

# A New Method for Appraising the Performance of High School Teachers Based on Fuzzy Number Arithmetic Operations

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**Abstract.** In recent years, some methods have been presented for appraising the performance of high school teachers. In this paper, we present a new method for appraising the performance of high school teachers based on simplified fuzzy number arithmetic operations. The proposed method uses fuzzy numbers to represent fuzzy grades, where the fuzzy weights of criteria are automatically generated from the opinions of evaluators. The proposed method can appraise the performance of high school teachers in a more flexible and more intelligent manner.

## 1 Introduction

In 1965, Zadeh proposed the theory of fuzzy sets [17]. In recent years, the application of the fuzzy set theory in education has begun [1], [2], [7], [8], [9], [10], [12], [14], [15], [16]. In [1], Biswas presented a fuzzy evaluation method (fem) and a generalized fuzzy evaluation method for students' answerscripts evaluation. In [2], Chang et al. presented a method for fuzzy assessment of junior high school students. In [7], Chen et al. presented new methods for students' evaluation using fuzzy sets. In [8], Cheng and Yang presented a method for the application of the fuzzy set theory in educational grading systems. In [9], Cheng et al. established the criteria for high school teachers appraisal. They used fuzzy linguistic questionnaires to appraise the performance of high school teachers and used fuzzy linguistic integrating operations to calculate teachers' fuzzy grades, and then used Lee-and-Li's method [13] and Chen-and-Cheng's method [3] to rank teachers' fuzzy grades.

In this paper, we present a new method to appraise the performance of high school teachers based on fuzzy number arithmetic operation. The proposed method appraises the performance of high school teachers based on simplified fuzzy number arithmetic. It can appraise high school teachers in a more flexible and more intelligent manner than the method presented in [9].

## 2 Simplified Fuzzy Arithmetic Operations Between Fuzzy Numbers

In 1965, Zadeh presented the theory of fuzzy sets [17]. A fuzzy number [11], [18] is a fuzzy set in the universe of discourse  $X$  that is both convex and normal. A trapezoidal

fuzzy number  $\tilde{A}$  of the universe of discourse  $X$  can be characterized by a trapezoidal membership function parameterized by a quadruple  $(a, b, c, d)$  as shown in Fig. 1, where  $a, b, c$  and  $d$  are real values.

In Fig. 1, if  $b = c$ , then  $\tilde{A}$  becomes a triangular fuzzy number, and it can be parameterized by a triplet  $(a, b, d)$ . Let  $\tilde{A}_1$  and  $\tilde{A}_2$  be two triangular fuzzy numbers parameterized by the triplets  $(a_1, b_1, c_1)$  and  $(a_2, b_2, c_2)$ , respectively. The simplified fuzzy number arithmetic operations between the triangular fuzzy numbers  $\tilde{A}_1$  and  $\tilde{A}_2$  are as follows [11]:

Fuzzy Number Addition  $\oplus$  :

$$(a_1, b_1, c_1) \oplus (a_2, b_2, c_2) = (a_1 + a_2, b_1 + b_2, c_1 + c_2). \tag{1}$$

Fuzzy Number Multiplication  $\otimes$  :

$$(a_1, b_1, c_1) \otimes (a_2, b_2, c_2) = (a_1 \times a_2, b_1 \times b_2, c_1 \times c_2). \tag{2}$$

Fuzzy Number Division  $\oslash$  :

$$(a_1, b_1, c_1) \oslash (a_2, b_2, c_2) = (a_1/c_2, b_1/b_2, c_1/a_2). \tag{3}$$

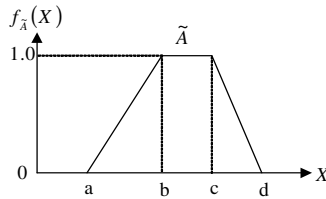


Fig. 1. A trapezoidal fuzzy number

### 3 A Review of Chen-and-Chen’s Method for Ranking Fuzzy Numbers

In [6], Chen and Chen presented a method for ranking fuzzy numbers. The ranking value  $\text{Rank}(\tilde{A})$  of a generalized trapezoidal fuzzy number  $\tilde{A}$ ,  $\tilde{A} = (a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4)$ , can be calculated as follows:

$$\text{Rank}(\tilde{A}) = x_{\tilde{A}}^* + (1 - y_{\tilde{A}}^*)^{\hat{S}_{\tilde{A}}}, \tag{4}$$

where

$$x_{\tilde{A}}^* = \frac{y_{\tilde{A}}^*(a_3 + a_2) + (a_4 + a_1)(1 - y_{\tilde{A}}^*)}{2}, \tag{5}$$

$$\hat{S}_{\tilde{A}} = \sqrt{\frac{\sum_{i=1}^4 (a_i - \bar{a})}{3}}, \tag{6}$$

$$y_{\bar{a}}^* = \begin{cases} 1 \times \left( \frac{a_3 - a_2}{a_4 - a_1} + 2 \right), & \text{if } a_1 \neq a_4 \\ \frac{1}{2}, & \text{if } a_1 = a_4 \end{cases} \quad (7)$$

where  $\bar{a} = \frac{a_1 + a_2 + a_3 + a_4}{4}$ . The larger the value of Rank( $\tilde{A}$ ), the better the ranking of  $\tilde{A}$ .

### 4 A New Method for High School Teachers' Appraisal

In this section, we present a new method for high school teachers' appraisal, where the criteria and the fuzzy linguistic questionnaires used for teacher appraisal used in [9] are adopted as shown in Table 1 and Table 2, respectively.

