

## *Retraction*

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- (2) Discrepancies in the description of the research reported
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- (4) Inappropriate citations
- (5) Incoherent, meaningless and/or irrelevant content included in the article
- (6) Peer-review manipulation

The presence of these indicators undermines our confidence in the integrity of the article's content and we cannot, therefore, vouch for its reliability. Please note that this notice is intended solely to alert readers that the content of this article is unreliable. We have not investigated whether authors were aware of or involved in the systematic manipulation of the publication process.

Wiley and Hindawi regrets that the usual quality checks did not identify these issues before publication and have since put additional measures in place to safeguard research integrity.

We wish to credit our own Research Integrity and Research Publishing teams and anonymous and named external researchers and research integrity experts for contributing to this investigation.

The corresponding author, as the representative of all authors, has been given the opportunity to register their agreement or disagreement to this retraction. We have kept a record of any response received.

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## Research Article

# Analysis of the Impact of Climate Change on National Vulnerability Based on Fuzzy Comprehensive Evaluation

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Climate change has become one of the major threats to global security. On the impact of climate change on national vulnerability, the researchers firstly select relevant factors and data and analyze the principal components to determine the weight of climate change on vulnerability so as to analyze the impact of climate change on national vulnerability. Secondly, based on the influencing factors, we obtain the national vulnerability score through the fuzzy comprehensive evaluation method, delineate the impact scope according to the score, and predict climate change by means of regression analysis and time series analysis. Finally, according to the characteristics of cities and continents, the model is revised, a PSR model and a cluster analysis model are established, and the prediction accuracy is improved.

## 1. Introduction

Climate change is one of the most universal global threats to peace and security in the 21st century. The damage, loss, and impact caused by various natural disasters worldwide are becoming serious. The research on vulnerability, adaptability, and resilience has become the focus of attention in the fields of global change, disaster prevention and mitigation, and sustainable development. As a key element of international relations and domestic welfare, it covers all areas of security, construction, peace, and development. The impact of climate change has had a negative impact on vulnerable groups, while improving the response capacity of the government [1].

This paper argues that climate change is a “threat multiplier” which interacts with existing pressures, such as social conflict, economic inequality, mass migration, or competition for resources. Then, further countermeasures will be proposed to eliminate these problems and the instability that may arise in violent conflicts [2].

Vulnerability is used to describe the systems and components that are vulnerable to damage, lack

antijamming capabilities, and restore their structure and function. The state is a highly socioeconomically complex integrated system. It interacts with the natural environment and the social environment. According to the definition of vulnerability, national vulnerability refers to the probability of turning risk into disaster when a country's system is adversely affected by the outside world, but the system has the ability to resist and reduce risk and self-recovery.

Vulnerability manifests itself in a variety of areas [3], mainly including physical vulnerability, economic vulnerability, social vulnerability, and political vulnerability. Physical vulnerability refers to the risk of anthropogenic impacts on the climate, and other factors such as natural disasters and human-induced pollution. Economic vulnerability refers to the perception of internal and external threats to the economy. Social vulnerability refers to the potential disaster factors, the degree of damage, and the coping capacity of a social group, organization, or country exposed to disaster impact. Political vulnerability refers to the territorial integrity, core values, and internal unity which are exposed to internal and external threats.

In the study of vulnerability, early scholars mainly focus on the ecological environment and then extend their research to humanities and regional economy. This paper establishes a national vulnerability assessment model, analyzes the impact of climate change on national vulnerability, predicts the critical point of national vulnerability, and gives government intervention measures. The overall idea is shown in Figure 1.

The data in this paper come from Question E of the 2018 American College Students Mathematical Modeling Competition and the statistics of the World Bank.

## 2. Basic Assumptions

In order to solve the problem, we make the following assumptions:

- (i) Assuming the sovereign government can exercise its executive power during its time in office to control the factors affecting climate change.
- (ii) Assuming the selected indicator adequately reflects the country's vulnerability and does not affect the simulation below.
- (iii) Assuming that in the process of state intervention in climate change, the country will not be affected by economic and political crisis, extreme natural disasters, etc. It can achieve the desired state, when we control the variables.
- (iv) No unexpected factors affecting our assessment during the study period.

