

# Some connections between $BCK$ -algebras and $n$ -ary block codes

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**Abstract.** In the last time some papers were devoted to the study of the connections between binary block codes and  $BCK$ -algebras. In this paper, we try to generalize these results to  $n$ -ary block codes, providing an algorithm which allows us to construct a  $BCK$ -algebra from a given  $n$ -ary block code.

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## 0. Introduction

Y. Imai and K. Iseki introduced  $BCK$ -algebras in 1966, through the paper [Im, Is; 66], as a generalization of the concept of set-theoretic difference and propositional calculi. This class of  $BCK$ -algebras is a proper subclass of the class of  $BCI$ -algebras and has many applications to various domains of mathematics.

One of the recent applications of  $BCK$ -algebras was given in the Coding Theory. In the paper [Ju, So; 11], the authors constructed a finite binary block-codes associated to a finite  $BCK$ -algebra. In [Fl; 15], the author proved that, in some circumstances, the converse of the above statement is also true and in the paper [B, F; 15] the authors proved that binary block codes are an important tool in providing orders with which we can build algebras with some asked properties. For other details regarding  $BCK$ -algebras, the reader is referred to [Is, Ta; 78].

In general, the alphabet on which are defined block codes are not binary. It is used an alphabet with  $n$  elements,  $n \geq 2$ , identified usually with the set  $A_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ . These codes are called  $n$ -ary block codes. In the present paper, we will generalize this construction of binary block codes to  $n$ -ary block codes. For this purpose, we will prove that to each  $n$ -ary block code  $V$  we can associate a  $BCK$ -algebra  $X$  such that the  $n$ -ary block-code generated by  $X$ ,  $V_X$ , contains the code  $V$  as a subset.

## 1. Preliminaries

**Definition 1.1.** An algebra  $(X, *, \theta)$  of type  $(2, 0)$  is called a *BCI-algebra* if the following conditions are fulfilled:

- 1)  $((x * y) * (x * z)) * (z * y) = \theta$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ;
- 2)  $(x * (x * y)) * y = \theta$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
- 3)  $x * x = \theta$ , for all  $x \in X$ ;
- 4) For all  $x, y, z \in X$  such that  $x * y = \theta, y * x = \theta$ , it results  $x = y$ .

If a *BCI*-algebra  $X$  satisfies the following identity:

- 5)  $\theta * x = \theta$ , for all  $x \in X$ , then  $X$  is called a *BCK-algebra*.

A *BCK*-algebra  $X$  is called *commutative* if  $x * (x * y) = y * (y * x)$ , for all  $x, y \in X$  and *implicative* if  $x * (y * x) = x$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ . A *BCK*-algebra  $(A, *, \theta)$  is called *positive implicative* if and only if

$$(x * y) * z = (x * z) * (y * z), \text{ for all } x, y, z \in A.$$

The partial order relation " $\leq$ " on a *BCK*-algebra is defined such that  $x \leq y$  if and only if  $x * y = \theta$ .

An equivalent definition of *BCK*-algebra was gave in the following proposition.

**Proposition 1.2.** ([Me, Ju; 94], Theorem 1.6) *An algebra  $(X, *, \theta)$  of type  $(2, 0)$  is a BCK-algebra if and only if the following conditions are satisfied:*

- 1)  $((x * y) * (x * z)) * (z * y) = \theta$ , for all  $x, y, z \in X$ ;
- 2)  $x * (0 * y) = x$ , for all  $x, y \in X$ ;
- 3) For all  $x, y, z \in X$  such that  $x * y = \theta, y * x = \theta$ , it results  $x = y$ .

