of the weights of the 7 factors, such as the amount of classroom information, being a teacher, teaching attractiveness, overall impression, combining theory with practice, language expression, and highlighting is 32.3%. The diversity of teaching methods and the weight of classroom atmosphere accounted for 1%.

# 3. Fuzzy Comprehensive Evaluation of Foreign Teachers' Classroom Teaching Quality from the Perspective of New Engineering

Fuzzy comprehensive evaluation method is a comprehensive evaluation method based on fuzzy mathematics [12]. According to the membership theory of fuzzy mathematics, qualitative evaluation is transformed into quantitative evaluation, and fuzzy theory is used to make an overall evaluation of things or objects restricted by multiple factors. It can better solve the fuzzy and difficult to quantify problems caused by multiple factors [13].

#### 3.1 Constructing a comment set

Using the 5-level method, construct a set of comments for students to judge the quality of classroom teaching of foreign teachers from the perspective of new engineering subjects, denoted as V. That is,  $V = \{very good, good, fair, bad, very bad\}$ , corresponding to 5, 4, 3, 2, and 1 points on the 5-point scale.

# 3.2 Constructing the weight vector of each influencing factor

The weights of various factors that affect the evaluation of foreign teachers' classroom teaching quality are grouped together to form a weight vector, denoted as M, then

$$\mathbf{M} = (a_1, a_2, \cdots, a_m)$$

Among them, m=12, that is, the 12 sub-factors that affect the evaluation quality of foreign teachers' classroom teaching shown in the hierarchical analysis structure diagram in Figure 1.

# 3.3 Establish a classroom teaching quality evaluation matrix from the perspective of new engineering

All students, as members of the judging group, score the classroom teaching quality of foreign teachers. After normalization, the classroom teaching quality evaluation matrix R is established.

$$R = \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & \cdots & r_{1n} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & \cdots & r_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ r_{n1} & r_{n2} & \cdots & r_{nn} \end{pmatrix}$$

Where m=12; n=5, that is, each factor has 5 judgment levels.

#### 3.4 Results judgment

If the evaluation result of the evaluated object is recorded as Y.

$$Y = M \bullet R = (a_1, a_2, \dots, a_m) \begin{pmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & \cdots & r_{1n} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & \cdots & r_{2n} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \vdots \\ r_{m1} & r_{m2} & \cdots & r_{mn} \end{pmatrix} = (Y_1, Y_2, \dots, Y_n)$$

Y is the judgment result, which is a set.

According to the principle of maximum membership degree, it can be known that the evaluation result belongs to the comment in the comment set V. From this, it can be judged how the foreign teacher's classroom teaching quality is under the new engineering perspective.

#### 4. Specific Examples

### 4.1 Students' impression of the classroom teaching quality of a foreign teacher

Take a foreign teacher in a Sino-foreign cooperation project in a local applied undergraduate college as an example. The teacher is from Canada, young male, average height, Indian accent, humorous, and the course taught is biochemistry. The foreign teacher can teach by precepts and deeds, but the classroom management is relatively loose; the teaching content can be combined with theory and practice, the classroom information is large, and there are no obvious errors; In class, the speaking speed is slower, the expression is clearer, the students with poor English foundation can be taken care of, and the teaching focus is more prominent. Teaching can be combined with different teaching methods such as PPT, short video, blackboard writing, etc., there is more interaction between teachers and students, and the classroom atmosphere is active; Students can basically master the content taught and prefer to listen to the teacher's class.

#### 4.2 The fuzzy comprehensive evaluation of the foreign teacher's classroom teaching quality

An evaluation group was established, consisting of 26 students in the class, and evaluated according to the teacher's classroom teaching quality evaluation system given by the level analysis model in Figure 1. The evaluation criteria are: 5 points for very good, 4 points for good, 3 points for fair, 2 points for poor, and 1 point for very bad.

The specific scoring results are shown in Table 7.