**Table 1.** The Criteria for Appraising the Performance of High School Teachers [9]

Criteria	Sub-criteria	Contents
X <sub>1</sub> (Teaching)	X <sub>11</sub>	According to the standard of the course and the needs of the students to achieve the teaching goals
	X <sub>12</sub>	To make teaching plans and to prepare teaching materials and tools properly
	X <sub>13</sub>	To present teaching materials clearly and correctly with proper methods
	X <sub>14</sub>	To bring the motivation of learning and testing and to increase students attention on lessons
	X <sub>15</sub>	To express clearly in speaking (helpful for comprehension and learning.)
	X <sub>16</sub>	To express clearly in writing (helpful for comprehension and learning.)
	X <sub>17</sub>	To make good use of various of teaching methods and teaching media
	X <sub>18</sub>	To make good use of time while teaching
	X <sub>19</sub>	Giving proper feedback to students while teaching
	X <sub>2</sub> (Class Managing)	X <sub>21</sub>
X <sub>22</sub>		To direct students to keep personal and public sanitation
X <sub>23</sub>		Management of classroom
X <sub>24</sub>		Establishing an appropriate rule of class
X <sub>25</sub>		To praise and punish students properly
X <sub>26</sub>		To take care of students actively
X <sub>3</sub> (Professional Attitude and Specialty)	X <sub>31</sub>	Working hard
	X <sub>32</sub>	Researching and pursuing further education
	X <sub>33</sub>	Being enthusiastic with working
	X <sub>34</sub>	To build various kinds of students' files
	X <sub>35</sub>	To join activities of school actively.
	X <sub>36</sub>	To keep good relationship with co-workers in school
X <sub>4</sub> (Cooperation in Administration and Relationship with People)	X <sub>41</sub>	To keep good relationship and interactions with students' parents
	X <sub>42</sub>	Treating students fairly
	X <sub>43</sub>	To keep good relationship with students
	X <sub>44</sub>	To be able to send and receive email
	X <sub>45</sub>	To be able to design a web page interacting with students
	X <sub>46</sub>	To be able to use word edit software to edit handouts and test papers
X <sub>5</sub> (Ability to Use Computers)	X <sub>51</sub>	To be able to search data on the web to be used in teaching
	X <sub>52</sub>	
	X <sub>53</sub>	
	X <sub>54</sub>	

**Table 2.** A Fuzzy Linguistic Questionnaire for Appraising the Performance of A Teacher [9]

Fuzzy Linguistic Questionnaire				
Satisfaction Levels of the Criterion X <sub>ij</sub>				
Low				High
←				→
VL	L	M	H	VH

In Table 2, five linguistic levels are used to evaluate teachers performance regarding the sub-criterion  $X_{ij}$ , i.e., very low (VL), low (L), middle (M), high (H) and very high (VH), where the triangular fuzzy numbers  $\tilde{1}$ ,  $\tilde{2}$ ,  $\tilde{3}$ ,  $\tilde{4}$  and  $\tilde{5}$  corresponding to the linguistic satisfaction levels VL, L, M, H and VH are  $\tilde{1} = (0, 1, 2)$ ,  $\tilde{2} = (1, 2, 3)$ ,  $\tilde{3} = (2, 3, 4)$ ,  $\tilde{4} = (3, 4, 5)$  and  $\tilde{5} = (4, 5, 6)$ , respectively. The fuzzy grade  $G(\tilde{x}_{ij})$  of the sub-criterion  $X_{ij}$  is calculated as follows:

$$G(\tilde{x}_{ij}) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^5 \tilde{x}_{ijk} f(\tilde{x}_{ijk})}{\sum_{k=1}^5 f(\tilde{x}_{ijk})}, \tag{8}$$

where  $i$  denotes the index of the criterion,  $j$  denotes the index of the sub-criterion,  $k$  denotes the index of linguistic levels,  $\tilde{x}_{ijk}$  denotes the  $k$ th linguistic satisfaction level of the criterion  $X_{ij}$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq 5$ ,  $\tilde{x}_{ijk} \in \{\tilde{1}, \tilde{2}, \tilde{3}, \tilde{4}, \tilde{5}\}$ ,  $f(\tilde{x}_{ijk})$  denotes the degree of percentage that the teacher satisfies the  $k$ th satisfaction level of the criterion  $X_{ij}$ , and  $\sum_{k=1}^5 f(\tilde{x}_{ijk}) = 1$ . A fuzzy linguistic questionnaire for determining the weights of a criterion is shown in Table 3 [9]. The fuzzy weight  $W(\tilde{x}_i)$  of the criterion  $X_i$  is calculated as follows:

$$W(\tilde{x}_i) = \frac{\sum_{k=1}^5 \tilde{x}_{ik} f(\tilde{x}_{ik})}{\sum_{k=1}^5 f(\tilde{x}_{ik})}, \tag{9}$$

where  $i$  denotes the index of the criterion,  $k$  denotes the index of linguistic levels,  $\tilde{x}_{ik}$  denotes the  $k$ th linguistic satisfaction level of the criterion  $X_i$ ,  $1 \leq k \leq 5$ ,  $\tilde{x}_{ik} \in \{\tilde{1}, \tilde{2}, \tilde{3}, \tilde{4}, \tilde{5}\}$ ,  $f(\tilde{x}_{ik})$  denotes the degree of percentage that the criterion  $X_i$  satisfies the  $k$ th important level, and  $\sum_{k=1}^5 f(\tilde{x}_{ik}) = 1$ .

