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Summary

This study addresses sustainable tourism in Juneau, Alaska, USA, constructs a relevant model, and extends it to other over-toured areas.

Juneau attracts many tourists, bringing income, but over-tourism causes problems. The Mendenhall Glacier is receding, reducing tourists, income, and experience. It also pressures local infrastructure, and local residents are dissatisfied due to housing and living issues.

For Objectives 1 and 2, a multi-objective optimization model for sustainable tourism is built. With economic, environmental, and social goals at its core and tourist numbers and percentages as decision variables, it aims to maximize economic income, minimize per-unit carbon emissions, and ease infrastructure pressure. Constraints like tourist limits are set, and a genetic algorithm screens impact weights. Results show rational tourist number control can cut carbon footprint and infrastructure pressure while growing tourism revenue.

An additional revenue-expenditure plan allocates revenue to environmental protection, infrastructure, etc. A sensitivity analysis of the model is done.

For Objectives 3 and 4, the model is extended to Harbin. Due to differences in environment and extreme weather - amplified infrastructure pressure, the model is adjusted for Harbin's special constraints. Visitor promotion is modeled, with a recommendation index for less-visited areas.

For Objective 5, a memo for Juneau's tourist council proposes balancing tourism by limiting visitors, adjusting funding, and developing new attractions. Extra revenues should support the environment, infrastructure, and community.

This study offers scientific policy support for Juneau and a case for other over-toured areas, and its adaptable and multi-objective model is a key reference for sustainable tourism development.

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1 Introduction

1.1 Problem Background

In Juneau, Alaska, tourism is a large part of the city's economy. While it generates a great deal of revenue for the city, over-tourism also creates several problems.

First, the percentage of residents who believe that tourism development has had a large impact on their lives has continued to rise over the past period (2002, 2006, 2021, 2022, 2023) as Figure 1 shows.[1]

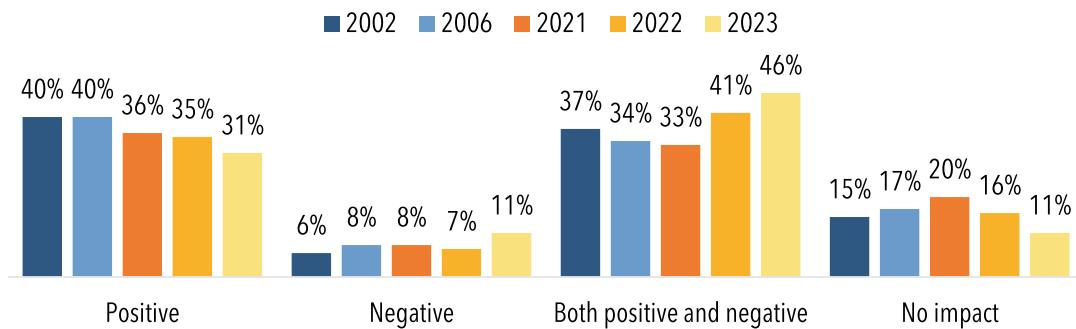


Figure 1: Comparison Overall Impact of Tourism on Households

The Mendenhall Glacier is one of Juneau's most important attractions and attracts many tourists yearly. However, Mendenhall Glacier has been melting since the last century and has become even faster in recent years under the influence of Juneau's over-tourism development. Since 2007, the glacier has retreated the equivalent of eight soccer fields. The Figure 2 below show how the Mendenhall Glacier will change from 1984 to 2023.[2][3]

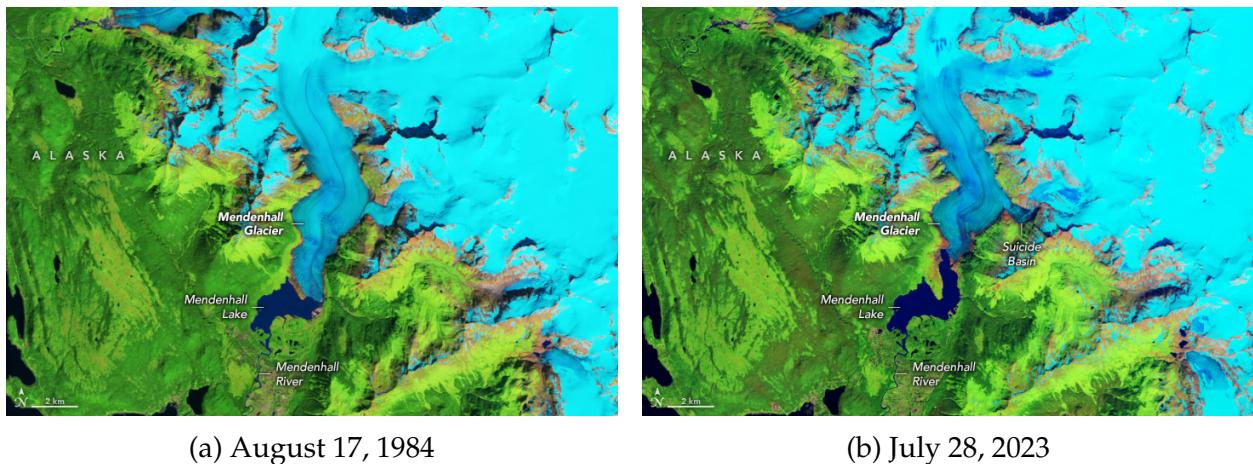


Figure 2: Comparison: area of Mendenhall Glacier in 1984 and 2023

In addition to the melting of the glaciers, other specific impacts include increased congestion in the city center due to the arrival of tourists, and whale-watching boats and their wake have also significantly impeded normal traffic. The percentage of residents who

feel that their lives have been affected to a greater or greater extent has increased over the past five years.

Therefore, how to mitigate the above problems while maintaining stable tourism revenues and at the same time lowering the carbon footprint and reducing pollution to the environment is a pressing issue for Juneau today.

1.2 Restatement of the Problem

Juneau, Alaska is a famous tourist city with mythical landscape. Through in-depth analysis and research of the background of the problem, combined with specific constraints, the objectives can be restated as follows:

- **Objective 1:** Develop a sustainable tourism model for Juneau that takes into account factors such as the number of visitors, total revenue, and measures put in place to stabilize the tourism industry.
- **Objective 2:** Develop an additional revenue plan to promote sustainable tourism.
- **Objective 3:** Apply the model we have developed to other over-tourism areas by adjusting for some special factors.
- **Objective 4:** Use our model to promote locations with fewer visitors to achieve a better balance.
- **Objective 5:** Compose a memorandum to the tourist council of Juneau. This memorandum was to include our projections, the impacts of the various measures, and our recommendations on how to optimise the results.

1.3 Related Reports and Status

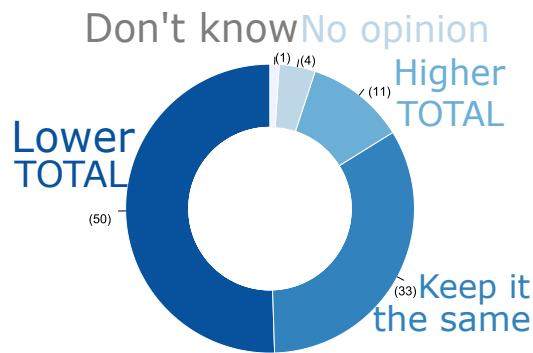


Figure 3: What is your preference for future cruise passenger volume in Juneau?

The CBJ (City and Borough of Juneau) has now done something to address these issues. In terms of the overall management of tourism, more than half of the respondents felt that they were not doing enough, which is considerably higher than in previous years. Their specific measures have focused on limiting the number of cruise ships, for example to five large ships per day, but still half of the respondents would like to see even fewer ships as Figure 3 shows.