Table 7 A teacher's classroom teaching quality evaluation scoring table

Evaluation		Evaluation results				
factors	Evaluation sub-factor	good better		general	worse	Very bad
Teaching	Classroom management( $C_1$ )	3	5	16	1	1
$attitude(B_1)$	Set a good example( $C_2$ )	6	9	8	2	1
Taaahina	View is $correct(C_3)$	16	7	3	0	0
Teaching	Classroom information( $C_4$ )	7	10	6	1	2
$content(B_2)$	Combine theory with practice( $C_5$ )	5	15	1	4	1
	Language expression( $C_6$ )	1	12	11	1	1
Teaching	Highlights( $C_7$ )	4	9	5	6	2
$method(B_3)$	Teaching methods( $C_8$ )	3	13	5	3	2
Classroom	Classroom atmosphere( $C_9$ )	12	11	1	2	0
Teaching	Student mastery( $C_{10}$ )	1	3	18	2	2
$effect(B_4)$	Teaching attraction( $C_{II}$ )	9	13	2	2	2
Overall impression( $B_5$	Overall impression( $C_{12}$ )	7	13	4	2	0

Normalize the data in Table 7 to get the judgment matrix R.

R = 
$$\begin{bmatrix} 0.115 & 0.192 & 0.615 & 0.038 & 0.038 \\ 0.231 & 0.346 & 0.308 & 0.077 & 0.038 \\ 0.615 & 0.269 & 0.115 & 0 & 0 \\ 0.269 & 0.385 & 0.231 & 0.038 & 0.077 \\ 0.192 & 0.577 & 0.038 & 0.154 & 0.038 \\ 0.038 & 0.462 & 0.423 & 0.038 & 0.038 \\ 0.154 & 0.346 & 0.192 & 0.231 & 0.077 \\ 0.115 & 0.500 & 0.192 & 0.115 & 0.077 \\ 0.462 & 0.423 & 0.038 & 0.077 & 0 \\ 0.038 & 0.115 & 0.692 & 0.077 & 0.077 \\ 0.346 & 0.500 & 0.077 & 0.077 & 0.077 \\ 0.269 & 0.500 & 0.154 & 0.077 & 0 \end{bmatrix}$$

It can be seen from Table 6 that the weight vector of each sub-factor  $M=(\alpha 1,\alpha 2,\alpha 3,\alpha 4,\alpha 5,\alpha 6,\alpha 7,\alpha 8,\alpha 9,\alpha 10,\alpha 11,\alpha 12)=(0.115,0.058,0.234,0.084,0.045,~0.024,~0.012,~0.006,~0.004,~0.315,~0.052,~0.046).$ 

Then the evaluation result Y of the teacher's classroom teaching quality identification:

From the evaluation result Y, it can be seen that 24.9% of students believed that the teacher's classroom teaching quality was very good. 26.9% thought it was better, 37.9% thought it was fair, 5.5% thought it was relatively bad, and 4.5% thought it was very bad. According to the principle of maximum degree of membership, it can be judged that the evaluation grade of the foreign teacher's classroom teaching quality is average, and it is biased towards a better grade.

#### 4.3 Quantification of fuzzy comprehensive evaluation results

According to 3.1, the set of comments for students to judge the classroom teaching quality of foreign teachers is {very good, good, fair, poor, very poor}, and the scores of each level are set to 5, 4, 3, 2, 1, the quantitative result of fuzzy comprehensive evaluation of classroom teaching quality is N.

Then 
$$N=Y \cdot (5,4,3,2,1)^T = (0.249,0.269,0.379,0.055,0.045) \cdot (5,4,3,2,1)^T = 3.613$$

That is, after fuzzy comprehensive evaluation, the final quantitative result of the foreign teacher's classroom teaching quality is 3.613 points. Afterwards, the students thought that the evaluation results were basically in line with the actual situation.

#### 5. Conclusion

This article combines the analytic hierarchy process and the fuzzy comprehensive evaluation method to construct a mathematical model. It is feasible to evaluate the classroom teaching quality of foreign teachers from the perspective of new engineering, which reduces the interference of human factors in the evaluation process to a certain extent. However, in view of the limited reference cases,

the proposed foreign teacher classroom teaching quality evaluation model needs to be verified and improved through more practical applications.

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