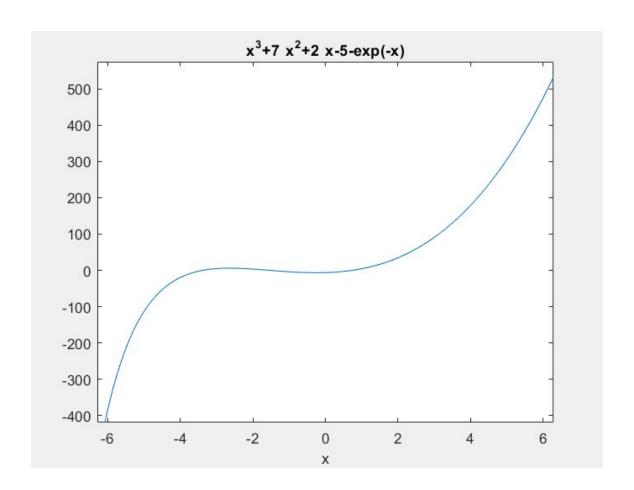
Below are the output of my_fzero function and MatLab's fzero function which are trying to find the zeros of the graph below. When comparing the two functions with the starting points {-3, -2, -1, 0}, each of the functions was able to come up with a correct and the same zero but each used different method. My my_fzero function used Newton's method the vast majority of the time and bisection a few times. MatLab's fzero used interpolation for every calculation. My my_fzero actually used less iterations for every example. I think this is because the derivative of the function was already calculated and saved a lot of time for the algorithm. Also my calculation of the took less iterations each time than fzeros. my_fzero does take less iterations each time but it is limited by the fact that you need to know the derivative of the function and it doesn't work every time like interpolation and falls back on bisection with I predicts a zero outside the interval. MatLab's fzero is definitely more robust and handels a much wider set of functions and errors, it also does not require a derivative of the original function. It does seem to be slower overall though than my_fzero.



Search for an interval around -3 containing a sign change:

| Func-count | a | f(a) | b | f(b) | Procedure |
|------------|----------|---------|----------|----------|------------------|
| 1 | -3 | 4.91446 | -3 | 4.91446 | initial interval |
| 3 | -2.91515 | 5.4316 | -3.08485 | 4.22383 | search |
| 5 | -2.88 | 5.59865 | -3.12 | 3.88309 | search |
| 7 | -2.83029 | 5.79066 | -3.16971 | 3.34321 | search |
| 9 | -2.76 | 5.97878 | -3.24 | 2.45725 | search |
| 11 | -2.66059 | 6.09165 | -3.33941 | 0.940328 | search |
| 13 | -2.52 | 5.9812 | -3.48 | -1.79111 | search |

Search for a zero in the interval [-2.52, -3.48]:

| Func-count | x | f(x) | Procedure |
|------------|----------|--------------|---------------|
| 13 | -3.48 | -1.79111 | initial |
| 14 | -3.48 | -1.79111 | interpolation |
| 15 | -3.3806 | 0.214576 | interpolation |
| 16 | -3.39123 | 0.0174624 | interpolation |
| 17 | -3.39217 | -2.53046e-05 | interpolation |
| 18 | -3.39216 | 2.26852e-08 | interpolation |
| 19 | -3.39216 | 2.84217e-14 | interpolation |
| 20 | -3.39216 | -3.55271e-15 | interpolation |

Zero found in the interval [-2.52, -3.48]

ans =

-3.3922

>> my_fzero(f, df, -3)

Finding Interval

| | | 10 | | |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|----------|
| | a | b | f(a) | f(b) |
| 1 | -3.00e+00 | -3.00e+00 | 4.91e+00 | 4.92e+00 |
| 2 | -3.00e+00 | -3.00e+00 | 4.89e+00 | 4.94e+00 |
| 3 | -3.01e+00 | -2.99e+00 | 4.86e+00 | 4.96e+00 |
| 4 | -3.01e+00 | -2.99e+00 | 4.81e+00 | 5.02e+00 |
| 5 | -3.03e+00 | -2.97e+00 | 4.68e+00 | 5.12e+00 |
| 6 | -3.06e+00 | -2.94e+00 | 4.42e+00 | 5.31e+00 |
| 7 | -3.13e+00 | -2.87e+00 | 3.81e+00 | 5.63e+00 |
| 8 | -3.25e+00 | -2.75e+00 | 2.25e+00 | 6.01e+00 |
| 9 | -3.51e+00 | -2.75e+00 | -2.49e+00 | 6.01e+00 |