## 3. How to Evaluate a Country's Vulnerability and Measure the Impact of Climate Change

**3.1. Analysis Approach.** With the research on the impact of climate change in recent years, climate change has become one of the important factors affecting national vulnerability directly or indirectly. The main manifestations of climate change are temperature, precipitation, etc., which, on the one hand, directly affect the vulnerability through subtle changes. On the other hand, climate change is indirectly affected by glaciers and sea levels. Economical, political, and social factors, such as species of flora and fauna, food production, have further affected the vulnerability of the country [4].

In order to measure national vulnerability reasonably and to analyze the direct and indirect impact of climate change on vulnerability, we firstly create an index system for measuring national vulnerability, and then a fuzzy comprehensive evaluation model is established based on the analysis of the principal components.

### 3.2. Fuzzy Comprehensive Evaluation Model Based on PCA Model

**3.2.1. Model Preparation.** Considering the influencing factors of the state vulnerability, we should establish the hierarchical structure to evaluate the vulnerability. The

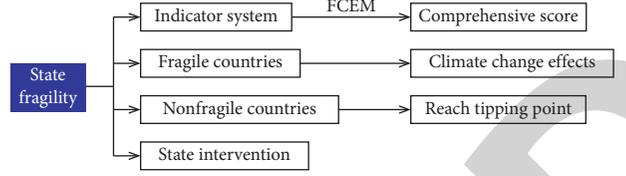


FIGURE 1: Overall thinking process.

decision-making problem is divided into three layers: target layer (T), criterion layer (C), and program layer (P), and each layer has several factors [5], as shown in Table 1.

**3.2.2. Model Establishing and Solving.** Suppose  $U = \{u_1, u_2, \dots, u_n\}$  is a group of  $n$  countries to be evaluated,  $V = \{v_1, v_2, \dots, v_m\}$  is a set of evaluation factors, and each solution in  $U$  is measured by each factor in  $V$ , and we select the observation matrix  $X$  from the observation data of 16 countries in 2015 [6]:

$$X = \begin{bmatrix} 2720 & 2990 & 6270 & \cdots & 63930 \\ 36.7 & 43.2 & 48.5 & \cdots & 21.456 \\ 3.967 & 2.31 & 1.323 & \cdots & 0.666 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ -0.738 & 0.976 & 0.075 & \cdots & 1.549 \end{bmatrix}. \quad (1)$$

In the formula,  $x_{ij}$  represents the indicator value of the  $j$ -th program on the  $i$ -th evaluation factor, and the vector  $x_j = \{x_{1j}, x_{2j}, \dots, x_{mj}\}$  denotes the evaluation vector of the  $j$ -th program on the  $m$ -th evaluation indicator.

Suppose the ideal urban air quality indicator vector is  $u$ :

$$u = (u_1^0, u_2^0, \dots, u_m^0) = (63930, 21.456, 0.17, 7.357, 0.075, -0.824, 17620, -0.91, -0.738), \quad (2)$$

where

$$u_i^0 = \begin{cases} \max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \{x_{ij}\}, & \text{when } x_{ij} \text{ is a benefit index,} \\ \min_{1 \leq j \leq n} \{x_{ij}\}, & \text{when } x_{ij} \text{ is a cost index,} \\ \frac{x_{ij} - x_0}{x_0}, & \text{when } x_{ij} \text{ is a neutral index.} \end{cases} \quad (3)$$

According to the established ideal scheme, the relative deviation fuzzy matrix  $R$  is calculated by substituting the observed data from 16 countries:

$$\tilde{R} = \begin{bmatrix} r_{11} & r_{12} & \cdots & r_{131} \\ r_{21} & r_{22} & \cdots & r_{231} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ r_{71} & r_{72} & \cdots & r_{731} \end{bmatrix}, \quad (4)$$

where

TABLE 1: Hierarchy table.

Level 1 indicator	Level 2 indicator	Level 3 indicator	Mark
National vulnerability	Economic factors	Per capita GNI	$X_1$
		Gini coefficient	$X_2$
	Political factors	Military expenditure as a share of GDP	$X_3$
		Public education expenditure as a share of GDP	$X_4$
	Social factors	Per capita carbon dioxide emissions	$X_5$
		Population growth rate	$X_6$
		International migrant share of total population	$X_7$
	Climatic factors	Temperature	$X_8$
		Precipitation	$X_9$

$$Y_{ij} = \frac{|x_{ij} - u_i^0|}{\max_{1 \leq j \leq n} \{x_{ij}\} - \min_{1 \leq j \leq n} \{x_{ij}\}}, \quad i = 1, 2, \dots, 9; j = 1, 2, \dots, 16. \tag{5}$$

So, we can get

$$\tilde{R} = \begin{bmatrix} 0.975 & 0.989 & 0.97 & \dots & 0 \\ 0.564 & 0.804 & 1 & \dots & 0 \\ 0.698 & 0.394 & 0.212 & \dots & 0.091 \\ \vdots & \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ 0 & 0.175 & 0.171 & \dots & 0.48 \end{bmatrix}. \tag{6}$$

We use the principal component analysis method to calculate the weight of each evaluation indicator. When calculating, the number of principal components can be selected to make the contribution rate of cumulative variance of factors large enough (larger than 85% here) so as to protect the interpretation ability of the common factor to data [7].