Let  $(X, *, \theta)$  be a finite *BCK*-algebra with  $n$  elements and  $A$  be a finite nonempty set. A map  $f : A \rightarrow X$  is called a *BCK-function*. Let  $A_n = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ . In the following, we will consider *BCK* algebra  $X$  and the set  $A$  under the form:  $X = \{r_0, r_1, \dots, r_{n-1}\}, A = \{x_0, x_1, \dots, x_{m-1}\}, m \leq n$ . A *cut function* of  $f$  is a map  $f_{r_j} : A \rightarrow A_n, r_j \in X$ , such that  $f_{r_j}(x_i) = k$  if and only if  $r_j * f(x_i) = r_k$ , for all  $r_j, r_k \in X, x_i \in A, i, j, k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$ . For each *BCK*-function  $f : A_n \rightarrow X$ , we can define an  $n$ -ary block-code with codewords of length  $m$ . For this purpose, we consider to each element  $r \in X$  the cut function  $f_r : A \rightarrow A_n, r \in X$ . To each such a function, will correspond the codeword  $w_r$ , with symbols from the set  $A_n$ . We have  $w_r = w_0 w_1 \dots w_{n-1}$ , with  $w_i = j, j \in A_n$ , if and only if  $f_r(x_i) = j$ , that means  $r * f(i) = r_j$ . We

denote this code with  $V_X$ . In this way, we can associate to each  $BCK$ -algebra an  $n$ -ary block code.

**Example 1.3.** We consider the following  $BCK$ -algebra  $(X, *, \theta)$ , with the multiplication given in the following table (see [Ju, So; 11], Example 4.2).

$*$	$\theta$	$a$	$b$	$c$
$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a$	$a$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$a$
$b$	$b$	$a$	$\theta$	$b$
$c$	$c$	$c$	$c$	$\theta$

We have  $X = \{\theta, a, b, c\}$ ,  $A = A_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ . We consider  $f : A \rightarrow X$ ,  $f(0) = \theta$ ,  $f(1) = a$ ,  $f(2) = b$ ,  $f(3) = c$  and  $f_r : A_4 \rightarrow A_4$ ,  $r \in X$ , a cut function.

To  $r = \theta$ , corresponds the codeword  $w_\theta = 0000$ . For  $r = a$ , we obtain the codeword 1001. Indeed,  $f_a(0) = 1$ , since  $a * f(0) = a * \theta = a = f(1)$ ;  $f_a(a) = 0$  since  $a * f(1) = a * a = \theta = f(0)$ ;  $f_a(b) = 0$  and  $a * f(2) = a * b = \theta = f(0)$ ;  $f_a(c) = 1$ , also  $a * f(3) = a * c = a = f(1)$ ;

We wonder if and in what circumstances the converse is also true?

In the following, we will try to find answers at this question.

## 2. Main results

Let  $A'_n = \{1, 2, \dots, n-1\}$  be a finite set and  $V = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m\}$  be  $n$ -ary codewords, ascending ordered after lexicographic order. We consider  $w_i = w_{i1}w_{i2}\dots w_{iq}$ ,  $w_{ij} \in A'_n$ ,  $j \in \{1, 2, \dots, q\}$ , with  $w_{ij}$  descending ordered such that

$$w_{iw_{ik}} \leq k, \quad i \in \{1, 2, \dots, m\}, \quad k \in \{1, 2, \dots, \min\{n-1, q\}\}$$

and  $w_{ij} = 1$  in the rest.

**Definition 2.1.** Let  $V$  be the  $n$ -ary codeword, defined above. To this code we associate a matrix  $M = (\alpha_{st})_{s,t \in \{0,1,\dots,r-1\}}$ ,  $M \in \mathcal{M}_r(A_n)$ , where  $r$  is defined in the following.

**Case 1.**  $q < n$ . Let  $r = n - 1 + m$ . We define  $\alpha_{ss} = 0$ ,  $\alpha_{s0} = s$ ,  $\alpha_{0s} = 0$ ,  $s \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, r-1\}$ . For  $1 \leq s \leq n-1$ , put  $\alpha_{st} = 1$ , if  $t \leq s$ ,  $\alpha_{st} = 0$ , if  $t \geq s$ . For  $s \geq n-1$ , define  $\alpha_{st} = w_{it}$ , for  $t \in \{1, 2, \dots, q\}$  and  $\alpha_{sq+j} = 1$ , for  $q+j < s$ . We have  $\alpha_{st} = 0$ , for  $t \geq s$ .