On top of that, CBJ has to deal with multiple invisible burden, as shown in Figure 4.[4]

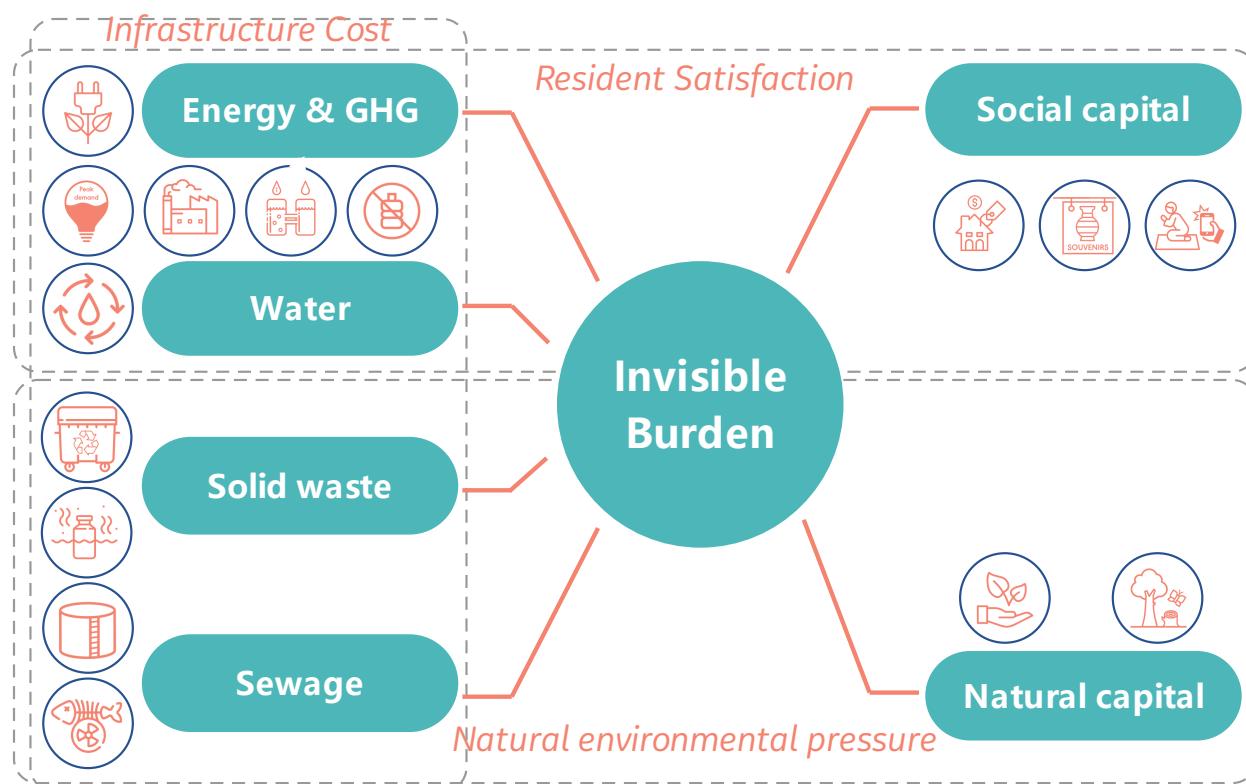


Figure 4: Invisible Burden

Taken together with the context of the problem, the hidden costs to the local area of increased tourist numbers can be broadly categorized into three areas:

- Pressure on natural environment
- Pressure on infrastructure
- Residents' satisfaction

It can be seen that the measures currently taken by the CBJ have not been well received and that they are inherently more limited and less accepted among the respondents. Therefore, they need a more balanced and integrated approach to the development of sustainable tourism.

1.4 Overview of Our Work

Based on the comprehensive review of the existing reports and surveys, our work mainly includes the following:

● Model I :Sustainable Tourism Model for Objective 1 and Objective 2

- Four influence factor models to consider the different influences generated by tourists
- Sustainable tourism model that combines different factors
- Enhanced sustainable tourism model considering addition revenue and expenditure
- A set of plan for expenditures from additional revenue

● Model II :Attraction Promotion Model for Objective 3 and Objective 4

- Adaption of the model to another tourist destination impacted by overtourism
- Recommand model for promoting locations with fewer visitors to achieve a better balance.

● A one-page Memo to tourist council of Juneau for Objective 5

In summary, the whole modeling process can be shown in the following Figure 5.

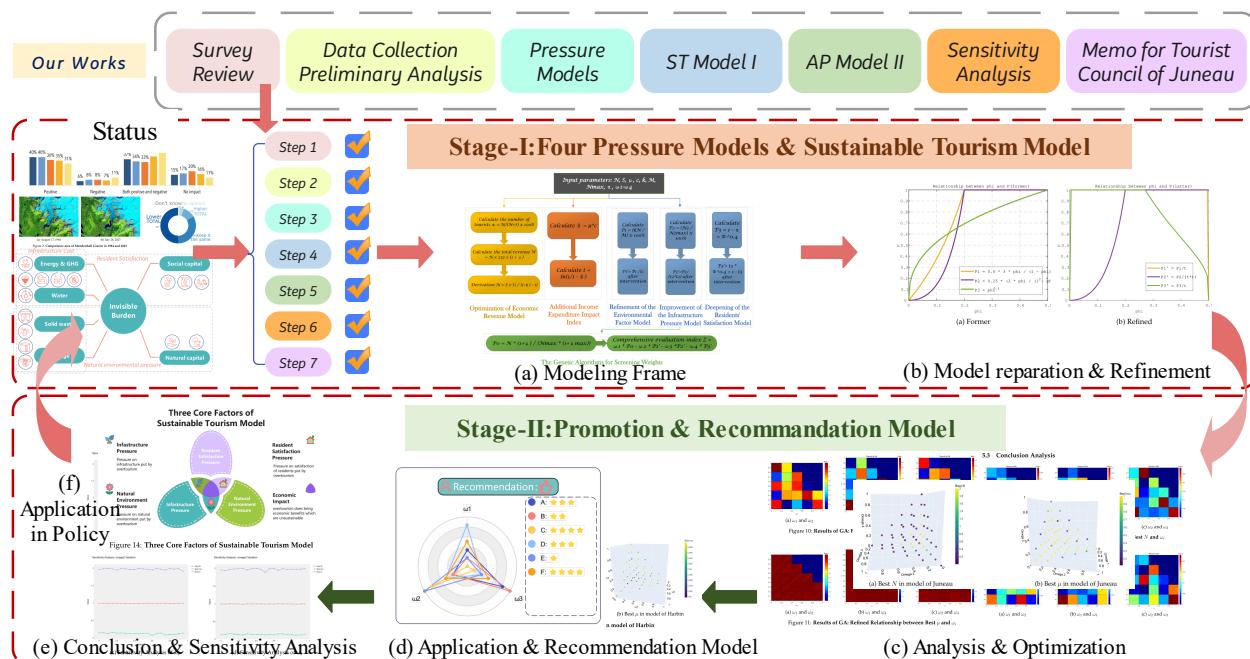


Figure 5: Our Work

2 Assumptions and Justifications

Considering the practical situation contains various complex factors, this paper makes reasonable assumptions to simplify the problems. And each hypothesis is closely followed by its corresponding justifications:

- **Assumption 1: Tourists traveling to the same attraction have roughly the same level of consumption, which can be measured by the level of consumption per capita.**
⇒ **Justification:** The same attraction is more distinctive and attracts visitors with similar interest preferences, even if the visitors come from different regions and classes.
- **Assumption 2: The number of residents in tourist destinations remains constant and is not affected by changes in the number of tourists.**
⇒ **Justification:** The natural growth and migration of residents of tourist destinations are more stable than those of mobile groups of tourists. The number of inhabitants of tourist destinations does not change drastically in a short period of time.
- **Assumption 3: The taxes collected are considered to be borne entirely by the tourists.**
⇒ **Justification:** In addressing the problem of overtourism, the ultimate bearer of the tax increase is the tourist community.
- **Assumption 4: The carbon footprint capacity of tourist destination attractions remains constant throughout the year.**
⇒ **Justification:** In a healthy and stable ecosystem, the ecological niches of individual species are relatively stable, and environmental regulation does not change significantly. Ecosystem stability is an important prerequisite for sustainable tourism.
- **Assumption 5: Measures to limit the number of tourists and measures to increase taxes are independent of each other, and changes in tax rates do not change tourists' willingness to travel.**
⇒ **Justification:** Over-tourism destinations are already attractive enough to attract excess tourists, and even an increase in the tax rate would have minimal effect on tourists' willingness to travel.
- **Assumption 6: No global public health event or disasters.**
⇒ **Justification:** Considering the impact of COVID-19 on the global tourism industry in 2020, such similar large-scale events are difficult to predict. We assumed that there would be no future events that would be destructive to the tourism industry.

3 Notations and Description

The key mathematical notations used in this paper are listed in the following Table 1. Some variables are not listed here and will be introduced once we use them.