As can be seen from Table 2, when the 5 principal components are selected, the cumulative variance contribution rate of the factor has reached 88.508% and meets the requirements, so the first 5 factors are selected for analysis. The column vector of the  $i$  factor in Table 3 is divided by the square root of the corresponding characteristic root, and the variation coefficient vector of principal components is obtained, which is shown in Table 4.

According to the proportion of the contribution rate of each principal component to the total contribution rate, the comprehensive coefficient of each factor is calculated and the weight vector of each evaluation index is obtained:

$$W = (-0.1214, 0.2750, 0.0798, 0.2515, -0.0911, 0.1597, 0.12, 0.272, 0.1218)^T. \tag{7}$$

Then, we establish a comprehensive evaluation model [8] as follows:

$$F_j = \sum_{i=1}^7 w_i r_{ij}. \tag{8}$$

Based on this model, the higher the comprehensive score is, the stronger the national vulnerability has. We calculated data from 16 countries, and the ranking of comprehensive score and vulnerability is shown in Table 4 and Figure 2.

TABLE 2: The principal component eigenvalues and cumulative contribution rate.

Components	Total	Rate of change	Cumulative (%)
1	3.638	40.427	40.427
2	1.889	20.991	61.418
3	0.968	10.758	72.175
4	0.834	9.264	81.440
5	0.636	7.068	88.508
6	0.464	5.156	93.664
7	0.405	4.500	98.164
8	0.097	1.074	99.238
9	0.069	0.762	100.000

TABLE 3: Comprehensive score sheet.

Country	Comprehensive score	Rank
Angola	0.7801	1
Zimbabwe	0.7527	2
Yemen	0.7209	3
Kenya	0.7156	4
Laos	0.6823	5
Malawi	0.6419	6
India	0.6040	7
Malaysia	0.5748	8
Indonesia	0.4792	9
Namibia	0.4757	10
Mongolia	0.2821	11
Azerbaijan	0.2597	12
Poland	0.2419	13
Croatia	0.1829	14
Slovenia	0.1193	15
Switzerland	0.0890	16

3.3. Result Analysis. According to the score and ranking, the score is divided into three levels, respectively, marked as follows: fragile, vulnerable, and stable, as shown in Table 5.

When a country has a combined score between 0 and 0.4 in a given year, the country is stable. When the score is between 0.4 and 0.7, the country is fragile. When score is between 0.7 and 1, it is fragile [9].

Temperature and precipitation are the main manifestations of climate and also direct factors affecting national vulnerability. When temperatures and precipitation deviate from a reasonable range, national vulnerability increases. According to principle component analysis model, it can be

TABLE 4: Principal component coefficient matrix.

Factors	$Z_1$	$Z_2$	$Z_3$	$Z_4$	$Z_5$
$X_1$	-0.4323	0.1663	0.1069	0.2852	-0.0776
$X_2$	0.4696	0.1602	-0.1040	0.0981	0.3115
$X_3$	0.1390	-0.4562	0.5560	0.1630	0.4992
$X_4$	0.2449	0.2840	-0.0267	0.8202	-0.1289
$X_5$	-0.3985	0.0760	-0.0033	0.2620	0.5745
$X_6$	0.4083	-0.1013	-0.0053	0.1540	-0.2289
$X_7$	-0.0732	0.3808	0.7851	-0.0793	-0.3003
$X_8$	0.4246	0.2834	0.1792	-0.2803	0.2308
$X_9$	-0.0469	0.6454	-0.1393	-0.1803	0.3244

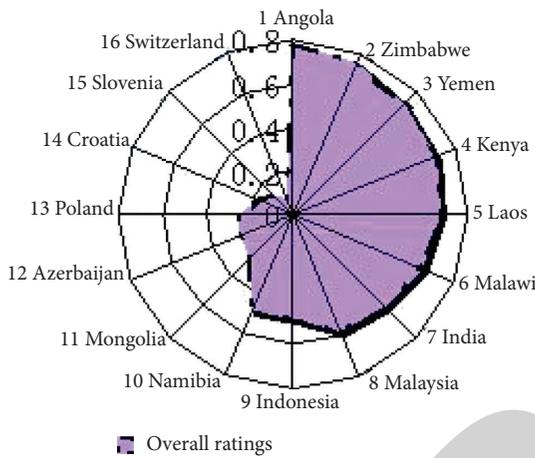


FIGURE 2: Distribution maps of comprehensive score.

