congruences modulo *p*, algebraic independence and monodromy

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- **Q**: Are there algebraic relations between $\{f_r\}_{r\geq 2}$ and $\mathfrak{t}(z)$?

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EXAMPLES : HYPERGEOMETRIC AND PICARD-FUCHS

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