Table 1: Notations used in our paper

Symbol	Description
P_1	Pressure indicator of natural environment that tourists put (0, 1)
P_2	Pressure indicator of infrastructure that tourists put (0, 1)
P_3	Pressure indicator of resident satisfaction that tourists put (0, 1)
μ	Tax rate (0, 1)
N	Number of tourists (described by 10,000 persons)
S	Number of residents (described by 10,000 persons)
α	Residents' satisfaction (0, 1)
φ	Tourist proportion (0, 1)
M	Maximum total carbon footprint of tourists that the environment can carry
W	Total revenue (described by dollars)
X	Basic consumption of tourists (described by dollars)
k	Carbon footprint per tourist
t	Additional income expenditure impact index
ω_i	Weight of the i -th influence factor ($i=0,1,2,3$)

4 Model Preparation

4.1 Data Collection

Since this problem does not directly provide relevant data, finding available data became one of the most critical challenges. Through the pre-requirement analysis of the mathematical model, we needed to gather related information about the tourism of Juneau, such as the geographical characteristics, surveys of Juneau passengers, and the residents' feelings about tourism, etc.

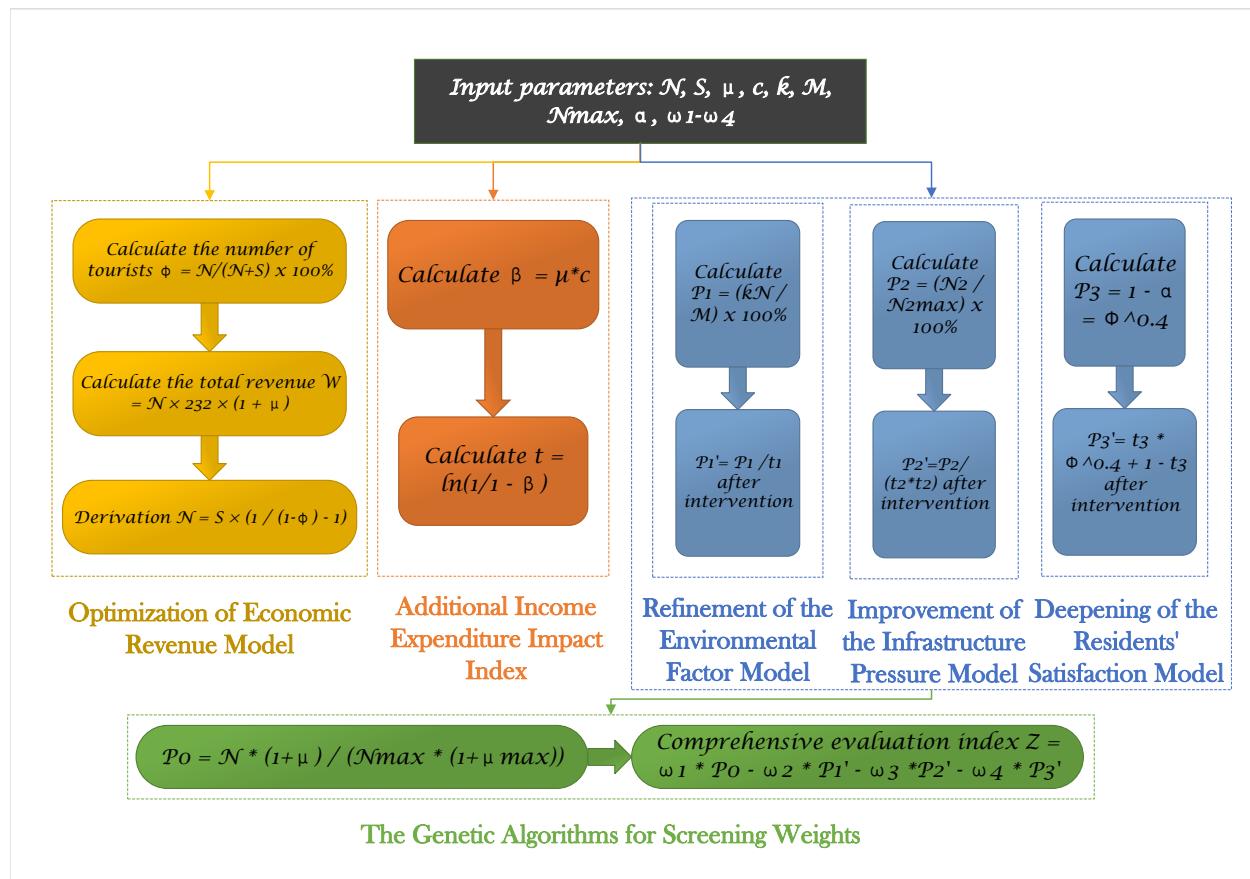
The official website of City and Borough of Juneau was queried, and various data in the aspect of tourism and ecology were obtained. Furthermore, the main data resources including data websites and related references are shown in the following Table 2.

Table 2: Data source collation

Data Description	Data Resources	Types
Area Features	https://earthobservatory.nasa.gov/	Geography
Related information	https://juneau.org/	Policy
Icefield of Juneau	https://explore.openaire.eu/	Ecology
Juneau Travel Data	https://www.maasaimara.com/	Economy
Surveys	https://www.alaskatia.org/resources/research/	Economy
Map and Image	https://www.mapbox.com/	Image
Other Datasets	https://datasetssearch.research.google.com/	Mixed

4.2 Preliminary Analysis

Before considering the details of the model, we preclarified the general idea of the model, presented in Figure 6.

**Figure 6: Modeling Mind Map**

5 Model I :Sustainable Tourism Model

5.1 Model Construction and Analysis

Considering the Objective presented above, this paper translates the effects caused by tourists into the sustainable tourism model.

5.1.1 Optimization of Economic Revenue Model

Assuming the total revenue as W , the tax rate as μ , the number of tourists as N , and the number of residents as S , with each tourist's basic consumption set at a constant of $X = 232$ dollars(data from 2023). In this scenario, the formula for calculating total revenue W is:

$$W = N \times X \times (1 + \mu) \quad (1)$$

Furthermore, we define the tourist proportion φ as the ratio of the number of tourists to the total population (i.e., the sum of tourists and residents), mathematically expressed as:

$$\varphi = \frac{N}{N + S} \times 100\% \quad (2)$$

From this, we can derive the relationship between the number of tourists N , the number of residents S , and the tourist proportion φ :

$$N = S \times \left[\frac{1}{(1 - \varphi)} - 1 \right] \quad (3)$$

Taking the 2023 data as an example, if the number of tourists N is 2 and the number of residents S is 3 (data from 2023,described by 10,000 persons), then the tourist proportion φ is 40%.

5.1.2 Refinement of the Environmental Factor Model

To assess the limitation of environmental factors on tourist capacity, we set the per capita carbon footprint of tourists as k and the maximum tourist carbon footprint that the environment can carry as M . Then, the capacity constraint P_1 of environmental factors on tourists can be expressed as:

$$P_1 = \frac{kN}{M} \times 100\% \quad (4)$$

Assuming that in 2023, when the maximum daily number of tourists $N_{max} = 2$,(data from 2023,described by 10,000 persons) $P_1 = 1$, substituting and solving yields:

$$P_1 = 0.5N \quad (5)$$

Taking into account the Additional Income Expenditure Impact Index t . Increased funding for nature conservation should theoretically increase the environment's carrying capacity, i.e., the maximum amount of the total carbon footprint generated by tourists that the environment can carry, thus affecting P_1 .

Defining t as:

$$t = \ln \left(\frac{1}{1 - \mu} \right) \quad (6)$$

We can further refine the environmental factor model as:

$$P'_1 = P_1 \times \frac{1}{t} = \frac{kN}{Mt} \quad (7)$$

This model takes into account the additional income expenditure impact index t and the effect of increased funding on the environment's carrying capacity. The model is a refinement of the original model, which only considers the effect of the environmental factors on tourist capacity.

In subsequent revisions, we will continually use t to characterize the impact of additional revenue expenditures.

5.1.3 Improvement of the Infrastructure Pressure Model

Infrastructure pressure P_2 has a quadratic relationship with the number of tourists and there exists a maximum reasonable capacity N_{max} . Therefore, we set the following relationship:

$$P_2 = \frac{N^2}{N_{max}^2} \times 100\% \quad (8)$$

Similarly, assuming that in 2023, when the maximum daily number of tourists $N_{max}=20,000$, $P_2=1$, substituting and solving yields:

$$P_2 = 0.25N^2 \quad (9)$$

Increased funding for infrastructure improvements will increase N_{max} , thus affecting P_2 for the same number of tourists. Taking t into account, we can further refine the infrastructure pressure model as:

$$P'_2 = P_2 \times \frac{1}{t^2} = \frac{N^2}{N_{max}^2 t^2} \quad (10)$$

This model reveals how infrastructure pressure rises sharply with the increase in tourist numbers, providing important decision-making basis for managers.

