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Let β, γ be ordered bases of V where V is a finite dimensional vector space over F. Let L be a linear operator on V. We want to show that $det([L]_{\beta}^{\beta} - x\mathbb{I}_{V}) = det([L]_{\gamma}^{\gamma} - x\mathbb{I}_{V})$. Let Δ be the standard basis. Then $det([L]_{\beta}^{\beta} - x\mathbb{I}_{V}) = det([\mathbb{I}_{V}]_{\Delta}^{\beta}[L]_{\Delta}^{\Delta}[\mathbb{I}_{V}]_{\beta}^{\Delta} - x[\mathbb{I}_{V}]_{\Delta}^{\Delta}[\mathbb{I}_{V}]_{\beta}^{\Delta}) = det([\mathbb{I}_{V}]_{\Delta}^{\beta}([L]_{\Delta}^{\Delta} - x[\mathbb{I}_{V}]_{\Delta}^{\Delta})[\mathbb{I}_{V}]_{\beta}^{\Delta}) = det([\mathbb{I}_{V}]_{\Delta}^{\beta}) det([L]_{\Delta}^{\Delta} - x[\mathbb{I}_{V}]_{\Delta}^{\Delta}) det([\mathbb{I}_{V}]_{\beta}^{\Delta})$