**Case 2.**  $q \geq n$ . Let  $r = m + q + 1$ . We define  $\alpha_{ss} = 0$ ,  $\alpha_{s0} = s$ ,  $\alpha_{0s} = 0$ ,  $s \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, r-1\}$ . For  $1 \leq s \leq q$ , define  $\alpha_{st} = 1$ , if  $t \leq s$ ,  $\alpha_{st} = 0$ , if  $t \geq s$ . For  $s > q$ , put  $\alpha_{st} = w_{it}$ , for  $t \in \{1, 2, \dots, q\}$  and  $\alpha_{sq+j} = 1$ , for  $q+j < s$ . We have  $\alpha_{st} = 0$ , for  $t \geq s$ .

The matrix  $M$  is called *the matrix associated to the  $n$ -ary block code  $V = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m\}$*  and is a lower triangular matrix. Example of such a matrix can be found in Section 3.

**Definition 2.2.** With the above notations, let  $M \in \mathcal{M}_r(A_n)$  be the matrix associated to the  $n$ -ary block code  $V = \{w_1, w_2, \dots, w_m\}$  defined on  $A'_n$  and  $A_r = \{0, 1, \dots, r-1\}$  be a nonempty set. We define on  $A_r$  the following multiplication

$$i * j = \alpha_{ij} = w_{ij} = k.$$

**Theorem 2.3.** *With the above notations, we have that  $(A_r, *, 0)$  is a BCK-algebra.*

**Proof.** Since conditions 2), 3) from Proposition 1.2 are satisfied using Definition 2.1, we will only prove that  $((i * j) * (i * k)) * (k * j) = 0$ , for all  $i, j, k \in \{0, 1, \dots, r-1\}$ .

**Case 1:  $j = 0, k \neq 0$ .** We will prove that  $(i * (i * k)) * k = 0$ . For  $i = 0$  it is clear.

For  $k = 0$ , we obtain  $(i * (i * 0)) * 0 = (i * i) * 0 = 0$ .

For  $k \neq 0, i \geq r - m, k \in \{1, 2, \dots, q\}$ , we have  $(i * (i * k)) = w_{i w_{ik}} \leq k$ , therefore  $(i * (i * k)) * k = 0$ .

For  $k \neq 0, i \geq r - m, k \geq q + 1, i \geq k$ , we have  $(i * (i * k)) * k = 0$ , since  $i * k = 1, i * 1 \leq n - 1 < k$ .

For  $i < r - m, k \leq q + 1$ , we have  $(i * (i * k)) * k = 0$  since  $i * k = 1, i * 1 = 1$  and  $1 * k = 0$ .

For  $i < r - m, k > q + 1$ , we have  $(i * (i * k)) * k = 0$  since  $i * k = 0$ , we obtain  $(i * 0) * k = i * k = 0$ .

**Case 2:  $k = 0, j \neq 0$ .** We will prove that  $(i * j) * i = 0$ . We always have that  $i * j \leq i$ , therefore  $(i * j) * i = 0$ .

**Case 3:  $k \neq 0, j \neq 0$ .** We will prove that  $((i * j) * (i * k)) * (k * j) = 0$ . For  $i = 0$ , it is clear. We suppose that  $i \neq 0$ .

For  $i \geq r - m$  and  $j, k < r - m, j < k$ . We have  $n - 1 \geq (i * j) \geq (i * k)$ , therefore  $((i * j) * (i * k)) = 1$ . We also obtain  $k * j = 1$ , therefore  $((i * j) * (i * k)) * (k * j) = 1 * 1 = 0$ .

For  $i \geq r - m$  and  $j, k < r - m, k < j$ . We have  $n - 1 \geq (i * j) \leq (i * k)$ , therefore  $((i * j) * (i * k)) = 0$ . It results that  $((i * j) * (i * k)) * (k * j) = 0$ .

