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**Four derivations of an interesting bilateral series generalizing the series for zeta of 2.**

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Summary: We present four derivations of the closed form of the partial fractions expansion

$$\pi \left( \frac{\cot \pi a}{b-a} - \frac{\cot \pi b}{a-b} \right) = \sum_{n=-\infty}^{\infty} \frac{1}{(n+a)(n+b)}.$$

This interesting series is a generalization of the series  $\frac{\pi^2}{6} = \sum_{n=1}^{\infty} \frac{1}{n^2} = \zeta(2)$  made famous by Euler.

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