

The graph of $y = e^{2x-1}$ is obtained by performing two transformations to the function $f(x) = e^x$

- a stretch of scale factor a parallel to the x axis
- a stretch of scale factor b parallel to the y axis.

Find the values of a and b

Use the properties of indices to re-write the equation of the graph

$$m^x \times m^y = m^{x+y}$$

$$y = e^{2x-1}$$

$$y = e^{2x} \times e^{-1}$$

$$y = e^{2x} \times \frac{1}{e}$$

This equation can be written in the form

$$y = Ae^{bx}$$

...which can be obtained by performing two transformations to the function $f(x) = e^x$

- a stretch scale factor $\frac{1}{b}$ parallel to the x axis
- a stretch scale factor A parallel to the y axis

$$y = \frac{1}{e} \times e^{2x}$$

...can be obtained by performing two transformations to the function $f(x) = e^x$

- a stretch scale factor $\frac{1}{2}$ parallel to the x axis
- a stretch scale factor $\frac{1}{e}$ parallel to the y axis

Hence, $a = \frac{1}{2}$

$$b = \frac{1}{e}$$