Findind Zero

| | X | f(x) | Method |
|---|-----------|-----------|--------|
| 1 | -3.51e+00 | -2.49e+00 | Newton |
| 2 | -3.40e+00 | -2.24e-01 | Newton |
| 3 | -3.39e+00 | -2.48e-03 | Newton |
| 4 | -3.39e+00 | -3.16e-07 | Newton |

ans =

Search for an interval around -2 containing a sign change:

| Func-count | a | f(a) | b | f(b) | Procedure |
|------------|----------|----------|----------|---------|------------------|
| 1 | -2 | 3.61094 | -2 | 3.61094 | initial interval |
| 3 | -1.94343 | 3.22875 | -2.05657 | 3.97589 | search |
| 5 | -1.92 | 3.06595 | -2.08 | 4.12142 | search |
| 7 | -1.88686 | 2.83169 | -2.11314 | 4.32111 | search |
| 9 | -1.84 | 2.49316 | -2.16 | 4.59037 | search |
| 11 | -1.77373 | 2.00218 | -2.22627 | 4.94217 | search |
| 13 | -1.68 | 1.28961 | -2.32 | 5.37396 | search |
| 15 | -1.54745 | 0.262326 | -2.45255 | 5.82988 | search |
| 16 | -1.36 | -1.18445 | -2.45255 | 5.82988 | search |

Search for a zero in the interval [-1.36, -2.45255]:

| Func-count | X | f(x) | Procedure |
|------------|----------|--------------|---------------|
| 16 | -1.36 | -1.18445 | initial |
| 17 | -1.54449 | 0.239275 | interpolation |
| 18 | -1.51348 | -0.00190289 | interpolation |
| 19 | -1.51373 | -1.00231e-06 | interpolation |
| 20 | -1.51373 | 1.71685e-12 | interpolation |
| 21 | -1.51373 | 0 | interpolation |

Zero found in the interval [-1.36, -2.45255]

ans =

-1.5137

>> my_fzero(f, df, -2)
Finding Interval

| | a | b | f(a) | f(b) |
|---|-----------|-----------|----------|-----------|
| 1 | -2.00e+00 | -2.00e+00 | 3.62e+00 | 3.60e+00 |
| 2 | -2.00e+00 | -2.00e+00 | 3.63e+00 | 3.59e+00 |
| 3 | -2.01e+00 | -1.99e+00 | 3.66e+00 | 3.56e+00 |
| 4 | -2.01e+00 | -1.99e+00 | 3.71e+00 | 3.51e+00 |
| 5 | -2.03e+00 | -1.97e+00 | 3.81e+00 | 3.40e+00 |
| 6 | -2.06e+00 | -1.94e+00 | 4.02e+00 | 3.18e+00 |
| 7 | -2.13e+00 | -1.87e+00 | 4.40e+00 | 2.73e+00 |
| 8 | -2.25e+00 | -1.75e+00 | 5.08e+00 | 1.79e+00 |
| 9 | -2.51e+00 | -1.49e+00 | 5.96e+00 | -1.92e-01 |

Findind Zero

| | X | f(x) | Method |
|---|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | -2.00e+00 | 3.61e+00 | Bisection |
| 2 | -1.74e+00 | 1.78e+00 | Bisection |
| 3 | -1.74e+00 | 1.78e+00 | Newton |
| 4 | -1.51e+00 | -3.59e-02 | Newton |
| 5 | -1.51e+00 | 4.33e-06 | Newton |
| 6 | -1.51e+00 | 5.33e-14 | Newton |

ans =

Search for an interval around -1 containing a sign change:

| Func-count | a | f(a) | b | f(b) | Procedure |
|------------|-----------|----------|----------|-----------|------------------|
| 1 | -1 | -3.71828 | -1 | -3.71828 | initial interval |
| 3 | -0.971716 | -3.89381 | -1.02828 | -3.53853 | search |
| 5 | -0.96 | -3.96523 | -1.04 | -3.46288 | search |
| 7 | -0.943431 | -4.06492 | -1.05657 | -3.35475 | search |
| 9 | -0.92 | -4.20318 | -1.08 | -3.19959 | search |
| 11 | -0.886863 | -4.39309 | -1.11314 | -2.97591 | search |
| 13 | -0.84 | -4.64987 | -1.16 | -2.65163 | search |
| 15 | -0.773726 | -4.98791 | -1.22627 | -2.17882 | search |
| 17 | -0.68 | -5.41151 | -1.32 | -1.48659 | search |
| 19 | -0.547452 | -5.88989 | -1.45255 | -0.474539 | search |
| 21 | -0.36 | -6.29279 | -1.64 | 0.981086 | search |

Search for a zero in the interval [-0.36, -1.64]:

| Func-count | X | f(x) | Procedure |
|------------|----------|--------------|---------------|
| 21 | -1.64 | 0.981086 | initial |
| 22 | -1.46736 | -0.359941 | interpolation |
| 23 | -1.51369 | -0.000259144 | interpolation |
| 24 | -1.51373 | 3.46591e-07 | interpolation |
| 25 | -1.51373 | -2.77112e-13 | interpolation |
| 26 | -1.51373 | 0 | interpolation |
| 26 | -1.51373 | 0 | interpola |

Zero found in the interval [-0.36, -1.64]

ans =

-1.5137

>> my_fzero(f, df, -1)

