24.910 Topics in Linguistic Theory: Propositional Attitudes
Spring 2009

1. Solutions to exercises for last week

2. *Think…might* exercise

(1)   Sue thinks it might be raining.

(2)   Joe thinks that Bush might be president.

❖ **Truth Conditions of (1)-(2)**

➢ Entailments?

➢ What possibilities does Sue / Joe entertain?

❖ **Compositional semantics**

➢ $[\![\text{X thinks that might } \phi]\!]^w =$

➢ $[\![\text{think-might}]\!]^w =$

➢ Accessibility relation?

❖ **Advanced steps**

Next steps: How might we try to tease apart the contribution of *think* and the contribution of *might*?

▪ $[\![\text{might } \phi]\!]^w =$

Would we need to revise *think*?

▪ $[\![\text{X thinks } \phi]\!] =$