

Let  $\beta, \gamma$  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  $\Delta$  be the standard basis. Then  $\det([L]_{\beta}^{\beta} - x\mathbb{I}_V) = \det([\mathbb{I}_V]_{\Delta}^{\beta} [L]_{\Delta}^{\Delta} [\mathbb{I}_V]_{\beta}^{\Delta} - x[\mathbb{I}_V]_{\Delta}^{\beta} [\mathbb{I}_V]_{\Delta}^{\Delta} [\mathbb{I}_V]_{\beta}^{\Delta}) = \det([\mathbb{I}_V]_{\Delta}^{\beta} ([L]_{\Delta}^{\Delta} - x[\mathbb{I}_V]_{\Delta}^{\Delta}) [\mathbb{I}_V]_{\beta}^{\Delta}) = \det([\mathbb{I}_V]_{\Delta}^{\beta}) \det([L]_{\Delta}^{\Delta} - x[\mathbb{I}_V]_{\Delta}^{\Delta}) \det([\mathbb{I}_V]_{\beta}^{\Delta})$