

**Answer on Question #49865 – Math – Calculus**

Given:  $x^2[f(x)]^2=9$ ; and  $f(-1)=3$  Find  $f'(-1)$  by implicit differentiation.

**Solution**

$$x^2 f(x)^2 = 9 \rightarrow \frac{d}{dx} [x^2 f(x)^2] = \frac{d}{dx} (9) \rightarrow 2x f^2 + 2x^2 f f' = 0 \rightarrow$$

$$\rightarrow f'(x) = -\frac{f(x)}{x}$$

$$f''(x) = -\frac{f'(x)}{x} + \frac{f(x)}{x^2} = 2\frac{f(x)}{x^2}$$

$$f''(-1) = 2\frac{3}{(-1)^2} = 6$$