TABLE 5: The rating level.

Comprehensive score	0-0.4	0.4-0.7	0.7-1
National vulnerability	Stable	Vulnerable	Fragile

found that there is a direct correlation between indicators affecting national vulnerability. As a result, temperature is also vulnerable to indirect impacts of national vulnerability, thus affecting other indicators [10].

#### 4. Take the Top 10 Most Fragile States to Illustrate How Climate Change Has Increased Their Vulnerability

4.1. *Problem Analysis.* According to the model, the national vulnerability indicators include purchasing power index, gross national income, Gini coefficient, military expenditure, public education, carbon dioxide emissions, population growth rate, international migration, temperature, and precipitation. The weight vector is  $W$ .

From the above description, we know that climate change affects national vulnerability through changes in temperature, precipitation, and carbon dioxide emissions. In the absence of climate change, other indicators can reduce national vulnerability by changing the data to change the relative error fuzzy matrix, thereby affecting national vulnerability scores. To determine the impact of climate change

on national vulnerability, we use control variables to process data analyze the impact of the vulnerability of selected countries.

Taking Sudan as an example, we analyzed the impact of other factors on national vulnerability when the initial temperature increased or decreased by 5%, 10%, and 15%. Similarly, we take Sudan to analyze the impact of other factors on the vulnerability of the country [11].

#### 4.2. Problem Solving

4.2.1. *The Impact of Temperature on Vulnerability.* Combined with the above problem, we get the national vulnerability score of Sudan under different temperature data, as shown in Table 6.

The relationship between national vulnerability and temperature was fitted, and the trend of national vulnerability was observed. From Table 6, we know that when the temperature deviates from the baseline temperature, as the temperature rises, the state fragility score increases, which means the state vulnerability increases.

4.2.2. *The Impact of Precipitation on Vulnerability.* The national vulnerability score of Sudan under different precipitation can be found in Table 7.

As can be seen from the result of simulation, Sudan's national vulnerability score varies with the change of precipitation. We can see from Table 7 that the score of national vulnerability increases with the increase of precipitation; that is, the national vulnerability increases [12].

4.2.3. *The Impact of Carbon Dioxide (CO<sub>2</sub>) Emissions on Vulnerability.* The national vulnerability score of Sudan under different CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is shown in Table 8.

We fit national vulnerability and carbon dioxide emissions and observe the changing trends in state fragility as shown in Figure 3.

As shown in Figure 3, with the increase of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, national vulnerability score increases and the national vulnerability increases. Thus, under certain conditions, the reduction of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions may reduce the vulnerability. Carbon dioxide emissions are largely influenced by human factors. In order to reduce the emission, the state should advocate low-carbon and environment-friendly production and life style.

#### 5. Identify a Tipping Point and Predict When to Reach It and Become More Fragile

##### 5.1. Problem Analysis

5.1.1. *Evaluation of Non Top Ten Fragile Countries.* We chose Mongolia, which is not one of the ten most vulnerable countries to analyze this problem. Based on the indicator data in 2015, Mongolia's vulnerability score was calculated and the range of the score was determined, thereby determining its vulnerability. By means of control variables, we dynamically analyze the changes in national vulnerability

TABLE 6: Impact of temperature on vulnerability.

Temperature changes	Drop			Raw data	Rise		
	15%	10%	5%		5%	10%	15%
Temperature	25.48	25.48	26.90	28.31	29.73	31.14	29.73
Comprehensive score	0.5085	0.5795	0.6506	0.6861	0.7216	0.7599	0.7799

TABLE 7: Impact of precipitation on vulnerability.

Precipitation changes	Decrease			Raw data	Increase		
	30%	20%	10%		10%	20%	30%
Precipitation deviation	-0.7145	-0.6003	-0.4861	-0.429	-0.3719	-0.2577	-0.1435
Comprehensive score	0.8216	0.7754	0.7392	0.6861	0.643	0.5768	0.5206

TABLE 8: Impact of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions on vulnerability.

