T-INVARIANT ALGEBRAS ON RIEMANN SURFACES II

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1. Introductions. In [7], T.W. Gamelin has introduced a subclass of planar uniform algebras which are by definition invariant under the so-called Vitushkin localization operators T_{φ} . In [7, 8] (see also [5]) he has developed the theory and, in particular, he has proved that a planar T-invariant algebra always has the Banach approximation property.

DEFINITION. A Banach space B has the Banach approximation property (BAP) if there exists a sequence $\{P_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ of finite dimensional linear operators on B such that $P_n f$ converges to f for all $f \in B$.

More recently, J.A. Cima and R.M. Timoney [4] have shown that all planar T-invariant algebras also have the Dunford-Pettis property.

DEFINITION. A Banach space B has the Dunford-Pettis property (DPP) if, whenever $\{f_n\}_{n=1}^{\infty}$ is a sequence in B^* tending weakly to 0, then

$$\lim_{n\to\infty}F_n(f_n)=0.$$

We have, in [2], suggested a generalization of the Vitushkin operators to arbitrary non-compact Riemann surfaces and we have then proceeded to outline the development of a theory of T-invariant algebras in this context. We now continue our study by establishing the BAP and the DPP for T-invariant algebras on Riemann surfaces.

REMARK. In 1972, A. Sakai had already used the Behnke-Stein kernel (see [10]) in order to define a Cauchy transform and study some of the properties of the T_{φ} -operators on non-compact Riemann surfaces. We would like to thank the referee who has brought this to our attention.

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