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**James T. Campbell\*** (jcampb11@memphis.edu), 373 Dunn Hall, Dept. of Math. Sci., University of Memphis, Memphis, TN 38152, and **Jared T. Collins.** *Specifying Attracting Cycles for Newton Maps of Polynomials.*

We show that for any set of  $n$  distinct points in the complex plane, there exists a polynomial  $p$  of degree at most  $n + 1$  so that the corresponding Newton map, or even the relaxed Newton map, for  $p$  has the given points as a super-attracting cycle. This improves the result in [?], which shows how to find such a polynomial of degree  $2n$ . Moreover we show that in general one cannot improve upon degree  $n + 1$ . Our methods allow us to give a simple, constructive proof of the known result that for each cycle length  $n \geq 2$  and degree  $d \geq 3$ , there exists a polynomial of degree  $d$  whose Newton map has a super-attracting cycle of length  $n$ . (Received December 02, 2012)