**Table 3.** A Fuzzy Linguistic Questionnaire for Determining the Weight of the Criterion  $X_i$  [9]

Fuzzy Linguistic Questionnaire				
Importance Levels of the Criterion $X_i$				
← Low		High →		
VL	L	M	H	VH

The proposed new method for high school teachers appraisal is now presented as follows:

**Step 1:** Determine the fuzzy weight of each criterion. Let each evaluator use the fuzzy linguistic questionnaire shown in Table 3 to evaluate the importance of each criterion. Then, use Eq. (9) to calculate the fuzzy weight of each criterion evaluated by each evaluator, where a fuzzy weight represented by a triangular fuzzy number  $(k, m, n)$  should satisfy the rules: “if  $k < 1$ , then let  $k = 1$ ; if  $n > 5$ , then let  $n = 5$ ”. For example, assume that there are five evaluators  $E_1, E_2, E_3, E_4, E_5$  and nine teachers  $A_1, A_2, A_3, A_4, A_5, A_6, A_7, A_8, A_9$  being evaluated. After five evaluators fill out the fuzzy

linguistic questionnaires, we get the result shown in Table 4. After applying Eq. (9) to calculate the fuzzy weight of each criterion evaluated by each evaluator, we get the calculation results as shown in Table 5.

**Table 4.** The Result after Five Evaluators Fill Out the Fuzzy Linguistic Questionnaires

Criteria	Evaluator E <sub>1</sub>					Evaluator E <sub>2</sub>					Evaluator E <sub>3</sub>					Evaluator E <sub>4</sub>					Evaluator E <sub>5</sub>								
	VL	L	M	H	VH	VL	L	M	H	VH	VL	L	M	H	VH	VL	L	M	H	VH	VL	L	M	H	VH				
X <sub>1</sub>				80	20				10	80	10				20	60	20				70	30				80	10	10	
X <sub>2</sub>			10	70	20					40	60				30	60	10				20	70	10				5	15	80
X <sub>3</sub>		20	80						20	70	10					70	30				20	70	10				20	80	
X <sub>4</sub>			20	60	20				5	85	10				20	70	10				10	75	15				45	55	
X <sub>5</sub>			30	50	20				40	40	20				20	70	10				20	30	50				20	70	10

**Table 5.** The Fuzzy Weight of Each Criterion Evaluated by Each Evaluator

Criteria	Evaluators				
	E <sub>1</sub>	E <sub>2</sub>	E <sub>3</sub>	E <sub>4</sub>	E <sub>5</sub>
X <sub>1</sub>	(3.2, 4.2, 5)	(3, 4, 5)	(3, 4, 5)	(3.3, 4.3, 5)	(2.3, 3.3, 4.3)
X <sub>2</sub>	(3.1, 4.1, 5)	(3.6, 4.6, 5)	(2.8, 3.8, 4.8)	(2.9, 3.9, 4.9)	(3.75, 4.75, 5)
X <sub>3</sub>	(1.8, 2.8, 3.8)	(2.9, 3.9, 4.9)	(3.3, 4.3, 5)	(2.9, 3.9, 4.9)	(2.8, 3.8, 4.8)
X <sub>4</sub>	(3, 4, 5)	(3.05, 4.05, 5)	(2.9, 3.9, 4.9)	(3.05, 4.05, 5)	(2.55, 3.55, 4.55)
X <sub>5</sub>	(2.9, 3.9, 4.9)	(2.8, 3.8, 4.8)	(2.9, 3.9, 4.9)	(3.3, 4.3, 5)	(2.9, 3.9, 4.9)

Based on Eqs. (4)-(7), we rank the fuzzy weights with respect to each criterion X<sub>i</sub> evaluated by the evaluators, where 1 ≤ i ≤ 5, we drop the fuzzy weights with the smallest ranking value and the largest ranking value. Then, we calculate the average of the remaining fuzzy weights using the addition operations and the division operations of fuzzy numbers. Finally, we can get the fuzzy weighted vector  $\tilde{W}$ , where

$$\tilde{W} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{w}_1 \\ \tilde{w}_2 \\ \tilde{w}_3 \\ \tilde{w}_4 \\ \tilde{w}_5 \end{bmatrix}, \tilde{w}_i \text{ denotes the average of the remaining fuzzy weights with respect to the } i\text{th criterion, and } 1 \leq i \leq 5.$$

Therefore, the fuzzy weighted vector  $\tilde{W}$  is as follows:

$$\tilde{W} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{w}_1 \\ \tilde{w}_2 \\ \tilde{w}_3 \\ \tilde{w}_4 \\ \tilde{w}_5 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (3.07, 4.07, 5) \\ (3.2, 4.2, 4.97) \\ (2.87, 3.87, 4.87) \\ (2.98, 3.98, 4.97) \\ (2.9, 3.9, 4.9) \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Step 2:** Establish the fuzzy grade matrix. Each evaluator uses the fuzzy linguistic questionnaire shown in Table 2 to evaluate the performance of high school teachers.

Then, use Eq. (8) to calculate the fuzzy grade of each sub-criterion of each teacher evaluated by each evaluator, where the fuzzy grade represented by the fuzzy number (k, m, n) should satisfy the rules: “if  $k < 1$ , then let  $k = 1$ ; if  $n > 5$ , then let  $n = 5$ ”. For example, assume that the fuzzy grades evaluated by the five evaluators are as shown in Table 6, Table 7, Table 8, Table 9 and Table 10, respectively. Based on Eqs. (4)-(7), we rank the fuzzy grades of a teacher with respect to a sub-criterion evaluated by the evaluators, then drop the fuzzy grades with the smallest ranking value and the largest ranking value, and then calculate the average of the remaining fuzzy grades by using the addition operations and the division operations of fuzzy numbers to get the averaged fuzzy grade of the sub-criterion. In the same way, we can get the averaged fuzzy grade of each sub-criterion of each teacher. Therefore, we can get the averaged fuzzy grade table shown in Table 11.