CO <sub>2</sub> emission changes	Decrease			Raw data	Increase		
	15%	10%	5%		5%	10%	15%
CO <sub>2</sub> emissions	0.2627	0.2782	0.2936	0.3091	0.3246	0.3400	0.3555
Comprehensive score	0.5121	0.5733	0.6218	0.6861	0.7084	0.7431	0.7956

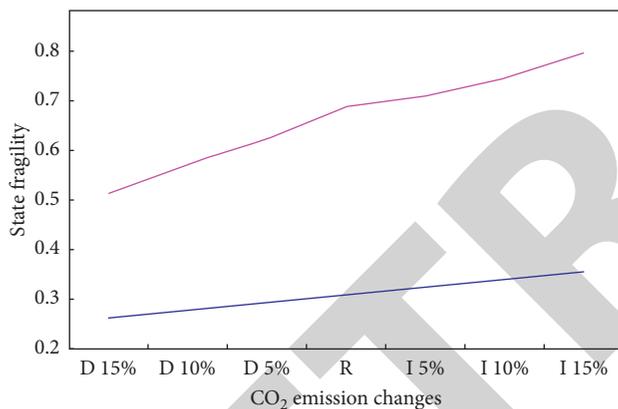


FIGURE 3: Impact of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions on state fragility.

under different temperature conditions and find the trend that national vulnerability scores change with temperature, so as to predict the contribution of climate change to national vulnerability [11–13].

**5.1.2. Prediction about Reaching Critical Value.** From the previous analysis, we know that CO<sub>2</sub> emissions have a significant impact on national vulnerability. With the increase of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions, the score of national vulnerability increase and the national vulnerability also increase. So we choose CO<sub>2</sub> emissions as an indicator. The comprehensive national vulnerability score of Mongolia under different CO<sub>2</sub> concentrations is calculated by using the control variable method, the direct functional relationship between the national vulnerability score and CO<sub>2</sub> emissions is obtained, and the tipping point of vulnerability is also identified. Based on the annual CO<sub>2</sub> emission data of the World Bank of Mongolia, we use the time series model to predict concentrations of CO<sub>2</sub> in the coming decades, when to reach the

tipping point of concentrations, and when to reach the international year record and become more fragile.

**5.2. Problem Solving of Evaluating Non Top Ten Fragile Countries.** According to the indicator system model, the national vulnerability scores of Mongolia are 0.2821 and  $0 < 0.2821 < 0.4$ , which can be judged that Mongolia is stable in 2015. We change the temperature indicator data to make the temperature change by 5%, 10%, and 15%, respectively, and obtain the national vulnerability score at different temperatures, as shown in Figure 4.

As can be seen from Figure 4, the national vulnerability of Mongolia also increases with the rise of temperature. In addition, we can see from the figure that, when the temperature rises from 10% to 15%, the national vulnerability score rises from 0.3829 to 0.4113; that is, Mongolia is transitioning from a stable state to a fragile state. Therefore, the Mongolian government should pay attention to the factors affecting temperature rise and strengthen climate management to prevent instability in the country.

**5.3. Linear Regression Model [14]**

**5.3.1. Model Preparation.** We fit national vulnerabilities and carbon dioxide emissions and observe the changing trends in national vulnerability, as shown in Figure 5.

**5.3.2. Model Establishment.** We have known that the increase in CO<sub>2</sub> emissions will lead to the increase in national vulnerability scores. Therefore, we establish a linear regression model between CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and national vulnerability scores as follows [15]:

$$Y_i = b_0 + b_1 X_i + \varepsilon_i, \quad i = 1, 2, 3, \dots, n. \quad (9)$$

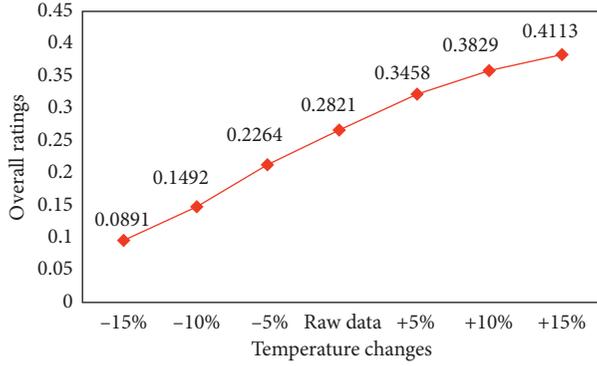


FIGURE 4: Impact of temperature on vulnerability.

