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Abstract: The classical Wecken theorem claims that any self-map $f: M \to M$ of a compact manifold of dimension ≥ 3 is homotopic to a map having exactly N(f) fixed points where N(f) denotes the Nielsen number. In 1983 Boju Jiang introduced an algebraically computable number $NF_n(f)$ which is an estimate of the cardinality of *n*-periodic point set $\{x \in M; g^n(x) = x\}$ for each g homotopic to f.

We prove that every self-map $f: M \to M$ of a compact PL-manifold of dimension ≥ 3 is homotopic to a map realizing this number i.e. there exists a g homotopic to the given map f and having exactly $NF_n(f)$ n-periodic points. In particular (for $NF_n(f) = 0$) the map f is homotopic to map with no n-periodic points iff all Nielsen numbers $N(f^k)$, for all k dividing n, disappear.