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g Evaluate $\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos 2x \, dx$.

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$$\begin{aligned}\int_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \cos 2x \, dx &= \left[\frac{1}{2} \sin 2x \right]_0^{\frac{\pi}{4}} \\ &= \frac{1}{2} \left[\sin \frac{\pi}{2} - \sin 0 \right] \\ &= \frac{1}{2} (1 - 0) \\ &= \frac{1}{2}\end{aligned}$$

State Mean:

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(g) This part was attempted well. Evaluating $\sin 2x$ when $x = \frac{\pi}{4}$ was difficult for some candidates. They often calculated $2\sin x$ or only $\sin x$.

Common problems were:

- using an incorrect primitive function
- substituting limits incorrectly
- not evaluating and leaving the solution in terms of $\sin \frac{\pi}{2}$
- evaluating in degrees rather than radians.