

Soln P.O.W 9/19/16

$$\omega = \frac{\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^6 - \left(x^6 + \frac{1}{x^6}\right) - 2}{\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 + \left(x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}\right)}$$

$$= \frac{\left[\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 + \left(x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}\right)\right] \cdot \left[\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 - \left(x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}\right)\right]}{\left[\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 + \left(x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}\right)\right]}$$

$$= \left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)^3 - \left(x^3 + \frac{1}{x^3}\right)$$

$$= \cancel{x^3} + 2x + \frac{1}{x} + x + \frac{2}{x} + \frac{1}{\cancel{x^3}} - \cancel{x^3} - \frac{1}{\cancel{x^3}}$$

$$= 3x + \frac{3}{x}$$

$$= 3\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right)$$

$$\frac{d}{dx} \left(3\left(x + \frac{1}{x}\right) \right) = 3\left(1 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right)$$

$$0 = 3\left(1 - \frac{1}{x^2}\right)$$

$$\frac{1}{x^2} = 1$$

$$x^2 = 1$$

$$x = \pm 1 \quad \text{Condition states } x > 0, \text{ so } x = 1$$

at $x = 1$

$$f(1) = \boxed{6}$$