

Table 9.1: *Some properties of the Airy functions.*

*Differential Equation:*  $\frac{d^2y}{dz^2} = zy.$

*Solutions:* Linear combinations of Airy functions,  $\text{Ai}(z)$  and  $\text{Bi}(z)$ .

*Integral Representation:*  $\text{Ai}(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \cos\left(\frac{s^3}{3} + sz\right) ds,$

$$\text{Bi}(z) = \frac{1}{\pi} \int_0^\infty \left[ e^{-\frac{s^3}{3} + sz} + \sin\left(\frac{s^3}{3} + sz\right) \right] ds.$$

*Asymptotic Forms:*

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Ai}(z) &\sim \frac{1}{2\sqrt{\pi}z^{1/4}} e^{-\frac{2}{3}z^{3/2}} \\ \text{Bi}(z) &\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}z^{1/4}} e^{\frac{2}{3}z^{3/2}} \end{aligned} \right\} z \gg 0;$$

$$\left. \begin{aligned} \text{Ai}(z) &\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}(-z)^{1/4}} \sin\left[\frac{2}{3}(-z)^{3/2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right] \\ \text{Bi}(z) &\sim \frac{1}{\sqrt{\pi}(-z)^{1/4}} \cos\left[\frac{2}{3}(-z)^{3/2} + \frac{\pi}{4}\right] \end{aligned} \right\} z \ll 0.$$