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$$\mathbf{A} = \begin{pmatrix} -1 & -2 & -7 \\ 3 & k & 2 \\ 1 & 1 & 4 \end{pmatrix} \quad \mathbf{B} = \begin{pmatrix} 4k - 2 & 1 & 7k - 4 \\ -10 & 3 & -19 \\ 3 - k & -1 & 6 - k \end{pmatrix}$$

where k is a constant.

(a) Determine the value of the constant c for which

$$\mathbf{AB} = (3k + c)\mathbf{I} \quad (2)$$

(b) Hence determine the value of k for which \mathbf{A}^{-1} does not exist.

(2)

Given that \mathbf{A}^{-1} does exist,

(c) write down \mathbf{A}^{-1} in terms of k .

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(d) Use the answer to part (c) to solve the simultaneous equations

$$-x - 2y - 7z = 10$$

$$3x + ky + 2z = 3$$

$$x + y + 4z = 1$$

giving the values of x , y and z in simplest form in terms of k .

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