**Table 6.** Fuzzy Grades Evaluated by the Evaluator  $E_1$

Criteria	Sub-Criteria	Teacher $A_1$	Teacher $A_2$	Teacher $A_3$	Teacher $A_4$	Teacher $A_5$	Teacher $A_6$	Teacher $A_7$	Teacher $A_8$	Teacher $A_9$
X <sub>1</sub>	X <sub>11</sub>	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(2,3,4)	(1.65,2.65,3.65)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(2.85,3.85,4.85)	(1.65,2.65,3.65)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)
	X <sub>12</sub>	(3.2,4.2,5)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(2.8,3.8,4.8)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(4,5,5)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)
	X <sub>13</sub>	(3.75,4.75,5)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(3.7,4.7,5)	(3.55,4.55,5)	(1,1.2,2.2)	(3.65,4.65,5)	(3.65,4.65,5)	(2.3,3.3,4.3)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)
	X <sub>14</sub>	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(1.35,2.35,3.35)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(3.5,4.5,5)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(1.65,2.65,3.65)	(3.35,4.35,5)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)
	X <sub>15</sub>	(1.1,6.2,6)	(3.35,4.35,5)	(1,1.2,2.2)	(2.3,3.3,4.3)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(1,1.2,2.2)	(2.8,3.8,3.8)	(3.35,4.35,5)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)
	X <sub>16</sub>	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(3.7,4.7,5)	(2.45,3.45,4.45)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)	(2,3,4)	(3.55,4.55,5)	(1.65,2.65,3.65)	(3.35,4.35,5)
	X <sub>17</sub>	(1.45,2.45,3.45)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(2.85,3.85,4.85)	(1,1.2,2.2)	(3.7,4.7,5)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)	(2.1,3.1,4.1)	(1,1.2,2.2)	(2.1,3.1,4.1)
	X <sub>18</sub>	(1,1.1,2.1)	(1.6,2.6,3.6)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(4,5,5)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)	(1.95,2.95,3.95)	(2,3,4)	(1,1.2,2.2)
	X <sub>19</sub>	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(3.2,4.2,5)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(3.7,4.7,5)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)
X <sub>2</sub>	X <sub>21</sub>	(2.15,3.15,4.15)	(2.3,3.3,4.3)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(2.3,3.3,4.3)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(1.3,3.3,3.3)	(2.3,3.3,4.3)	(2.3,3.3,4.3)
	X <sub>22</sub>	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(2.15,3.15,4.15)	(2.15,3.15,4.15)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)
	X <sub>23</sub>	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(3.75,4.75,5)	(1.95,2.95,3.95)	(1.6,2.6,3.6)	(3.2,4.2,5)	(1.6,2.6,3.6)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)	(3.35,4.35,5)
	X <sub>24</sub>	(2.55,3.55,4.55)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.55,3.55,4.55)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(1,1.2,2.2)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)
	X <sub>25</sub>	(3.2,4.2,5)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(2.1,3.1,4.1)
	X <sub>26</sub>	(2.25,3.25,4.25)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.15,3.15,4.15)	(2.15,3.15,4.15)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(1.65,2.65,3.65)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)
	X <sub>27</sub>	(1.7,2.7,3.7)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(3.75,4.75,5)	(1,1.1,2.1)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(2,3,4)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)
	X <sub>28</sub>	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(3.3,3.3,4.3)	(1,1.2,2.2)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(3.7,4.7,5)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)
	X <sub>29</sub>	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.15,3.15,4.15)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)	(2.85,3.85,4.85)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)	(3.75,4.75,5)	(3.55,4.55,5)	(1.6,2.6,3.6)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)
X <sub>3</sub>	X <sub>31</sub>	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.75,3.75,4.75)	(2.25,3.25,4.25)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)	(3.65,4.65,5)	(2.15,3.15,4.15)	(3.7,4.7,5)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)
	X <sub>32</sub>	(3.85,4.85,5)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)	(2.25,3.25,4.25)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(1.95,2.95,3.95)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(3.7,4.7,5)
	X <sub>33</sub>	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.55,3.55,4.55)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(1.6,2.6,3.6)
	X <sub>34</sub>	(1.7,2.7,3.7)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(1,1.2,2.2)	(3.35,4.35,5)
	X <sub>35</sub>	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.15,3.15,4.15)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)	(1,1.2,2.2)
	X <sub>36</sub>	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)	(2.85,3.85,4.85)	(2.15,3.15,4.15)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)
	X <sub>37</sub>	(2.25,3.25,4.25)	(2.55,3.55,4.55)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(2.85,3.85,4.85)	(2.85,3.85,4.85)	(1.6,2.6,3.6)	(3.55,4.55,5)	(3.35,4.35,5)
	X <sub>38</sub>	(1.45,2.45,3.45)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(2.15,3.15,4.15)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(1,1.2,2.2)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)
	X <sub>39</sub>	(2.35,3.35,4.35)	(1.6,2.6,3.6)	(2.85,3.85,4.85)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(1,1.2,2.2)	(2,3,4)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)

