

Finding Adam
Advancing Commonsense Reasoning as a Potential Step
towards Artificial General Superintelligence

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Dedicated to the giants on whose shoulders I stand.

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