5.1.4 Deepening of the Residents' Satisfaction Model

Residents' satisfaction α is a key indicator for measuring residents' attitudes towards the impact of tourism. We set the proportion of residents with a positive attitude towards the impact of tourism at 31%, serving as the initial value of satisfaction. The dissatisfaction level P_3 of residents towards the increase in tourists can be measured by $1 - \alpha$. Through power function fitting, we obtain the following relationship:

$$P_3 = 1 - \alpha = \varphi^\lambda = \left(\frac{N}{N + S} \right)^\lambda \quad (11)$$

Substituting $\varphi = 40\%$ and $\alpha = 31\%$ (data from 2023) into the equation, we solve for $\lambda = 0.4$. Therefore, the residents' satisfaction model can be expressed as:

$$P_3 = 1 - \alpha = \left(\frac{N}{N + S} \right)^{0.4} \quad (12)$$

Increased funding to enhance resident satisfaction may increase α by improving residents' living conditions, providing compensation, etc., thus affecting P_3 . And $P_3 = 1 - \alpha$, so after intervention:

$$P'_3 = 1 - \alpha \times t = t \times \varphi^{0.4} + 1 - t \quad (13)$$

For ease of calculation, it is approximated that:

$$P'_3 = \frac{P_3}{t} = \frac{1}{t} \left(\frac{N}{N + S} \right)^\lambda \quad (14)$$

This model takes into account the effect of increased funding on residents' satisfaction. The model is a refinement of the original model, which only considers the effect of the residents' satisfaction on tourist capacity.

Above all, we limit the range of P_1 , P_2 , and P_3 to $[0, 1]$, and refine the model by taking into account the additional income expenditure impact index t . The comparisons are shown in Figure 7 below.

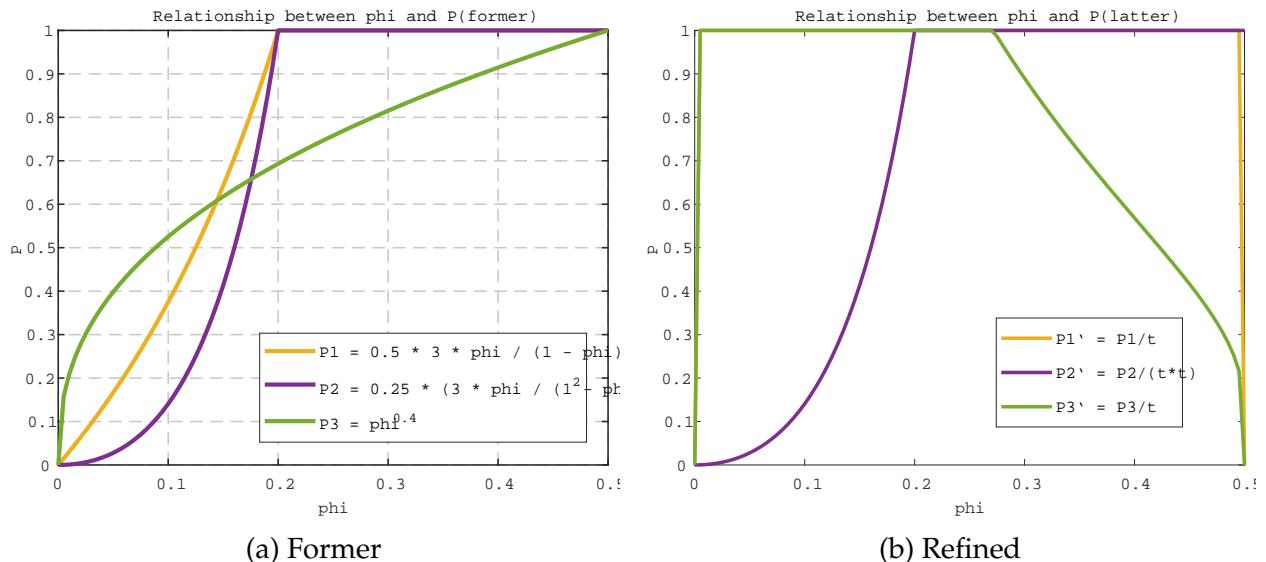


Figure 7: Relationship between phi and P

5.2 Comprehensive Evaluation

Let the comprehensive evaluation index be Z , and the weight coefficients be $\omega_0, \omega_1, \omega_2$,

and ω_3 , respectively. Then:

$$Z = \omega_0 P_0 - \omega_1 P'_1 - \omega_2 P'_2 - \omega_3 P'_3 \quad (15)$$

$$P_0 = \frac{N(1 + \mu)}{N_{max}(1 + \mu_{max})} \quad (16)$$

In this formula, N_{max} represents the maximum number of tourists, and μ_{max} represents the maximum tax rate. Due to the complex constraints involving multiple variables in this model, it falls into the category of nonlinear programming problems, prompting the selection of the genetic algorithm for solution. The genetic algorithm is an optimization algorithm that mimics natural selection and genetic mechanisms. It searches for optimal solutions in the solution space by simulating selection, crossover, and mutation operations in the biological evolution process. This algorithm is suitable for dealing with complex multivariate nonlinear optimization problems and can quickly find approximate optimal solutions in a large solution space.

For Juneau, the parameters of the function (7) (10) (14) (16) are set as follows:

$$\begin{cases} Z = \omega_0 P_0 - \omega_1 P'_1 - \omega_2 P'_2 - \omega_3 P'_3 \\ P'_1 = \frac{0.5N}{t} \\ P'_2 = \frac{0.25N^2}{t^2} \\ P'_3 = \frac{1}{t} \left(\frac{N}{N+3} \right)^{0.4} \\ P_0 = \frac{N(1+\mu)}{2(1+\mu_{max})} \\ t = \ln \left(\frac{1}{1-\mu} \right) \\ \omega_i \in [0, 1], i = 0, 1, 2, 3 \\ \sum_{i=0}^3 \omega_i = 1 \end{cases} \quad (17)$$

- **Encoding:** The decision variables N (number of tourists) and μ (adjustment ratio of tourism-related taxes and fees) are encoded to enable them to be processed by the genetic algorithm, forming chromosomes in the context of the genetic algorithm.
- **Initial Population Generation:** A certain number of individuals are randomly generated to form the initial population. The encoding of each individual is randomly generated within the value range to ensure population diversity and avoid the algorithm getting stuck in local optimal solutions.
- **Fitness Function:** The objective function Z is taken as the fitness function. For each individual in the population, the values of N and μ are obtained by decoding their encoding, and these values are substituted into the objective function to calculate the fitness value. A higher fitness value indicates that the individual performs better in achieving sustainable tourism development goals and has a greater probability of being selected in the selection process of the genetic algorithm.[5][6]

In the actual problem, different weights $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$ reflect the weight of the three factors regarded by the local government, that is degree of emphasis. The difference in the relationship between the optimal tax rate and the number of tourists under different degrees of emphasis provides a theoretical basis for alleviating the over-tourism pressure on tourist places while harmonizing the economic benefits.