**Table 7.** Fuzzy Grades Evaluated by the Evaluator  $E_2$

Criteria	Sub-Criteria	Teacher $A_1$	Teacher $A_2$	Teacher $A_3$	Teacher $A_4$	Teacher $A_5$	Teacher $A_6$	Teacher $A_7$	Teacher $A_8$	Teacher $A_9$
X <sub>1</sub>	X <sub>11</sub>	(2.8,3.8,4.8)	(3.15,4.15,5)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.85,3.85,4.85)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)	(1.65,2.65,3.65)	(2.75,3.75,4.75)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(2.8,3.8,4.8)
	X <sub>12</sub>	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(3.7,4.7,5)	(2.85,3.85,4.85)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)
	X <sub>13</sub>	(3.15,4.15,5)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(1.6,2.6,3.6)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(1.2,3)	(3.35,4.35,5)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)	(1.2,3)
	X <sub>14</sub>	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(3.65,4.65,5)	(3.75,4.75,5)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(2.75,3.75,4.75)	(3.15,4.15,5)	(2.75,3.75,4.75)
	X <sub>15</sub>	(3.7,4.7,5)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(2.75,3.75,4.75)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)	(2.3,3.3,4.3)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(2.1,3.1,4.1)
	X <sub>16</sub>	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.85,3.85,4.85)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(1,1.2,2.2)	(3.15,4.15,5)	(2.1,3.1,4.1)	(1.95,2.95,3.95)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)
	X <sub>17</sub>	(3.15,4.15,5)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(2.3,4)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)	(2.3,3.3,4.3)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)
	X <sub>18</sub>	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(3.15,4.15,5)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(3.7,4.7,5)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(1,1.1,2.1)	(2.1,3.1,4.1)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)
	X <sub>19</sub>	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(2.15,3.15,4.15)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(3.2,4.2,5)	(3.7,4.7,5)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)	(3.7,4.7,5)
X <sub>2</sub>	X <sub>21</sub>	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.1,3.1,4.1)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)
	X <sub>22</sub>	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(3.7,4.7,5)	(2,3,4)	(3.7,4.7,5)	(3.35,4.35,5)	(2.75,3.75,4.75)
	X <sub>23</sub>	(3.7,4.7,5)	(2.3,3.3,4.3)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.75,3.75,4.75)	(2.85,3.85,4.85)	(1,1.2,2.2)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)	(4,5,5)	(3.35,4.35,5)
	X <sub>24</sub>	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(3.15,4.15,5)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(2.1,3.1,4.1)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(3.55,4.55,5)	(1,1.2,2.2)	(2.3,3.3,4.3)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)
	X <sub>25</sub>	(3.15,4.15,5)	(2.75,3.75,4.75)	(3.7,4.7,5)	(3.7,4.7,5)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)	(3.2,4.2,5)	(2.35,3.3,4.3)	(2.75,3.75,4.75)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)
	X <sub>26</sub>	(3.7,4.7,5)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(3.7,4.7,5)	(2.85,3.85,4.85)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)	(2.8,3.8,4.8)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(2.3,3.3,4.3)
	X <sub>27</sub>	(2.1,3.1,4.1)	(2.8,3.8,4.8)	(3.15,4.15,5)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(2.3,3.3,4.3)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(3.35,4.35,5)
	X <sub>28</sub>	(3.7,4.7,5)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(2.85,3.85,4.85)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(3.15,4.15,5)	(3.65,4.65,5)	(3.15,4.15,5)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)
	X <sub>29</sub>	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)
X <sub>3</sub>	X <sub>31</sub>	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(2.75,3.75,4.75)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)	(1,1.2,2.2)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)
	X <sub>32</sub>	(3.7,4.7,5)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(2.75,3.75,4.75)	(2.75,3.75,4.75)	(1,1.2,2.2)	(3.75,4.75,5)	(3.5,4.5,5)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(3.35,4.35,5)
	X <sub>33</sub>	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(2.3,3.3,4.3)	(3.7,4.7,5)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(3.2,4.2,5)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)	(2.1,3.1,4.1)	(1.65,2.65,3.65)	(3.2,4.2,5)
	X <sub>34</sub>	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(3.2,4.2,5)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)	(2.45,3.45,5)	(1,1.1,2.1)
	X <sub>35</sub>	(2.35,3.35,4.35)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)	(2.3,3.3,4.3)	(2.1,3.1,4.1)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)
	X <sub>36</sub>	(2.85,3.85,4.85)	(2.1,3.1,4.1)	(2.75,3.75,4.75)	(2.3,3.3,4.3)	(2.85,3.85,4.85)	(2,3,4)	(1,1.2,2.2)	(1.95,2.95,3.95)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)
	X <sub>37</sub>	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)	(2.3,3.3,4.3)	(1,1.2,2.2)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(2,3,4)	(3.35,4.35,5)
	X <sub>38</sub>	(2.1,3.1,4.1)	(3.15,4.15,5)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(2.1,3.1,4.1)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)	(3.2,4.2,5)	(2,3,4)
	X <sub>39</sub>	(2.8,3.8,4.8)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(2.15,3.15,4.15)	(2.85,3.85,4.85)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(1.45,2.45,3.45)	(1.25,2.25,3.25)

Table 8. Fuzzy Grades Evaluated by the Evaluator E<sub>3</sub>

Table with 10 columns (Criteria, Sub-criteria, Teacher A1 to A10) and 10 rows (X1 to X10) containing numerical fuzzy grade data.

Table 9. Fuzzy Grades Evaluated by the Evaluator E<sub>4</sub>

Table with 10 columns (Criteria, Sub-criteria, Teacher A1 to A10) and 10 rows (X1 to X10) containing numerical fuzzy grade data.

Table 10. Fuzzy Grades Evaluated by the Evaluator E<sub>5</sub>

Table with 10 columns (Criteria, Sub-criteria, Teacher A1 to A10) and 10 rows (X1 to X10) containing numerical fuzzy grade data.

