## Hill Cipher: Linear transformation of digitized alphabet

- message goes in as column vectors
- A.[uncoded message] = [coded message]

A col1=start of message ... coln=end of message

- [uncoded message] $=A^{-1}$.[coded message]
- Vulnerable because of its linearity-intercept enough vector correspondances (uncoded and coded)



## Condition Number Roundoff Errors

- issue with the matrix, not with Maple
- asymptotically worst case loss of accuracy: 10 ${ }^{19}$ : 19 digits $=k$, order
- use fractions when possible-if not, using $r$ digits gets at least $r-k$ accuracy [ex: 21-19=2]
- hard to numerically distinguish between a non-invertible matrix and one with a large condition number


