7. [12 points] On the axes below are graphed f, f', and f''. Determine which is which, and justify your response with a brief explanation.



Solution: Looking to the far right of the graph, curve I has a critical point where it has a slope of zero. At this x-coordinate neither of the other graphs has a root. This means the derivative of I is not in this figure, so I must be f''. Looking to the far left of the graph, II has a local maximum where its derivative is zero. Although III has a root near the same x-value, III changes sign from negative to positive at this point. By the first derivative test, III cannot be the derivative of II. Thus, by process of elimination, II must be f' and III must be f.

f: IIIf': II