## Exercise 50

The figure shows the graphs of $f, f^{\prime}, f^{\prime \prime}$, and $f^{\prime \prime \prime}$. 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 $f^{\prime}(x)$, the $b$-curve is $f^{\prime \prime}(x)$, and the $a$-curve is $f^{\prime \prime \prime}(x)$.

