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Evaluate  $\int_3^6 \frac{2x^5}{x^3 - 2} dx$ .

Before integrating, divide the improper fraction to get a quotient with a remainder expressed as a fraction.

$$\frac{2x^5}{x^3 - 2} = 2x^2 + \frac{4x^2}{x^3 - 2}$$

$$\int_3^6 \frac{2x^5}{x^3 - 2} dx = \int_3^6 2x^2 dx + \int_3^6 \frac{4x^2}{x^3 - 2} dx$$

The first of the integrals can be evaluated using the Power Rule. If the second integral is expressed as  $\frac{4}{3} \int_3^6 \frac{3x^2}{x^3 - 2} dx$ , the

integrand with  $u = x^3 - 2$  has the form  $\frac{du}{u}$ .

Since  $\int \frac{du}{u} = \ln |u| + C$ ,

$$\int_3^6 2x^2 dx + \frac{4}{3} \int_3^6 \frac{3x^2}{x^3 - 2} dx = \left[ \frac{2}{3} x^3 \right]_3^6 + \frac{4}{3} \ln |x^3 - 2| \Big|_3^6$$

$$= 126 + \frac{4}{3} \ln \left( \frac{214}{25} \right)$$

$$= 128.863, \text{ rounded to the nearest thousandth.}$$