5.3 Conclusion Analysis

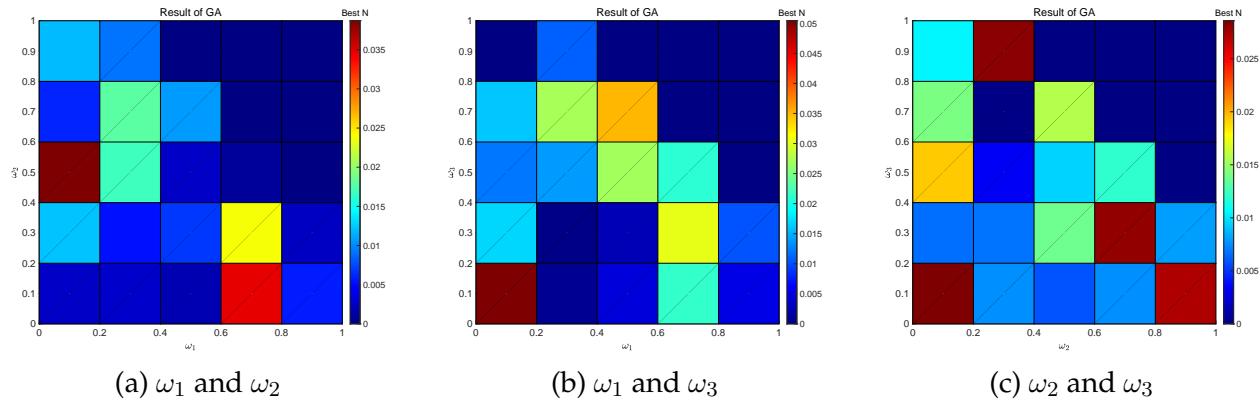


Figure 8: Results of GA: Former Relationship between Best N and ω_i

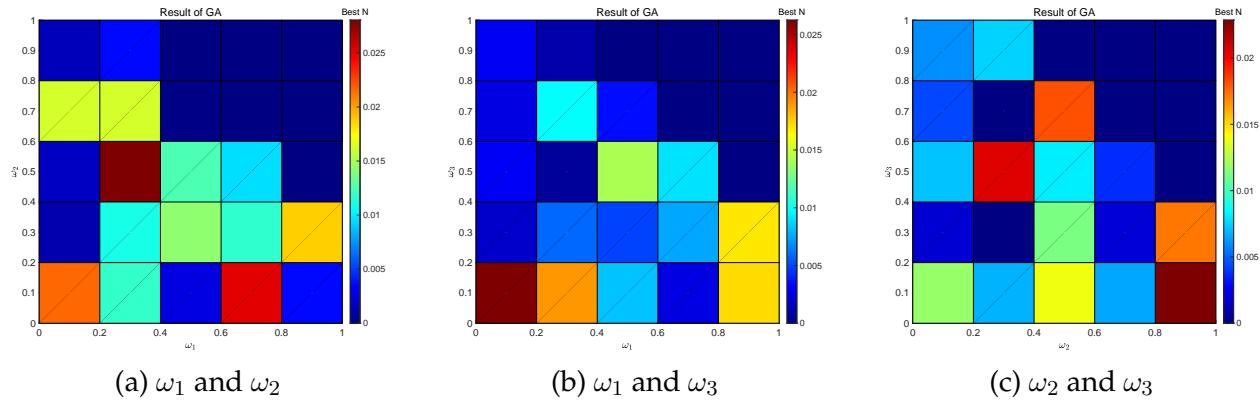


Figure 9: Results of GA: Refined Relationship between Best N and ω_i

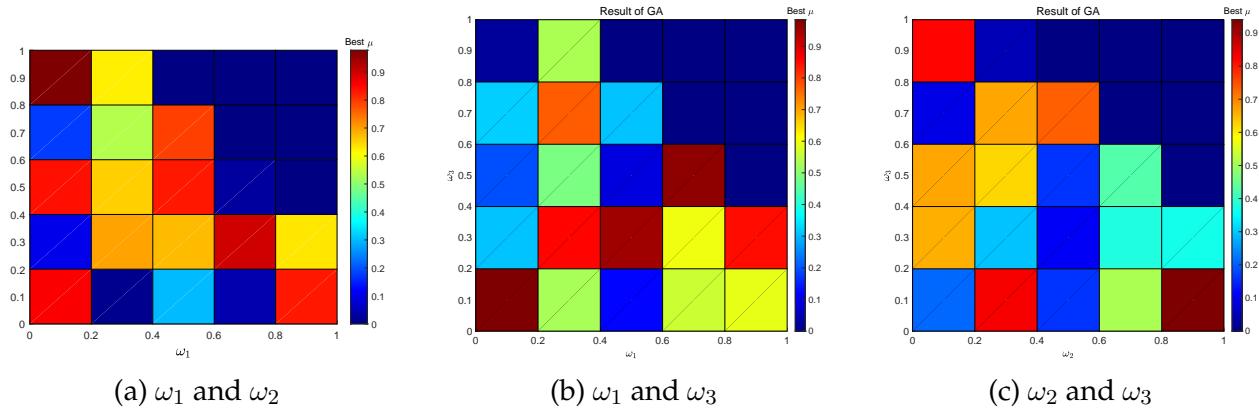


Figure 10: Results of GA: Former Relationship between Best μ and ω_i

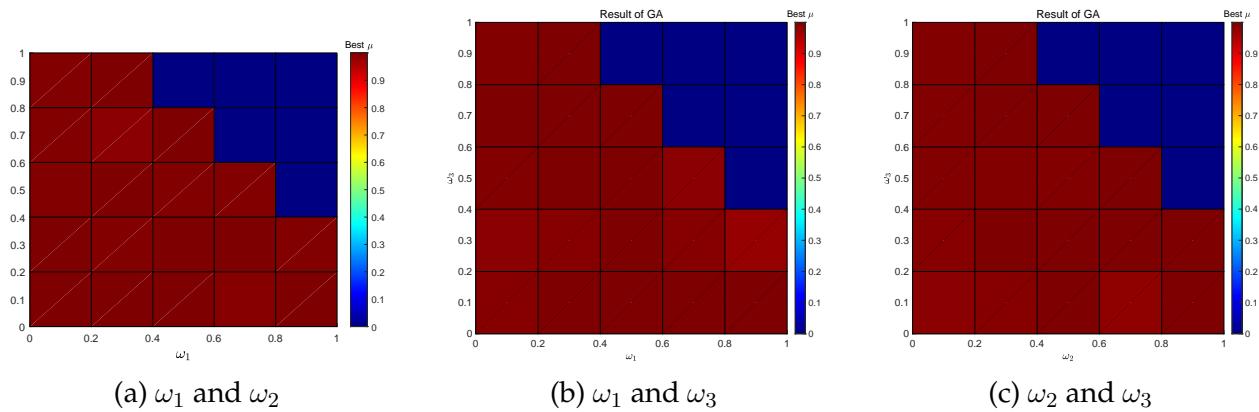


Figure 11: Results of GA: Refined Relationship between Best μ and ω_i

These two set of figures (Figure 9 and Figure 11) show the optimal M and μ values for different weights of the other two factors, controlling for the weight of one of the factors. When a tourist destination makes decisions, it can find the optimal number of tourists and tax rate in the corresponding checkerboard-like graph by taking different weights depending on the importance given. In Figure 8 and Figure 10, the previous image is only used as a comparison to prove the necessity of optimization.

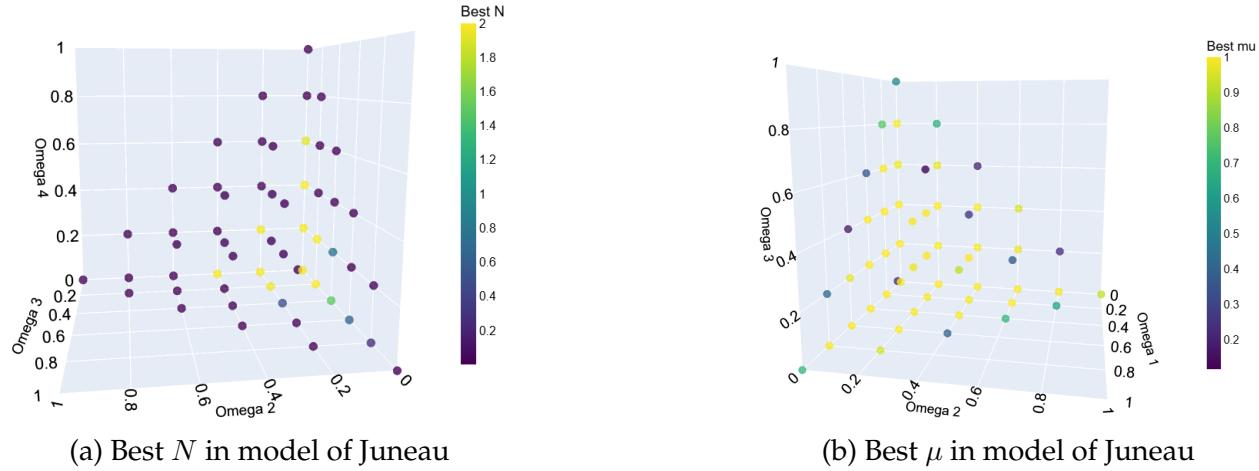


Figure 12: **GA Result: Best N and μ in model of Juneau**

As policymakers place more emphasis on environmental protection, infrastructure development, and resident satisfaction, the amount of money spent on these items in the optimal decision will increase, and the maximum number of tourists per day in the constraints will decrease, which is consistent with our common sense and corroborates the validity of our model.