**Table 11.** The Averaged Fuzzy Grade Table

Criteria	Sub-criteria	Teacher A <sub>1</sub>	Teacher A <sub>2</sub>	Teacher A <sub>3</sub>	Teacher A <sub>4</sub>	Teacher A <sub>5</sub>	Teacher A <sub>6</sub>	Teacher A <sub>7</sub>	Teacher A <sub>8</sub>	Teacher A <sub>9</sub>
X <sub>1</sub>	X <sub>11</sub>	(2.67,3.67,4.67)	(2.76,3.76,4.73)	(2.07,3.07,4.07)	(3.02,4.02,4.95)	(2.97,3.97,4.93)	(2,3,4)	(2.77,3.77,4.77)	(2.3,3.3,4.3)	(2.68,3.68,4.68)
	X <sub>12</sub>	(2.8,3.8,4.73)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(3.07,4.07,4.97)	(3.07,4.07,4.9)	(2.07,3.07,4.07)	(2.77,3.77,4.77)	(2.07,3.07,4.07)	(2.37,3.37,4.25)	(2.47,3.47,4.47)
	X <sub>13</sub>	(2.97,3.97,4.92)	(2.8,3.8,4.73)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(2.82,3.82,4.78)	(2.15,3.15,4.15)	(2.34,3.47,4.35)	(2.15,3.15,4.15)	(1.98,2.98,3.98)
	X <sub>14</sub>	(2.33,3.33,4.33)	(2.11,3.11,4.11)	(2.23,3.23,4.23)	(2.77,3.77,4.65)	(2.82,3.82,4.67)	(1.65,2.65,3.65)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(2.25,3.25,4.25)	(2.05,3.05,4.05)
	X <sub>15</sub>	(2.72,3.72,4.5)	(2.61,3.61,4.61)	(2.22,2.95,3.95)	(2.33,3.33,4.33)	(1.82,2.82,3.82)	(2.18,3.18,4.18)	(2.43,3.43,4.43)	(2.18,3.18,4.18)	(2.3,2.4,2.4)
	X <sub>16</sub>	(2.38,3.38,4.38)	(3.26,4.26,4.98)	(2.78,3.78,4.78)	(2.47,3.47,4.43)	(1.98,2.98,3.98)	(2.32,3.82,4.67)	(2.9,3.9,4.85)	(1.9,2.9,3.9)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)
	X <sub>17</sub>	(2.83,3.83,4.75)	(2.3,3.3,4.3)	(2.63,3.63,4.5)	(2.63,3.63,4.5)	(1.87,2.87,3.87)	(2.23,3.23,4.23)	(1.88,2.88,3.88)	(1.25,1.98,2.98)	(1.94,2.94,3.94)
	X <sub>18</sub>	(1.85,2.85,3.85)	(2.08,3.08,4.08)	(3.03,4.03,4.97)	(2.63,3.63,4.63)	(2.55,3.55,4.52)	(2,3,4)	(2.03,3.03,4.03)	(1.63,2.63,3.63)	(2.57,3.57,4.45)
	X <sub>19</sub>	(2.93,3.93,4.83)	(2.93,3.93,4.93)	(2.71,3.71,4.71)	(2.92,3.92,4.92)	(2.35,3.35,4.35)	(2.18,3.18,4.18)	(2.53,3.53,4.53)	(2.05,3.05,4.05)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)
X <sub>2</sub>	X <sub>21</sub>	(2.61,3.61,4.58)	(2.8,3.8,4.8)	(2.68,3.68,4.63)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(1.9,2.9,3.9)	(2.33,3.33,4.33)	(1.92,2.92,3.92)	(1.58,2.58,3.58)
	X <sub>22</sub>	(2.26,3.26,4.26)	(2.65,3.65,4.65)	(2.46,3.46,4.46)	(1.62,2.62,3.62)	(2.42,3.42,4.33)	(2.13,3.13,4.13)	(1.97,2.97,3.97)	(2.32,3.32,4.32)	(2.37,3.37,4.37)
	X <sub>23</sub>	(2.21,3.21,4.21)	(1.98,2.98,3.98)	(3.15,4.15,4.9)	(2.88,3.88,4.85)	(2.53,3.53,4.53)	(2.02,3.02,4.02)	(1.87,2.87,3.87)	(2.38,3.38,4.18)	(2.97,3.97,4.85)
	X <sub>24</sub>	(2.3,3.3,4.2)	(2.51,3.51,4.46)	(3.06,4.06,4.8)	(2.67,3.67,4.67)	(2.02,3.02,4.02)	(2.55,3.55,4.55)	(1.67,2.67,3.67)	(1.77,2.77,3.77)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)
	X <sub>25</sub>	(2.78,3.78,4.73)	(2.3,3.3,4.2)	(2.51,3.51,4.48)	(2.92,3.92,4.88)	(2.75,3.75,4.75)	(2.65,3.65,4.57)	(1.97,2.97,3.97)	(2.82,3.82,4.82)	(1.97,2.97,3.97)
X <sub>3</sub>	X <sub>31</sub>	(3.03,4.03,4.82)	(2.48,3.48,4.48)	(2.58,3.58,4.58)	(2.83,3.83,4.83)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)	(2.4,3.4,4.4)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(2.57,3.57,4.57)	(2.1,3.1,4.1)
	X <sub>32</sub>	(1.75,2.75,3.75)	(2.28,3.28,4.28)	(2.76,3.76,4.76)	(1.78,2.78,3.78)	(3.75,4.75,5.75)	(2.17,3.17,4.17)	(2.67,3.67,4.67)	(1.83,2.83,3.83)	(1.87,2.87,3.87)
	X <sub>33</sub>	(2.73,3.73,4.73)	(2.78,3.78,4.72)	(2.48,3.48,4.48)	(2.47,3.47,4.47)	(2.58,3.58,4.58)	(2.27,3.27,4.27)	(2.98,3.98,4.75)	(1.85,2.85,3.85)	(2.32,3.32,4.32)
	X <sub>34</sub>	(2.23,3.23,4.23)	(2.41,3.41,4.41)	(2.51,3.51,4.51)	(2.73,3.73,4.77)	(2.32,3.32,4.27)	(2.3,3.3,4.08)	(2.83,3.83,6.6)	(2.12,3.12,4.12)	(2.03,3.03,4.03)
X <sub>4</sub>	X <sub>41</sub>	(2.61,3.61,4.61)	(2.95,3.95,4.9)	(2.36,3.36,4.36)	(2.7,3.7,4.7)	(1.98,2.98,3.98)	(2.97,3.97,4.95)	(1.8,2.8,3.8)	(2.9,3.9,4.9)	(1.98,2.98,3.98)
	X <sub>42</sub>	(3.03,4.03,4.78)	(2.58,3.58,4.58)	(1.95,2.95,3.95)	(2.4,3.4,4.4)	(2.18,3.18,4.18)	(2.77,3.77,4.77)	(1.97,2.97,3.97)	(1.97,2.97,3.97)	(2.28,3.28,4.28)
	X <sub>43</sub>	(3.3,4.3,4.87)	(2.33,3.33,4.33)	(2.75,3.75,4.75)	(2.78,3.78,4.75)	(2.73,3.73,4.6)	(1.3,2.03,3.03)	(2.62,3.62,4.62)	(1.95,2.95,3.95)	(2.58,3.58,4.47)
	X <sub>44</sub>	(1.98,2.98,3.98)	(2.43,3.43,4.42)	(2.8,3.8,4.8)	(2.42,3.42,4.42)	(1.9,2.9,3.9)	(2.43,3.43,4.43)	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(1.52,2.52,3.52)	(2.78,3.78,4.6)
	X <sub>45</sub>	(2.6,3.6,4.6)	(2.01,3.01,4.01)	(1.95,2.95,3.95)	(2.6,3.6,4.57)	(3.07,4.07,4.83)	(2.18,3.18,4.18)	(2.3,3.37,4.37)	(2.95,3.95,4.72)	(1.6,2.33,3.33)
	X <sub>46</sub>	(2.25,3.25,4.25)	(2.38,3.38,4.38)	(2.1,3.1,4.1)	(2.02,3.02,4.02)	(2.65,3.65,4.65)	(1.57,2.57,3.57)	(1.97,2.97,3.97)	(2.63,3.63,4.58)	(2.5,3.5,4.5)
X <sub>5</sub>	X <sub>51</sub>	(2.1,3.1,4.1)	(2.86,3.86,4.36)	(2.73,3.73,4.73)	(2.57,3.57,4.57)	(3.12,4.12,4.95)	(2.45,3.45,4.45)	(1.23,1.67,2.67)	(1.85,2.85,3.85)	(2.1,3.1,4.1)
	X <sub>52</sub>	(2.13,3.13,4.13)	(2.56,3.56,4.56)	(1.7,2.7,3.7)	(2.47,3.47,4.47)	(2.55,3.55,4.55)	(1.72,2.72,3.72)	(1.58,2.58,3.58)	(1.82,2.82,3.82)	(1.32,2.3)
	X <sub>53</sub>	(2.3,3.3,4.2)	(3.21,4.21,4.93)	(1.65,2.65,3.65)	(2.02,3.02,4.02)	(2.17,3.17,4.17)	(1.72,2.72,3.72)	(1.5,2.5,3.5)	(2.68,3.68,4.5)	(1.73,2.73,3.73)
	X <sub>54</sub>	(2.68,3.68,4.68)	(1.81,2.81,3.81)	(2.33,3.33,4.33)	(1.92,2.92,3.92)	(2.85,3.85,4.88)	(1.73,2.73,3.73)	(1.87,2.87,3.87)	(1.65,2.65,3.65)	(1.95,2.95,3.83)

