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$$\begin{cases} 5x + 8y = 34 \\ 12x + 4y = 36 \end{cases}$$

$$24x + 8y = 72$$

$$5x + 8y = 34$$

$$19x = 38$$

$$x = 2 \quad 5(2) + 8y = 34 \Rightarrow y = 3$$

This linear system comes from a shopping trip to Entropy. x is the price of apples and y is the price of oranges. When I buy 5 apples and 8 oranges, my total is \$34. When I buy 12 apples and 4 oranges, my total is \$36.

The solution is $\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 2 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\}$ and represents that the cost of an apple is \$2 and the cost of an orange is \$3.

2) (a) $\begin{cases} x - y = 0 \\ 2x + y = 3 \end{cases} \Rightarrow 3x = 3 \Rightarrow x = 1$

$$\Downarrow \\ (1) - y = 0 \Rightarrow y = 1$$

$$\boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 1 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

(b) $\begin{cases} x + 5y = -1 \\ -x + y = -5 \\ 2x + 4y = 4 \end{cases} \Rightarrow 6y = -6 \Rightarrow y = -1$

$$\Downarrow \\ x + 5(-1) = -1 \Rightarrow x = 4$$

$$\boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ -1 \end{pmatrix}}$$

(c) $x_1 = t \quad x_2 = 1 + t \quad x_3 = 2 - t$
 $x_2 = 1 + x_1 \quad x_3 = 2 - x_1$
 $-x_1 + x_2 = 1 \quad x_1 + x_3 = 2$

$$\begin{cases} -x_1 + x_2 + 0 = 1 \\ x_1 + 0 + x_3 = 2 \end{cases}$$

Now let $x_3 = s$.

$$x_1 + s = 2 \Rightarrow x_1 = 2 - s$$

$$-(2 - s) + x_2 = 1 \Rightarrow x_2 = 3 - s$$

$$\boxed{\begin{pmatrix} 2 - s \\ 3 - s \\ s \end{pmatrix}}$$

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Let a = spades, b = hearts, c = clubs, d = diamonds.

The system can be written:

$$\begin{aligned} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 9 \\ 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 9 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 9 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{R_1 \leftrightarrow R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 9 \\ 2 & 0 & 0 & 1 & 9 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 9 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{R_2 - 2R_1} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 9 \\ 0 & -2 & 0 & -3 & -9 \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 9 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{-\frac{1}{2}R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{9}{2} \\ 0 & 2 & 1 & 1 & 9 \end{array} \right] \\ & \xrightarrow{R_3 - 2R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 1 & 0 & 2 & 9 \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{9}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] & \xrightarrow{R_1 - R_2} \left[\begin{array}{cccc|c} 1 & 0 & 0 & \frac{1}{2} & \frac{9}{2} \\ 0 & 1 & 0 & \frac{3}{2} & \frac{9}{2} \\ 0 & 0 & 1 & -2 & 0 \end{array} \right] \end{aligned}$$

a, b, c are leading variables
 d is a free variable

call $d = t$

$$R_1 \Rightarrow a + \frac{1}{2}t = \frac{9}{2} \Rightarrow a = \frac{9-t}{2}$$

$$R_2 \Rightarrow b + \frac{3}{2}t = \frac{9}{2} \Rightarrow b = \frac{9-3t}{2}$$

$$R_3 \Rightarrow c + 2t = 0 \Rightarrow c = -2t$$

so the solution set is $\begin{pmatrix} \frac{9-t}{2} \\ \frac{9-3t}{2} \\ 2t \\ t \end{pmatrix}$ $\left. \begin{array}{l} \frac{9-t}{2} \geq 0 \Rightarrow t \leq 9 \\ \frac{9-3t}{2} \geq 0 \Rightarrow t \leq 3 \\ 2t \geq 0 \Rightarrow t \geq 0 \\ t \geq 0 \Rightarrow t \geq 0 \end{array} \right\}$ these are all true when $0 \leq t \leq 3$

to find how many solutions are non-negative integers, find for what values of t all a, b, c, d are non-negative integers.

Now I will check $t=0, t=1, t=2, t=3$

when $t=0$, $a = \frac{9-0}{2}$ so $t=0$ does not work.

when $t=1$, $a=4, b=3, c=2, d=1$ so $t=1$ works. ✓

when $t=2$, $a = \frac{9-2}{2}$ so $t=2$ does not work.

when $t=3$, $a=3, b=0, c=6, d=3$ so $t=3$ works. ✓

Thus, 2 solutions are composed of non-negative integers.

$$\left\{ \begin{pmatrix} 4 \\ 3 \\ 2 \\ 1 \end{pmatrix}, \begin{pmatrix} 3 \\ 0 \\ 6 \\ 3 \end{pmatrix} \right\} \checkmark$$

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