

On a problem of Sehgal on torsion units of integral group rings

$G$  finite group

Zassenhaus Conjecture

Every torsion unit in  $\mathbb{Z}G$  is conjugate in  $\mathbb{Q}G$  to an element of  $\pm G$

Proved if

- \*  $G$  nilpotent (Weiss)
- \* If  $G$  has a normal Sylow subgroup with abelian complement (Herzwerk)
- \* If  $G$  is cyclic-by-abelian (Cavendo, Margolis, dR)

Problem: Sehgal  $\rightarrow$   $N$  normal nilpotent subgroup of  $G$

that maps to one by the canonical  $\mathbb{Z}G \rightarrow \mathbb{Z}(G/N)$

Is  $u$  conj in  $\mathbb{Q}G$  to an element of  $G$ ?

- \* True if  $G = N$
- \* If  $N$  is a  $p$ -group or if  $u$  is a  $p$ -element. (Herzwerk)

$$a \in RG \quad \left| \quad \varepsilon_g(u) = \sum_{x \in G} a_x \right.$$

Partial avg. of  $u$  at  $g$

Marciniak-Ritter-Sehgal-Weiss

$u$  is conj in  $\mathbb{Q}G$  to an element of  $G$

$(\Leftrightarrow) \varepsilon_g(u) \geq 0 \quad \forall g \in G$

HeLP

$$\mathbb{Z}G \longrightarrow M_n(\mathbb{Z}N)$$

$n = [G:N]$

$$u \longrightarrow (u)$$

$N$  nilpotent (Cliff-Weiss)  
 Matrix version of the ZC holds  
 for all  $n$  ( $\Rightarrow$ )  $N$  has at most  
 one non-cyclic Sylow subg.

\* Merkweck:

$N_{p'} = A$  abelian,  $K$  cyclic  
 subgroup of  $A$

$$\sum_{x \in N \setminus K} |C_G(x)| \varepsilon_x(n) \geq 0$$

$x \in N \setminus K$