Based on the results of Figure 12, the following advice is given:

- Adivce 1: Juneau should appropriately limit the number of daily tourists so that Juneau's tourism industry has better sustainability.**

After limiting the number of tourists per day, N decreases, resulting in high Z values. In the case of higher ω_1 , ω_2 , and ω_3 , i.e., policy decisions that emphasize environmental pressures, infrastructural pressures, and resident satisfaction pressures, N is limited to the optimal amount, which increases the Z -value achieving the goal of sustainable tourism.

- Adivce 2: Juneau should appropriately increase the taxes collected so that Juneau's tourism industry is more sustainable.**

Increasing the tax rate μ will decrease Z values, which indicates that the tourism industry is more sustainable. However, the optimal tax rate should be determined based on the economic situation of Juneau. Therefore, the optimal tax rate should be determined based on the economic situation.

In conclusion, we confirm the validity of measures such as limiting the number of tourists and collecting taxes, which are now underway in the city of Juneau, and that the intensity of these measures should be adjusted in real time over the next few years to ensure the sustainability of Juneau's tourism industry, based on yearly tourism data and the emphasis placed on different factors by the local government.

6 Model II :Attraction Promotion Model

6.1 Model Applications in Other Destinations

For the completed sustainable tourism model, different destinations essentially only change the maximum number of tourists for each pressure in the model, and by adjusting the parameters in the existing formula, a comprehensive assessment of other destinations under different weights can be obtained. The following is an example of a tourist destination, Harbin, also from three areas, to demonstrate the portability of the model.

- **Pressure on natural environment:** Harbin is famous for its ice and snow, which attracts a large number of tourists. Compared to the glacier in Juneau, Harbin's environment is less affected by the pressure of tourists' carbon footprints and can accommodate more tourists' carbon footprints, and M should be larger(set $N_{max} = 122$, data from 2024,described by 10,000 persons).
- **Pressure on infrastructure:** Considering the impact of extreme weather amplifies to some extent the effect of pressure generated by tourists on the maintenance of infrastructure, resulting in a relative reduction in tourist capacity (using the number of residents 8,000,000 of 2024 as a reference).
- **Residents' satisfaction:** In terms of local residents' satisfaction, based on the same assumptions, the relationship between P_3 and α is considered to be the same as in the current model.

Based on the above considerations, the sustainable tourism model as follows of Harbin is obtained after making adjustments to the parameters of the existing model:

$$\left\{ \begin{array}{l} Z = \omega_0 P_0 - \omega_1 P'_1 - \omega_2 P'_2 - \omega_3 P'_3 \\ P'_1 = \frac{0.3N}{t} \\ P'_2 = \frac{0.4N^2}{t^2} \\ P'_3 = \frac{1}{t} \left(\frac{N}{N+800} \right)^{0.4} \\ P_0 = \frac{N(1+\mu)}{122(1+\mu_{max})} \\ t = \ln \left(\frac{1}{1-\mu} \right) \\ \omega_i \in [0, 1], i = 0, 1, 2, 3 \\ \sum_{i=0}^3 \omega_i = 1 \end{array} \right. \quad (18)$$

The results are obtained by genetic algorithm processing:

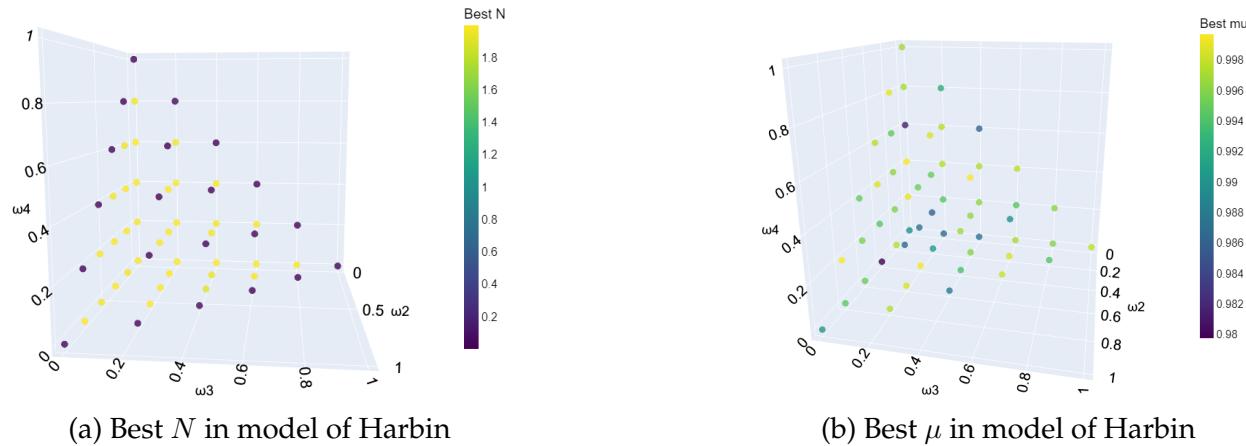


Figure 13: **GA Result: Best N and μ in model of Harbin**

It can be seen that under different weights, different results are obtained based on the number of tourists and tourism tax in Harbin as well. From this different emphasis on the policy can give the corresponding number of tourists and tax rate program.

From this, we realize the application of the sustainable tourism model in other regions by taking Harbin as an example. Also, We drew an introductory diagram describing the main three areas when applying the model to other destinations as Figure 14 shows.

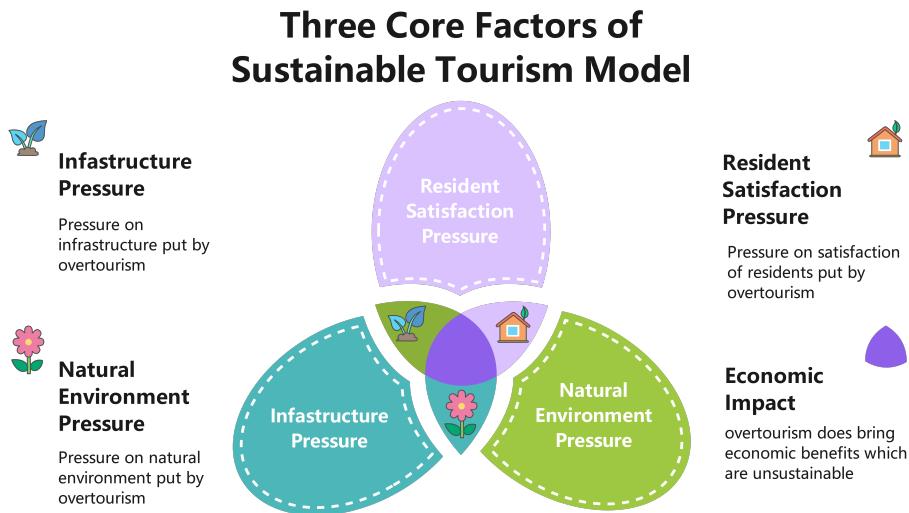


Figure 14: **Three Core Factors of Sustainable Tourism Model**

6.2 Visitor Recommendation Model

Based on the sustainable tourism model developed above, we developed a tourist attraction scoring model for tourists, i.e., a tourist promotion model. The aim is to give tourists a recommendation of different attractions in terms of their current impact on the number

of tourists and to guide tourists to tend to shift their destinations to attractions with a lower number of tourists.