For  $i \geq r - m$  and  $j, k \geq r - m, j < k$ . We can have  $i * j = 1$  and  $i * k = 1$ , therefore  $(i * j) * (i * k) = 0$ . We can also have  $i * j = 1, i * k = 0$  and  $k * j = 1$ , since  $j < k$ . It results that  $((i * j) * (i * k)) * (k * j) = (1 * 0) * 1 = 1 * 1 = 0$ . Or, we can have  $i * j = 0, i * k = 0$ , therefore the asked relation is zero.

For  $i \geq r - m$  and  $j, k \geq r - m, k < j$ . We can have  $i * j = 1$  and  $i * k = 1$ , therefore  $(i * j) * (i * k) = 0$ . Or, we can have  $i * k = 1, i * j = 0$  and  $k * j = 0$ , therefore we obtain zero. We also can have  $i * j = 0, i * k = 0$ , therefore the asked relation is zero.

For  $i \geq r - m$  and  $k < r - m < j$ . We can have  $i * j = 0$ , therefore the asked relation is zero. We can have  $i * j = 1$ . It results  $((i * j) * (i * k)) * (k * j) = (1 * (i * k)) * 0 = 1 * \beta = 0$ , since  $k < j$  and  $\beta \geq 0$ .

For  $i \geq r - m$  and  $j < r - m < k$ . We have  $i * j = 1$ . If  $i * k = 1$ , we obtain zero. If  $i * k = 0$ , it results  $((i * j) * (i * k)) * (k * j) = (1 * 0) * (k * j) = 1 * (k * j) = 0$ , since  $k * j \geq 1$ .

For  $i < r - m$  and  $j, k < r - m, j < k$ . We have  $i * j = 1, i * k = 1$ , therefore we obtain zero.

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For  $i < r - m$  and  $j, k < r - m, j < n - 1 + \max\{q, m\} - m \leq k$ . We have  $i * j = 1, i * k = 0$  and  $k * j = 1$ . It results  $((i * j) * (i * k)) * (k * j) = (1 * 0) * 1 = 1 * 1 = 0$ .

For  $i < r - m$  and  $k < r - m, k < r - m \leq j$ . We can have  $((i * j) * (i * k)) * (k * j) = (1 * 1) * 0 = 0$ . Or, we can have  $(i * j) = 0$ , therefore we obtain zero.

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**Remark 2.4.**

1)  $BCK$ -algebra  $(A_r, *, 0)$  obtained in Theorem 2.3 is unique up to an isomorphism.

2) From Theorem 2.3, let  $(A_r, *, 0)$  be the obtained  $BCK$ -algebra, with  $A_r = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, r - 1\}$ . If  $X = \{a_0 = \theta, a_1, a_2, \dots, a_{r-1}\}$ , with multiplication " $\circ$ " given by the relation  $a_i \circ a_j = a_k$  if and only if  $i * j = k$ , for  $i, j, k \in \{0, 1, 2, \dots, r - 1\}$ , then  $(X, \circ, \theta)$  is a  $BCK$ -algebra.

3) If we consider  $A_q = \{0, 1, 2, \dots, q - 1\}$ , the map  $f : A_q \rightarrow X, f(i) = a_i$ , gives us a code  $V_X$ , associated to the above  $BCK$ -algebra  $(X, \circ, \theta)$ , which contains the code  $V$  as a subset.

**Definition 2.5.** Let  $(X, *, \theta)$  be a  $BCK$ -algebra, and  $I \subseteq X$ . We say that  $I$  is a *right-ideal* for the algebra  $X$  if  $\theta \in I$  and  $x \in I, y \in X$  imply  $x * y \in I$ . An ideal  $I$  of a  $BCK$ -algebra  $X$  is called a *closed ideal* if it is also a *subalgebra* of  $X$  (i.e.  $\theta \in I$  and if  $x, y \in I$  it results that  $x * y \in I$ ).

Let  $V$  be an  $n$ -ary block code. From Theorem 2.3 and Remark 2.4, we can find a  $BCK$ -algebra  $X$  such that the obtained  $n$ -ary block-code  $V_X$  contains the  $n$ -ary block-code  $V$  as a subset.

