## Noise propagation in gene regulation networks involving interlinked positive and negative feedback loops (Supplementary Text S2)

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Figure 1. Effect of the positive feedback  $\kappa$  and miRNA inhibition  $\gamma_2$  on the miRNA in the case of the initial steady on-state. (A) The noise amplification  $A_{\mu}$  and (D) the sensitivity  $S_{\mu}$  of miRNAs as a function of  $\kappa$  and  $\gamma_2$  when the initial stable steady-state of the system is on-state in the bistable region.  $A_{\mu}$  and  $S_{\mu}$  for  $\kappa = 4.5$  (B, E) and  $\gamma_2 = 1.0$  (C, F), respectively.  $A_{\mu}$  and  $S_{\mu}$  reach the maximal values at  $\gamma_2 = 1.54$  (B, E) and  $\kappa = 3.51$  (C, F), respectively. Note that  $A_{\mu}$  is always less than 1. Parameters are  $\alpha = 0.15$ ,  $\gamma_1 = 1.0$ ,  $\varepsilon = 0.05$ ,  $\tau_0 = 0.5$ .



Figure 2. Effect of the positive feedback  $\kappa$  and miRNA inhibition  $\gamma_2$  on the miRNA in the case of the initial steady off-state. (A) The noise amplification  $A_{\mu}$  and (D) the sensitivity  $S_{\mu}$  of the miRNAs as a function of  $\kappa$  and  $\gamma_2$  for the initial steady off-state in the bistable region.  $A_{\mu}$  and  $S_{\mu}$  for  $\kappa = 4.5$  (B, E) and  $\gamma_2 = 1.0$  (C, F). Here,  $A_{\mu}$  and  $S_{\mu}$  reach their maximal values, for  $\gamma_2 = 1.22$  (B, E) and  $\kappa = 4.04$  (C, F). Note that  $A_{\mu} > 1$  only in the vicinity of the boundary saddle nodes. Parameters are  $\alpha = 0.15$ ,  $\gamma_1 = 1.0$ ,  $\varepsilon = 0.05$ ,  $\tau_0 = 0.5$ .