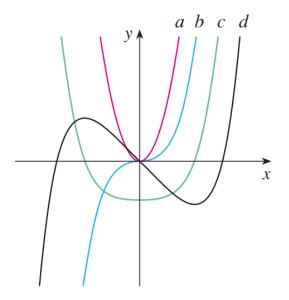
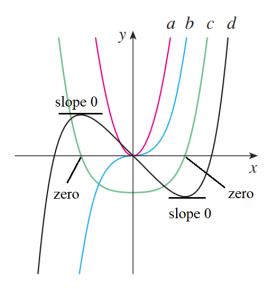
Exercise 50

The figure shows the graphs of f, f', f'', and f'''. Identify each curve, and explain your choices.

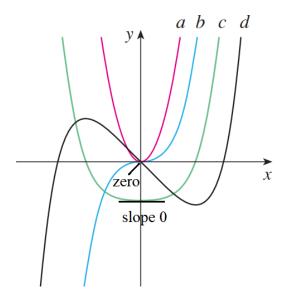


Solution

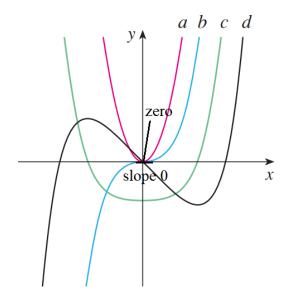
The c-curve is the derivative of the d-curve because the c-curve is zero where the d-curve has zero slope.



The *b*-curve is the derivative of the *c*-curve because the *b*-curve is zero where the *c*-curve has zero slope. Additionally, the *b*-curve is negative for x < 0 and positive for x > 0.



The *a*-curve is the derivative of the *b*-curve because the *a*-curve is zero where the *b*-curve has zero slope. Additionally, the *a*-curve is positive for x < 0 and positive for x > 0.



Therefore, the *d*-curve is f(x), the *c*-curve is f'(x), the *b*-curve is f''(x), and the *a*-curve is f'''(x).