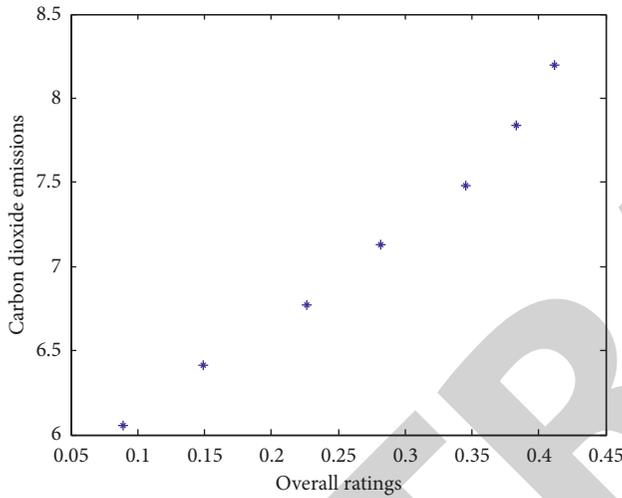


FIGURE 5: Scatter plot.

In solving the normal equations, the least squares estimators of the two parameters are obtained as follows:

$$\hat{b}_1 = \frac{SCP}{SS_X}, \quad (10)$$

$$\hat{b}_0 = \bar{Y} - \hat{b}_1 \bar{X},$$

where

$$\begin{aligned} SCP &= \sum_{i=1}^n X_i Y_i = n \bar{X} \bar{Y}, \\ SS_X &= \sum_{i=1}^n X_i^2 - n \bar{X}^2. \end{aligned} \quad (11)$$

5.3.3. *Model Solving and Result Analysis.* With the help of MATBLE regression, we obtain the regression model of CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and national vulnerability score as follows:

$$y = 23.4768x + 0.5672. \quad (12)$$

Based on the regression model, we calculate that the CO<sub>2</sub> emissions of Mongolia are 9.95792 when the national vulnerability threshold is 0.4.

#### 5.4. Time Series Prediction Model Based on Exponential Smoothing

5.4.1. *Model Establishment.* An exponential smoothing formula is as follows:

$$S_t^{(1)} = aY_t + (1-a)S_{t-1}^{(1)}, \quad (13)$$

where  $S_t^{(1)}$  is the exponential smoothing value of  $t$  period,  $a$  is smoothing constant,  $0 < a < 1$ , and  $Y_t$  is current data:

$$\begin{aligned} S_t^{(1)} &= aY_t + a(1-a)Y_{t-1} + (1-a)^2Y_{t-2} + \dots \\ &\quad + a(1-a)^tY_{t-t} + \dots + a(1-a)^{t-1}Y_{t-(t-1)} + (1-a)^tS_0^{(1)} \\ &= a \sum_{k=0}^{t-1} (1-a)^k Y_{t-k} + (1-a)^t S_0^{(1)}. \end{aligned} \quad (14)$$

So,  $Y_t, Y_{t-1}, Y_{t-2}, \dots$ , weights are  $a, a(1-a), a(1-a)^2, \dots$ , and the change in weights decreases exponentially.

The smooth value of period  $T$  is taken as the predicted value of period  $T+1$  [16]:

$$\hat{Y}_{t+1} = S_t^{(1)} = aY_t + (1-a). \quad (15)$$

5.4.2. *Model Solving and Result Analysis.* We use the time series model to predict the emissions of carbon dioxide in the coming 11 years and get data shown in Table 9.

From Table 9, we can see that in 2025, carbon dioxide emissions of Mongolia will reach 9.9602 metric tons per capita; that is, Mongolia may reach the critical state of fragility [17].

## 6. Empirical Analysis of Mitigating Climate Vulnerability by Intervention Measures

6.1. *Problem Analysis.* According to the ranking of the national vulnerability indicator, we selected 177 representative countries. Combined with the fuzzy comprehensive evaluation model, we study national interventions to mitigate the risks posed by climate change, while other conditions remain the same [18]. We select representative three-level countries, including fragile countries (South Sudan and Somalia), vulnerable countries (Indonesia and China), and stable countries (the UK and USA). In the absence of extreme weather events, natural disasters, and economic and political crises, intervention in the climate environment will gradually improve the postintervention climate conditions [19].

