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Developed in the 1980's, the characteristic polynomial for rooted graphs and rooted digraphs is defined using a recursive procedure with edge deletions and edge contractions. We extend this polynomial to bi-rooted trees and give a non-recursive characterization of the characteristic polynomial for these trees. (Received September 07, 2011)