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This is a problem involving uniform circular motion.

A high speed train goes around a curve at a speed of 250 km/h . What is the smallest radius of curvature of the track so that the maximum acceleration experienced by the passengers is $0.05g$?

Solution:

Since $g = 9.8 \text{ m/s}^2$ (acceleration due to gravity)

then, $a = 0.05g = 0.49 \text{ m/s}^2$ (maximum passenger acceleration)

Now, $v = 250 \text{ km/h} \times \frac{1000 \text{ m}}{1 \text{ km}} \times \frac{1 \text{ h}}{3600 \text{ s}} = 69.44 \text{ m/s}$ (train speed)

Use the centripetal acceleration equation:

$$a = \frac{v^2}{r} \quad (\text{magnitude of centripetal acceleration})$$

Substitute:

$$0.49 = \frac{(69.44)^2}{r}, \quad r = 9840 \text{ m} \quad (\text{answer})$$

(smallest radius of curvature)