6.2. *Empirical Analysis of Intervention Measures.* According to the indicator system model, carbon dioxide emissions are selected as the main factor for climate change intervention. After the intervention, CO<sub>2</sub> emissions are 50%

TABLE 9: Prediction data (metric tons/person).

Year	2017	2018	2019	2020	2021	2022
Carbon dioxide emissions	7.3172	7.6258	7.8401	8.1964	8.5148	8.9027
Year	2023	2024	2025	2026	2027	—
Carbon dioxide emissions	9.3816	9.6931	9.9602	10.1858	10.3374	—

TABLE 10: Score chart.

Carbon dioxide emissions	South Sudan	Somalia	China	Indonesia	The United States	England
0.1	0.6907	0.6667	0.4971	0.4313	0.1919	0.1419
0.2	0.7274	0.6974	0.5262	0.4662	0.2221	0.1721
0.3	0.7618	0.7318	0.5540	0.4940	0.2440	0.1940
0.4	0.7845	0.7545	0.5750	0.5150	0.2622	0.2122
0.5	0.8064	0.7764	0.5896	0.5296	0.2782	0.2282
0.6	0.8233	0.7933	0.6047	0.5447	0.2927	0.2427
0.7	0.8349	0.8049	0.6145	0.5545	0.3022	0.2522
0.8	0.8459	0.8159	0.6280	0.5680	0.3103	0.2603
0.9	0.8514	0.8214	0.6411	0.5811	0.3143	0.2643
1	0.8543	0.8243	0.6434	0.5834	0.3160	0.2659

to 95% of the previous emissions. To facilitate the statistics, we take 5% as the step size [20]. In order to compare the countries more clearly, we standardize CO<sub>2</sub> emissions in data processing and obtain the following scores, as shown in Table 10.

In the case of other indicators unchanged, we calculate the contribution rate of the country to CO<sub>2</sub> emissions and obtain the weight vector of the evaluation indicator [21]. According to the comprehensive evaluation model, the calculation score is shown in Figures 6–8 [22].

Through data processing, we find that for countries with different levels of vulnerability, intervention in carbon dioxide emissions can effectively reduce national vulnerability indicators and enhance national stability [23]. By changing CO<sub>2</sub> emissions to the same extent, the country’s vulnerability score decreases slowly as the country becomes more stable [24].

### 7. Evaluation and Spread of the Model

*7.1. Revision of the Model to Make It Work on Smaller “States” or Cities.* Combining with the evaluation system based on the abovementioned national vulnerability evaluation model, as well as the specific characteristics of cities, we rank and classify the indicators according to the risk level, sensitivity, and adaptability [25]. We have established a selection database of urban vulnerability indicators to prepare for future indicator screening.

*7.2. The PSR Model.* Firstly, the index data are standardized, and the entropy method is used to determine the indicator weight, and then the comprehensive weight method is used to calculate the indicator of urban vulnerability. After that, we use factor analysis in SPSS to find out the main factors influencing factors [26].

The framework of the PSR model (risk sensitivity and adaptability) is adopted to establish the indicator evaluation system of urban vulnerability. National risk

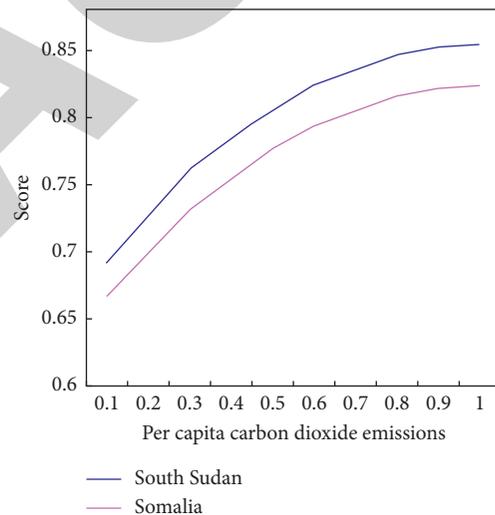


FIGURE 6: Score of fragile countries.

indicators are selected in terms of climate change, global and external pressure factors, including annual average precipitation change, annual average temperature change, frequency of extreme climate events, urban population density, and situation of economic development [27]. Urban sensitivity indicators are selected from the factors to explain situation of urban natural and social environment, including water resources, relative humidity, vegetation ecosystem, political conflict, social equity, and primary industrial structure. Urban resilience refers to the city’s ability to respond to climate change, including GDP per capita, education level, hospital beds, science and technology expenditure, ecological construction, pollution control, and other factors [28].

