# Relation between Five Data Assimilation Methods for a Simplistic Weakly Non-linear Problem

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'Ranking' stable for  $n \in [-0.5, 5]$ 

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# Num. Res. with Full Methods and Relaxed Assumptions





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### Num. Res. with Full Methods and Relaxed Assumptions

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