Finding Interval

| | a | b | f(a) | f(b) |
|----|-----------|-----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | -1.00e+00 | -9.99e-01 | -3.71e+00 | -3.72e+00 |
| 2 | -1.00e+00 | -9.97e-01 | -3.70e+00 | -3.74e+00 |
| 3 | -1.01e+00 | -9.93e-01 | -3.67e+00 | -3.76e+00 |
| 4 | -1.01e+00 | -9.85e-01 | -3.62e+00 | -3.81e+00 |
| 5 | -1.03e+00 | -9.69e-01 | -3.52e+00 | -3.91e+00 |
| 6 | -1.06e+00 | -9.37e-01 | -3.31e+00 | -4.10e+00 |
| 7 | -1.13e+00 | -8.73e-01 | -2.88e+00 | -4.47e+00 |
| 8 | -1.25e+00 | -7.45e-01 | -1.97e+00 | -5.12e+00 |
| 9 | -1.51e+00 | -4.89e-01 | -2.12e-02 | -6.05e+00 |
| 10 | -2.02e+00 | -4.89e-01 | 3.76e+00 | -6.05e+00 |

Findind Zero

| | X | f(x) | Method |
|---|-----------|-----------|--------|
| 1 | -2.02e+00 | 3.76e+00 | Newton |
| 2 | -1.44e+00 | -5.50e-01 | Newton |
| 3 | -1.51e+00 | 2.19e-03 | Newton |
| 4 | -1.51e+00 | 1.48e-08 | Newton |

ans =

>> fzero(f, 0, optimset('display', 'iter'))

Search for an interval around 0 containing a sign change:

| Func-cou | ınt a | f(a) | b | f(b) | Procedure |
|----------|------------|----------|-----------|----------|------------------|
| 1 | 0 | -6 | 0 | -6 | initial interval |
| 3 | -0.0282843 | -6.07968 | 0.0282843 | -5.90992 | search |
| 5 | -0.04 | -6.10967 | 0.04 | -5.86953 | search |
| 7 | -0.0565685 | -6.14912 | 0.0565685 | -5.80928 | search |
| 9 | -0.08 | -6.199 | 0.08 | -5.7178 | search |
| 11 | -0.113137 | -6.25791 | 0.113137 | -5.57571 | search |
| 13 | -0.16 | -6.31841 | 0.16 | -5.34885 | search |
| 15 | -0.226274 | -6.35965 | 0.226274 | -4.97497 | search |
| 17 | -0.32 | -6.3331 | 0.32 | -4.33658 | search |
| 19 | -0.452548 | -6.13649 | 0.452548 | -3.20463 | search |
| 21 | -0.64 | -5.57142 | 0.64 | -1.11795 | search |
| 23 | -0.905097 | -4.28942 | 0.905097 | 2.88155 | search |

Search for a zero in the interval [-0.905097, 0.905097]:

| Func-count | x | f(x) | Procedure |
|------------|----------|--------------|---------------|
| 23 | 0.905097 | 2.88155 | initial |
| 24 | 0.905097 | 2.88155 | interpolation |
| 25 | 0.647494 | -1.02216 | interpolation |
| 26 | 0.714946 | -0.115849 | interpolation |
| 27 | 0.723235 | 0.00106971 | interpolation |
| 28 | 0.723159 | -5.55442e-06 | interpolation |
| 29 | 0.723159 | -2.63826e-10 | interpolation |
| 30 | 0.723159 | -4.44089e-16 | interpolation |
| 31 | 0.723159 | -4.44089e-16 | interpolation |

Zero found in the interval [-0.905097, 0.905097]

ans =

0.7232

>> my_fzero(f, df, 0)

Finding Interval

| | a | b | f(a) | f(b) |
|----|-----------|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | -1.00e-03 | 1.00e-03 | -6.00e+00 | -6.00e+00 |
| 2 | -3.00e-03 | 3.00e-03 | -6.01e+00 | -5.99e+00 |
| 3 | -7.00e-03 | 7.00e-03 | -6.02e+00 | -5.98e+00 |
| 4 | -1.50e-02 | 1.50e-02 | -6.04e+00 | -5.95e+00 |
| 5 | -3.10e-02 | 3.10e-02 | -6.09e+00 | -5.90e+00 |
| 6 | -6.30e-02 | 6.30e-02 | -6.16e+00 | -5.78e+00 |
| 7 | -1.27e-01 | 1.27e-01 | -6.28e+00 | -5.51e+00 |
| 8 | -2.55e-01 | 2.55e-01 | -6.36e+00 | -4.79e+00 |
| 9 | -5.11e-01 | 5.11e-01 | -5.99e+00 | -2.62e+00 |
| 10 | -1.02e+00 | 1.02e+00 | -3.57e+00 | 5.08e+00 |

Findind Zero

| | X | f(x) | Method |
|---|----------|-----------|-----------|
| 1 | 0.00e+00 | -6.00e+00 | Bisection |
| 2 | 5.12e-01 | -2.61e+00 | Bisection |
| 3 | 5.12e-01 | -2.61e+00 | Newton |
| 4 | 7.59e-01 | 5.22e-01 | Newton |
| 5 | 7.24e-01 | 1.11e-02 | Newton |
| 6 | 7.23e-01 | 5.51e-06 | Newton |
| 7 | 7.23e-01 | 1.35e-12 | Newton |

ans =

0.7232