For intuitive reasons, we plan to create a recommendation index from 1 to 5 stars, which should combine the impacts of the number of tourists on the environmental capacity, infrastructure, and residents' satisfaction, as well as the different levels of importance that the local government attaches to these impacts. As can be seen from the existing model section, we can combine the weights and pressure indices for the given weights

and pressure indices into a composite indicator by using the following formula: $\frac{\sum_{i=1}^3 \omega_i P_i}{\sum_{i=1}^3 \omega_i}$

Then, the definition domain is transformed into a five-star rating, in which more stars indicate a higher recommendation, and combined with the previous model to obtain a visitor promotion model:

$$R = 5 \cdot \left(1 - \frac{\sum_{i=1}^3 \omega_i P_i}{\sum_{i=1}^3 \omega_i}\right) \quad \text{in which} \quad \begin{cases} P'_1 = \frac{kN}{Mt} \\ P'_2 = \frac{N^2}{N_{max}^2 t^2} \\ P'_3 = \frac{1}{t} \left(\frac{N}{N+S}\right)^\lambda \\ t = \ln\left(\frac{1}{1-\mu}\right) \end{cases} \quad (19)$$

R is defined as the recommendation index. Based on mathematical definitions above, we have designed a Python program for our visitor recommendation models as follows:

Algorithm 1 Visitor Recommendation Model for Given Destination

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1: Input:  $k, M, \mu, \lambda, N_{max}, N, S$ 
2: Output:  $R, \omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$ 
3: Initialize the desired variables based on  $k, M, \mu, \lambda, N_{max}, N, S$ ;
4: for  $\omega_i = 0$  to 1 ( $i = 1, 2, 3$ ) do
5:   According to  $k, M, \mu, \lambda, N_{max}, N, S$ , calculate the corresponding values of
    $P'_1, P'_2, P'_3$ ;
6:   Calculate  $Z$  based on different weights and pressure indices;
7:   Do genetic algorithm to find the optimal values of  $N$  and  $\mu$ ;
8: end for
9: Select optimal values of  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$ ;
10: Calculate  $R$  based on the optimal values of  $\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$ ;
11: switch ( $R$ ) do
12:   case  $R \leq 1$ :
13:      $R \leftarrow 1$ 
14:   case  $1 < R \leq 2$ :
15:     :
16:   case  $R > 4$ :
17:      $R \leftarrow 5$  endswitch
18: Return  $R, \omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$ 

```

6.3 Conclusion Analysis

In order to visualize the application of the model, assuming that there are some tourist cities A,B,C,D,E and so on, we used Python to generate a set of data randomly as the weight ($\omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$) of each city within a reasonable range and applied the model to derive the recommendation index R , as shown in Table 3.

Table 3: Recommendation Index of Tourist Destinations

Destination	Weight 1 ω_1	Weight 2 ω_2	Weight 3 ω_3	Reccommendation Index R
A	0.2	0.2	0.5	★★★
B	0.1	0.2	0.6	★★
C	0.3	0.5	0.1	★★★★
D	0.5	0.3	0.2	★★★
E	0.1	0.6	0.2	★
F	0.3	0.3	0.3	★★★★
...

At the same time, we created a schematic to show how the model could be presented to visitors to promote attractions and/or locations that have fewer tourists, as Figure 15 shows.

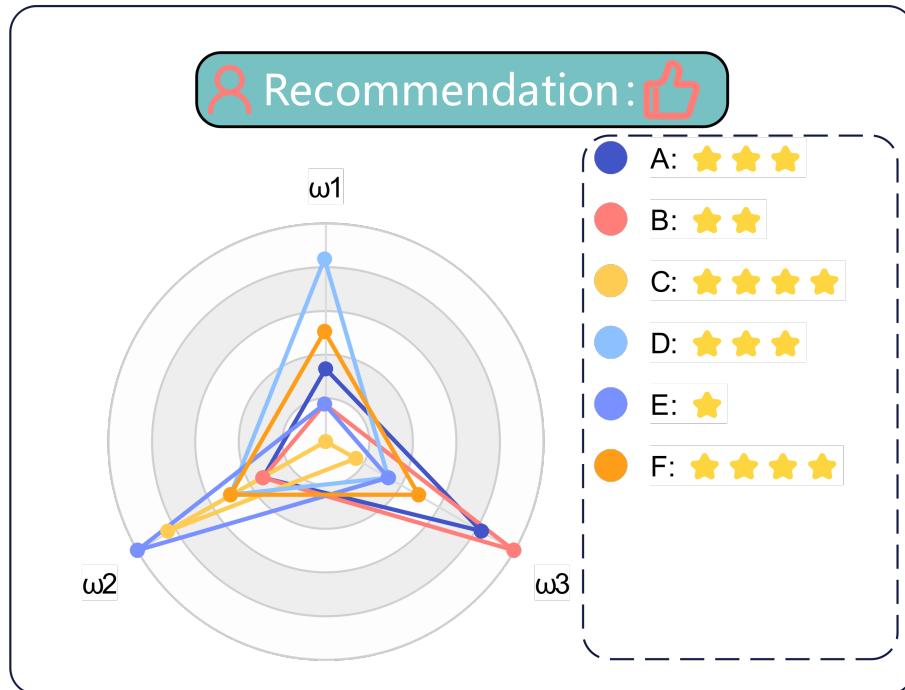


Figure 15: Recommendation Index

7 Sensitivity Analysis

To evaluate our proposed model, we conducted sensitivity and robustness analyses. The model incorporates the weights of tourism income, environmental pressure, infrastructure construction, and social satisfaction: $\omega_0, \omega_1, \omega_2, \omega_3$.

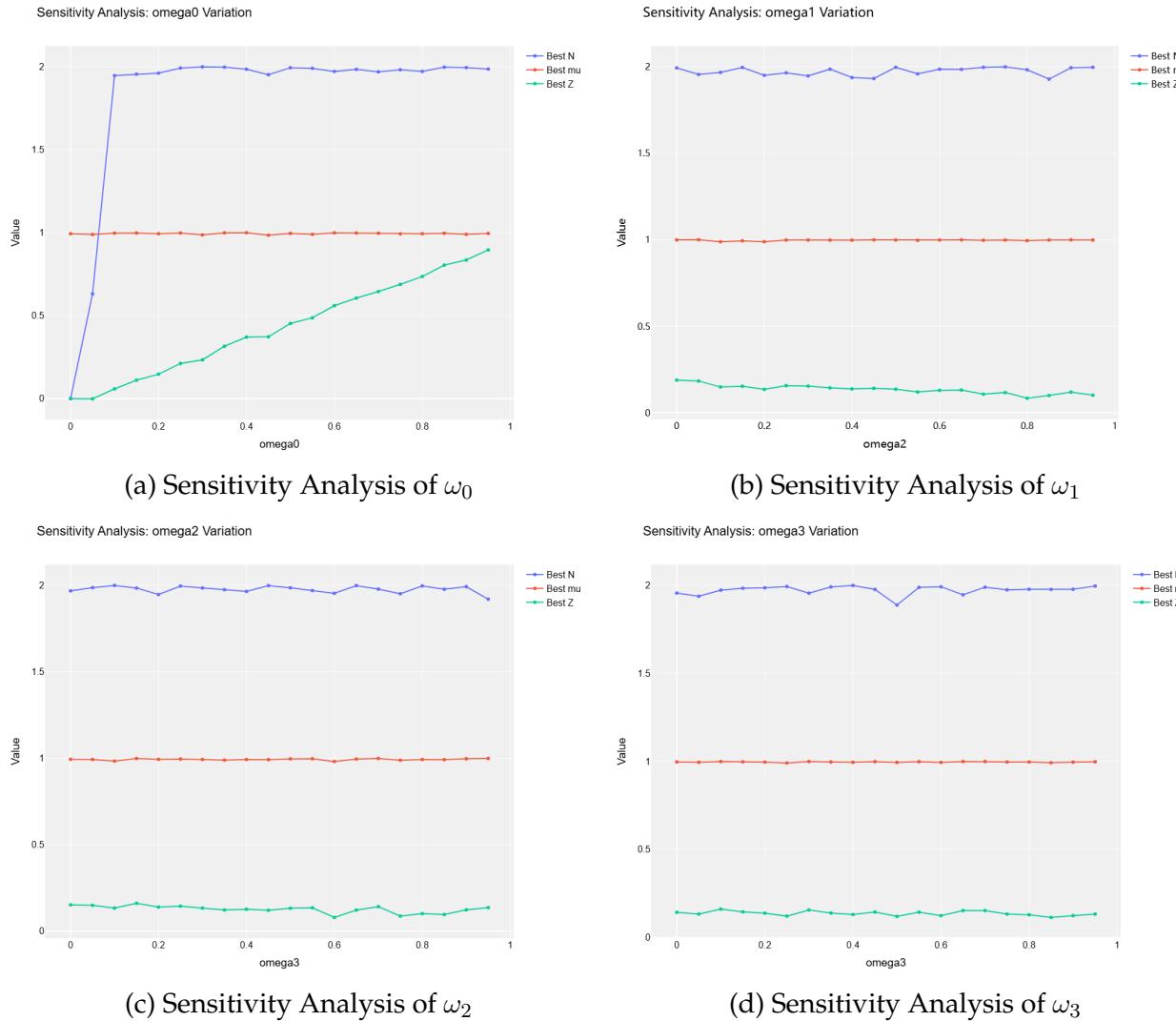


Figure 16: Sensitivity Analysis of Weights

First, ω_1, ω_2 , and ω_3 are fixed, and the value of ω_0 is varied independently. For each changed value of ω_0 , the optimal solution (N, μ) and the objective function value Z are recalculated and recorded using existing models and algorithms. Similarly, the other weights (ω_1, ω_2 , and ω_3) are adjusted one at a time while the remaining weights are held constant. For each case, the model is solved again, and the resulting changes in the outcomes are observed. The results are visualized through a graph to examine the relative importance of different factors in decision-making.

The results indicate that changes in ω_0 have a significant impact on the model's optimal solution, highlighting the critical role of tourism income in sustainable development decision-making. In contrast, ω_1 , ω_2 , and ω_3 exhibit minimal and nearly identical effects on the model's optimal solution, suggesting that environmental pressure, infrastructure construction, and social satisfaction contribute equally and consistently to sustainable development decision-making.

8 Model Evaluation

8.1 Strengths

- **Strength 1: The model is simple and intuitive.**

⇒ **Explanation:** The structure of the model is explicit and allows users to model directly from existing data and requirements without the need for complex technical background support. The variables and relationships used in the model are intuitive and easy to understand.

- **Strength 2: The model is innovative.**

⇒ **Explanation:** The model introduces a new concept for evaluating the sustainability of attractions and proposes a corresponding calculation method. In addition, by combining the multivariate model with a scoring system, we have made innovations in the visualization of attraction sustainability, making the assessment results more intuitive and understandable.

- **Strength 3: The model is highly replicable.**

⇒ **Explanation:** Based on different tourist attractions, sustainable tourism models for other tourist destinations can be easily obtained by differentially adjusting model parameters, thus providing targeted advice for policy implementation.

8.2 Weaknesses and Possible Improvements

- **Weakness 1: Data sources are insufficient.**

⇒ **Improvement:** The limited data sources used to build the model may cause the relevant parameters to deviate from reality. This data deficiency restricts the model's performance and undermines the accuracy of its predictions and analysis. To enhance the model's accuracy and reliability, this deficiency can be addressed by expanding the data sources and updating the latest data.

- **Weakness 2: Differences in the impact of different tourists are ignored.**

⇒ **Improvement:** In our model, all visitors are considered to be a homogeneous group. However, to enhance the model's accuracy, it would be beneficial to consider the varying environmental and infrastructure impacts caused by different types of tourists. This could be achieved by incorporating more complex factors as distinct variables in relevant parts of the model.

9 Conclusion and Further Discussion

9.1 Summary of Results

- **Objective 1:** We developed the Sustainable Tourism Model (STM), which takes into account factors such as visitor numbers, total revenue, and measures for stabilizing the tourism industry. By optimizing the economic benefit model, refining the environmental factors model, improving the infrastructure pressure model, and deepening the resident satisfaction model, we have created a comprehensive evaluation system that provides theoretical support for the sustainable development of tourism in Juneau.