Then, we apply the simplified fuzzy numbers addition operations and division operations to the averaged fuzzy grade table shown in Table 11 to get the fuzzy grade of each criterion of each teacher with respect to each criterion. Finally, we can get the fuzzy grade matrix  $\tilde{G}$  defined as follows:

$$\tilde{G} = \begin{matrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ \vdots \\ A_n \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 & X_2 & \dots & X_k \\ \tilde{g}_{11} & \tilde{g}_{12} & \dots & \tilde{g}_{1k} \\ \tilde{g}_{21} & \tilde{g}_{22} & \dots & \tilde{g}_{2k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \tilde{g}_{n1} & \tilde{g}_{n2} & \dots & \tilde{g}_{nk} \end{bmatrix},$$

where  $\tilde{g}_{ij}$  denotes the fuzzy grade of the  $i$ th teacher  $A_i$  with respect to the  $j$ th criterion  $X_j$ ,  $1 \leq i \leq n$ ,  $1 \leq j \leq k$ ,  $n$  denotes the number of teachers, and  $k$  denotes the number of criteria. Therefore, we can get the fuzzy grade matrix  $\tilde{G}$ , shown as follows:

$$\tilde{G} = \begin{matrix} A_1 \\ A_2 \\ A_3 \\ A_4 \\ A_5 \\ A_6 \\ A_7 \\ A_8 \\ A_9 \end{matrix} \begin{bmatrix} X_1 & X_2 & X_3 & X_4 & X_5 \\ (2.61, 3.61, 4.55) & (2.41, 3.41, 4.40) & (2.44, 3.44, 4.38) & (2.63, 3.63, 4.52) & (2.28, 3.28, 4.28) \\ (2.58, 3.58, 4.54) & (2.54, 3.54, 4.53) & (2.49, 3.49, 4.47) & (2.45, 3.45, 4.45) & (2.49, 3.49, 4.42) \\ (2.57, 3.54, 4.52) & (2.77, 3.77, 4.65) & (2.58, 3.58, 4.58) & (2.32, 3.32, 4.32) & (2.10, 3.10, 4.10) \\ (2.70, 3.70, 4.65) & (2.56, 3.56, 4.54) & (2.46, 3.46, 4.46) & (2.49, 3.49, 4.48) & (2.25, 3.25, 4.25) \\ (2.36, 3.36, 4.33) & (2.44, 3.44, 4.43) & (2.79, 3.79, 4.78) & (2.42, 3.42, 4.36) & (2.67, 3.67, 4.64) \\ (2.33, 3.33, 4.20) & (2.25, 3.25, 4.23) & (2.29, 3.29, 4.23) & (2.20, 3.20, 4.15) & (1.91, 2.91, 3.91) \\ (2.40, 3.40, 4.38) & (1.96, 2.96, 3.96) & (2.57, 3.57, 4.46) & (2.22, 3.22, 4.22) & (1.55, 2.41, 3.41) \\ (2.01, 2.98, 3.97) & (2.24, 3.24, 4.24) & (2.09, 3.09, 4.09) & (2.31, 3.31, 4.27) & (2, 3, 3.96) \\ (2.37, 3.37, 4.35) & (2.28, 3.28, 4.25) & (2.08, 3.08, 4.08) & (2.29, 3.24, 4.19) & (1.78, 2.70, 3.67) \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Step 3:** Calculate the total fuzzy grade vector  $\tilde{R}$ , where