- (1) Building the original index data matrix: it is composed of city and evaluation indexes.

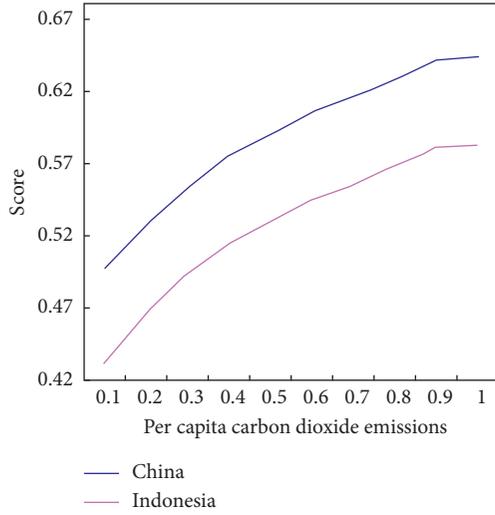


FIGURE 7: Score of vulnerable countries.

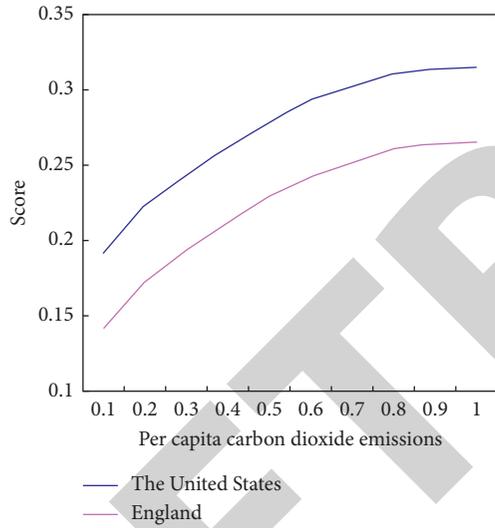


FIGURE 8: Score of stable countries.

There are  $m$  cities and  $n$  evaluation indicators that form the original indicator data matrix:

$$X = (x_{ij})_{m \times n} \quad (0 \leq i \leq m, 0 \leq j \leq n), \quad (16)$$

where  $x_{ij}$  is the  $j$ -th indicator value of the  $i$ -th city. Firstly, standardize the original indicator data.

The standardized calculation of positive indicators is as follows:

$$X = \frac{[X_{ij} - \min(X_{ij})]}{[\max(X_i) - \min(X_i)]} \quad (17)$$

The standardized calculation of negative indicators is as follows:

$$X = \frac{[\max(X_i) - X_i]}{[\max(X_i) - \min(X_i)]} \quad (18)$$

After processing, calculate the proportion of the indicator value  $P_{ij}$  of the  $i$ -th city under the  $j$ -th indicator:

$$P_{ij} = \frac{y_{ij}}{\sum_{i=1}^m y_{ij}}. \quad (19)$$

Then, calculate the entropy of the  $j$ -th indicator:

$$E_{ij} = -\frac{k}{\sum_{i=1}^m P_{ij} \ln P_{ij}}, \quad k = \frac{1}{\ln m}. \quad (20)$$

- (2) Calculating the weights of the  $j$ -th evaluation indicator  $W_j$ :  $w_j = g_j / \sum g_j$ .
- (3) Calculating the difference coefficient of the  $j$ -th evaluation indicator: based on the above method, the weight of the evaluation indicators at all levels of the urban vulnerability evaluation index system in the context of climate change has been finally determined.

## 8. Conclusion

In the irrational world political and economic order dominated by the Western developed countries, poverty and war occur in the underdeveloped countries, social vulnerability exists in developed countries, and human beings in the industrial age are faced with the vulnerability of the natural environment [29].

The research on the new theory of fragile countries can break through the limitations of the past, improve the ambiguity of the concept and the subjectivity of the evaluation criteria, and gradually improve the conceptual framework and evaluation indicator system of the national instability studies [30–35].

At the same time, the evaluation system defines the vulnerability and incentive mechanism for national vulnerability, puts forward effective control or response measures, enhances the country's ability to respond to various adverse effects, and strengthens the application of national vulnerability in the early warning of security risks. More importantly, it provides a scientific basis for our country to formulate sustainable development strategy.

## Data Availability

The data in this paper come from Question E of the 2018 American College Students Mathematical Modeling Competition and the statistics of the World Bank.

## Conflicts of Interest

The authors declare that there are no conflicts of interest regarding the publication of this paper.

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