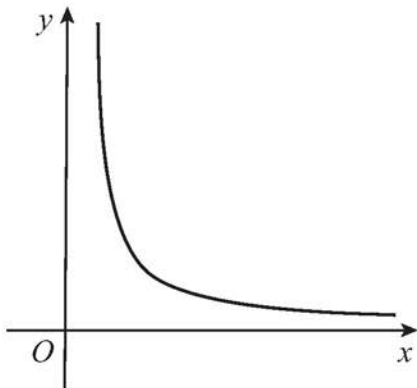


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A curve has equation $y = \frac{2}{x\sqrt{x}}$



The region enclosed between the curve, the x -axis and the lines $x = 1$ and $x = a$ has area 3 units.

Given that $a > 1$, find the value of a .

Fully justify your answer.

[5 marks]