- **Objective 2:** To promote sustainable tourism, we also developed an additional revenue plan and integrated it into the Sustainable Tourism Model. This plan aims to enhance the attractiveness of tourism, increase visitors' spending levels, and thereby generate more economic benefits for Juneau.
- **Objective 3:** We applied the model to other regions facing over-tourism, making appropriate adjustments to accommodate the specific conditions of these areas.
- **Objective 4:** We proposed a model for promoting less-visited areas to achieve better balance in the tourism industry.

9.2 Future Discussion

Although our model provides some guidance for sustainable tourism development in Juneau, there is still room for improvement and expansion. First, the parameter settings and data sources used in the model may have certain limitations. Future research could consider using more diverse data sources and more accurate parameter estimation methods to improve the model's accuracy. Additionally, our model primarily focuses on Juneau, but its core concepts and methods can be extended to other regions facing over-tourism issues. In practical application, adjustments and optimizations will need to be made based on the specific circumstances of each area.[7]

Moreover, as global tourism continues to evolve, new challenges and issues may arise. Therefore, our model will need to be continuously updated and improved to adapt to the changing market environment and policy directions. We also recommend that governments and relevant authorities fully consider the principles of sustainable development when formulating tourism policies, aiming to balance economic development with environmental protection and social well-being.

In summary, our research provides a theoretical foundation and practical guidance for sustainable tourism development in Juneau, but it remains an area that will require further refinement and optimization in future studies.

10 Memo

To: the Tourist Council of Juneau

Juneau's rich tourism resources have drawn many tourists, bringing income but also problems. To foster sustainable tourism development, we've made predictions, analyzed measure effectiveness, and provided optimization suggestions.

Presently, Juneau's tourism confronts over-tourism challenges. The influx strains infrastructure like drinking water supply and waste disposal and increases the carbon footprint. Socially, housing is tight, prices have increased, and some tourists' uncivilized behavior has irked residents, harming community harmony. At the natural landscape level, the Mendenhall Glacier is retreating faster due to climate change and over-tourism, threatening core tourism resources and long-term revenue.

Recommendations for sustainable tourism in Juneau:

- **1. Optimize Visitor Flow Management:** Adjust the maximum number of visitors per day to protect the visitor experience while reducing pressure on attractions and infrastructure.
- **2. Rationalize the Use of Funds:** Rationalize the distribution of new tax and fee revenues. Increase investment in environmental protection projects for glacier protection and rainforest restoration to maintain the city's ecological charm; continuously improve infrastructure and upgrade water supply, power supply, and sewage treatment capacity to meet the needs of tourists and residents; at the same time, support community-based tourism projects, encourage residents to participate in tourism services, promote community economic development, and enhance residents' support for tourism.
- **3. Develop diversified tourism products:** Deeply explore other tourism resources in Juneau City beside glaciers, such as developing special cultural experience activities, enriching whale-watching programs, and creating in-depth rainforest tour routes. Diversified tourism products attract tourists with different needs, extend the length of stay of tourists, improve the diversity of tourism consumption, and reduce the dependence on a single attraction.
- **4. Strengthen publicity and guidance:** On the one hand, promote the concept of civilized tourism to tourists, advocate green travel, care for the environment, and reduce the negative impact of tourism activities on the environment; on the other hand, promote the concept of sustainable tourism development in Juneau City to potential tourists, enhance the image and attractiveness of the city, and attract more tourists who pay attention to environmental protection and quality tourism.

We hope that the above suggestions will provide a reference for the sustainable development of tourism in Juneau City and look forward to further communication with the Tourism Commission to jointly promote the tourism industry in Juneau City to a new stage of development.

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11 Report on Use of AI

In the context of the COMAP's mathematical modeling competition, our team has conscientiously leveraged artificial intelligence (AI) tools to augment our research efficiency, deepen our analytical insights, and refine our solution development process. We firmly believe that the advancement of technology must be accompanied by a profound understanding of its application and a responsible approach towards its utilization.

Hence, throughout this report, we endeavor to transparently illustrate the instances of our AI usage, showcasing not only the technical application but also our commitment to ethical considerations and responsible conduct.

We trust that this approach will not only elucidate the role of AI in our project but also highlight our team's conscientious engagement with these powerful tools.

The AI Tools we use are listed below, with only some representative examples selected for illustration.

Table 4: AI Tools Used Example 1

Model	Grammarly
Statement	We used Grammarly to correct grammatical errors and embellish the content of the article.
Query	Presently, Juneau's tourism confronts over-tourism challenges. The influx strains infrastructure like drinking water supply and waste disposal, hikes the carbon footprint. Socially, housing is tight, prices have increased, and some tourists' uncivilized behavior has irked residents, harming community harmony. At the natural landscape level, the Mendenhall Glacier is retreating faster due to climate change and over - tourism, threatening core tourism resources and long - term revenue.
Output	Presently, Juneau's tourism confronts over-tourism challenges. The influx strains infrastructure like drinking water supply and waste disposal and increases the carbon footprint. Socially, housing is tight, prices have increased, and some tourists' uncivilized behavior has irked residents, harming community harmony. At the natural landscape level, the Mendenhall Glacier is retreating faster due to climate change and over-tourism, threatening core tourism resources and long-term revenue.

Table 5: AI Tools Used Example 2

Model	Doubao AI
Statement	We used Doubao AI to perform syntax error correction on the program.
Query	set(gcf,'Position',[100,100]);
Output	set(gcf,'Position',[100,100,1000,800]);

Table 6: AI Tools Used Example 3

Model	Doubao AI
Statement	Since we are not familiar enough with Coding in the LaTeX, we use AI for some explanation for certain functions, in order to master it better.
Query	How to change the size of word in Latex
Output	1. Using Pre - defined Size Commands 2. Using the \fontsize Command 3. Changing Size in Math Mode