# congruences modulo $p$, algebraic independence and monodromy 

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$$

Thus, we deduce that

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\frac{\Lambda_{p}^{l}(f(z))_{\mid p}}{f(z)_{\mid p}}=\frac{A_{l, l}}{A_{0, l}}
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Consequently,

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$$

## LAST STEP

We also show that there exists an integer $l \geq 1$ such that

$$
\Lambda_{p}^{l}(f)_{\mid p}(z)=\Lambda_{p}^{2 l}(f)_{\mid p}(z)
$$

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But the height of $A_{0, l}\left(\frac{A_{l, l}}{A_{0, l}}\right)^{p^{l}}$ is less than or equal to $n r p^{2 l}$.

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where $A_{0, l} \in \mathbb{F}_{p}(z)$ has height less than or equal to $n r p^{l}-1$. By assumption, $\Lambda_{p}^{l_{p}}(f(z))_{\mid p}=f_{\mid p}$. Thus,

$$
f_{\mid p}(z)=A_{0, l_{p}}(z) f(z)_{\mid p}^{p^{l}} .
$$

Whence, $f$ is a generalized $p$-Lucas.