$$\tilde{R} = \tilde{G} \otimes \tilde{W} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{g}_{11} & \tilde{g}_{12} & \dots & \tilde{g}_{1k} \\ \tilde{g}_{21} & \tilde{g}_{22} & \dots & \tilde{g}_{2k} \\ \vdots & \vdots & \ddots & \vdots \\ \tilde{g}_{n1} & \tilde{g}_{n2} & \dots & \tilde{g}_{nk} \end{bmatrix} \otimes \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{w}_1 \\ \tilde{w}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{w}_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{g}_{11} \otimes \tilde{w}_1 \oplus \tilde{g}_{12} \otimes \tilde{w}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \tilde{g}_{1k} \otimes \tilde{w}_k \\ \tilde{g}_{21} \otimes \tilde{w}_1 \oplus \tilde{g}_{22} \otimes \tilde{w}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \tilde{g}_{2k} \otimes \tilde{w}_k \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{g}_{n1} \otimes \tilde{w}_1 \oplus \tilde{g}_{n2} \otimes \tilde{w}_2 \oplus \dots \oplus \tilde{g}_{nk} \otimes \tilde{w}_k \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{R}_1 \\ \tilde{R}_2 \\ \vdots \\ \tilde{R}_n \end{bmatrix}, \quad (10)$$



where  $\tilde{R}_i$  denotes the total fuzzy grade of the  $i$ th teacher  $A_i$  and  $1 \leq i \leq n$ . Therefore, we can get the total fuzzy grade vector  $\tilde{R}$ , shown as follows:

$$\tilde{R} = \begin{bmatrix} \tilde{R}_1 \\ \tilde{R}_2 \\ \tilde{R}_3 \\ \tilde{R}_4 \\ \tilde{R}_5 \\ \tilde{R}_6 \\ \tilde{R}_7 \\ \tilde{R}_8 \\ \tilde{R}_9 \end{bmatrix} = \begin{bmatrix} (37.18, 69.57, 109.39) \\ (37.72, 70.29, 110.76) \\ (37.16, 69.4, 109.58) \\ (37.49, 69.57, 110.62) \\ (38.02, 70.72, 111.35) \\ (33.02, 64.02, 102.41) \\ (32.13, 62.30, 100.98) \\ (32.02, 62.57, 101.47) \\ (32.58, 62.84, 101.55) \end{bmatrix}.$$

**Step 4:** Use Eqs. (4)-(7) to rank the total fuzzy grades of the teachers. The larger the value of  $\text{Rank}(\tilde{R}_i)$ , the better the ranking of  $\tilde{R}_i$  and the better the choice of teacher  $A_i$ , where  $1 \leq i \leq n$  and  $n$  denotes the number of teachers. For example, after applying Eqs. (4)–(7) to rank the total fuzzy grades  $\tilde{R}_1, \tilde{R}_2, \tilde{R}_3, \tilde{R}_4, \tilde{R}_5, \tilde{R}_6, \tilde{R}_7, \tilde{R}_8$  and  $\tilde{R}_9$  obtained in Step 3, we can get the ranking results as shown in Table 12. From Table 12, we can see that  $\text{Rank}(\tilde{R}_5) > \text{Rank}(\tilde{R}_2) > \text{Rank}(\tilde{R}_4) > \text{Rank}(\tilde{R}_1) > \text{Rank}(\tilde{R}_3) > \text{Rank}(\tilde{R}_6) > \text{Rank}(\tilde{R}_9) > \text{Rank}(\tilde{R}_8) > \text{Rank}(\tilde{R}_7)$ . Because  $\tilde{R}_5$  has the largest ranking value, teacher  $A_5$  is the best choice.

**Table 12.** Ranking Values of the Total Fuzzy Grades

Total Fuzzy Grades $\tilde{R}_i$	X*	Y*	$\hat{S}$	$\text{Rank}(\tilde{R}_i)$
$\tilde{R}_1$	72.0467	0.3333	29.5575	72.04670624
$\tilde{R}_2$	72.9233	0.3333	29.9055	72.9233
$\tilde{R}_3$	72.0467	0.3333	29.6541	72.046706
$\tilde{R}_4$	72.6933	0.3333	29.9482	72.6933
$\tilde{R}_5$	73.3633	0.3333	30.0242	73.3633
$\tilde{R}_6$	66.4833	0.3333	28.4086	66.4833
$\tilde{R}_7$	65.1367	0.3333	28.2150	65.1367
$\tilde{R}_8$	65.3533	0.3333	28.4551	65.3533
$\tilde{R}_9$	65.6567	0.3333	28.2623	65.6567

## 5 Conclusions

In this paper, we have presented a new method for appraising the performance of high school teachers based on simplified fuzzy number arithmetic operations. The proposed method uses fuzzy numbers to represent fuzzy grades, where fuzzy weights of criteria are automatically generated from the opinions of evaluators. The proposed method can appraise the performance of high school teachers in a more flexible and more intelligent manner.

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