

Table 1: Multi-sensor Fusion Rules

Types of Estimation Errors	Fusion Rules	Comments
No Correlations (Independent)	$P_f = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n P_i^{-1} \right)^{-1}$ $\hat{x}_f = P_f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n P_i^{-1} \hat{x}_i \right)$	Optimal
Known Correlations (Correlated)	$P_f = (e^T \Sigma^{-1} e)^{-1} *$ $\hat{x}_f = P_f (e^T \Sigma^{-1} \hat{x})$	Optimal
Unknown Correlations	$P_f = \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \omega_i P_i^{-1} \right)^{-1}$ $\hat{x}_f = P_f \left( \sum_{i=1}^n \omega_i P_i^{-1} \hat{x}_i \right)$	** Suboptimal

\*  $e = [I, \dots, I]^T$ ,  $\Sigma = (P_{ij})$ ,  $i, j = 1, \dots, n$ , and  $\hat{x} = [\hat{x}_1^T, \dots, \hat{x}_n^T]^T$ .

\*\* Covariance intersection rule, where  $\omega_i \in [0, 1]$ ,  $\sum_{i=1}^n \omega_i = 1$ , and  $\omega_i = \arg \min_{\omega_i \in [0, 1]} \text{tr}\{P_f\}$ .