

## 8.6 Logarithmic Differentiation

**Logarithmic Differentiation –**

**Steps:**

Differentiate  $y = \frac{e^x \sqrt{x^2 + 1}}{(x^2 + 2)^3}$

If  $f(x) < 0$  for some values of  $x$ , then we can not take the logarithm of both sides ( $\ln y$  not defined). However, we can always write  $|y| = |f(x)|$  and use the formula from last

lesson:  $\frac{d}{dx} \ln|x| = \frac{1}{x}$

Find  $y'$  if  $y = \sqrt[3]{\frac{x \cos x}{x^2 - 1}}$

Differentiate  $y = x^{\sin x}$ ,  $x > 0$