Let  $V$  be a binary block code with  $m$  codewords of length  $q$ . With the above notations, let  $X$  be the associated  $BCK$ -algebra and  $W = \{\theta, w_1, \dots, w_r\}$  the associated  $n$ -ary block code which include the code  $V$ . We consider the codewords  $\theta, w_1, w_2, \dots, w_r$  lexicographically ordered,  $\theta \geq_{lex} w_1 \geq_{lex} w_2 \geq_{lex} \dots \geq_{lex} w_r$ . Let  $M \in \mathcal{M}_r(A_n)$  be the associated matrix with the rows  $\theta, w_1, \dots, w_r$ , in this order. Let  $L_{w_i}$  and  $C_{w_j}$  be the lines and columns in the matrix  $M$ . We consider the sub-matrix  $M'$  of the matrix  $M$  with the rows  $L_{w_1}, \dots, L_{w_m}$  and the columns  $C_{w_{m+1}}, \dots, C_{w_{m+q}}$ , which is the matrix associated to the code  $C$ .

**Proposition 2.6.** *With the above notations, we have that  $\{\theta, w_1, w_{r-m}, w_{r-m+1}, \dots, w_r\}$  determines a closed right ideal in the algebra  $X$ .*

**Proof.** Let  $Y = \{\theta, w_1, w_{r-m}, w_{r-m+1}, \dots, w_r\}$ . We will prove that  $y \in Y, x \in X$  imply  $y * x \in Y$ . From the definition of the multiplication in the algebra  $X$ , we have that  $y * x \in \{\theta, w_1\}$ . In the same time, if  $x, y \in Y$ , it results that  $x * y \in Y$ , since  $y * x \in \{\theta, w_1\}$ .

### 3. Examples

**Example 3.1.** Consider  $A_7 = \{0, 1, 2, 3, 4, 5, 6\}$ ,  $n = 7$ ,  $q = 4$ ,  $m = 3$ ,  $r = 9$ ,  $V = \{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$ , with  $w_1 = 3211, w_2 = 4221, w_3 = 4321$ . The matrix  $M$  associated to the  $n$ -ary code  $V$ , is

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 4 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 5 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 6 & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ 7 & \mathbf{4} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{1} & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \\ 8 & \mathbf{4} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{1} & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{pmatrix}$$

and the corresponded  $BCK$ -algebra,  $(X, *, \theta)$ , where

$X = \{a_0 = \theta, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7, a_8\}$ ,

with the following multiplication table

*	$\theta$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$	$a_6$	$a_7$	$a_8$
$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_2$	$a_2$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_3$	$a_3$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_4$	$a_4$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_5$	$a_5$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_6$	$a_6$	$\mathbf{a}_3$	$\mathbf{a}_2$	$\mathbf{a}_1$	$\mathbf{a}_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_7$	$a_7$	$\mathbf{a}_4$	$\mathbf{a}_2$	$\mathbf{a}_2$	$\mathbf{a}_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_8$	$a_8$	$\mathbf{a}_4$	$\mathbf{a}_3$	$\mathbf{a}_2$	$\mathbf{a}_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$

If we consider  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4\}$ . The map  $f : A \rightarrow X$ ,  $f(1) = a_1, f(2) = a_2, f(3) = a_3, f(4) = a_4$  gives us the following block code

$V' = \{0000, 1000, 1100, 1110, 1111, \mathbf{3211}, \mathbf{4221}, \mathbf{4321}\}$ , which contains  $V$  as a subset.

We remark that this algebra is not commutative since  $a_7 * (a_7 * a_6) = a_7 * a_1 = a_4$  and  $a_6 * (a_6 * a_7) = a_6 * \theta = a_6$ . This algebra is not implicative since  $a_6 * (a_7 * a_6) = a_6 * a_1 = a_3 \neq a_6$ . This algebra is not positive implicative since  $(x * y) * z \neq (x * z) * (y * z)$ . Indeed,  $(a_7 * a_6) * a_3 = a_1 * a_3 = \theta \neq (a_7 * a_3) * (a_6 * a_3) = a_2 * a_1 = a_1$ .

**Example 3.2.** Let  $A_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $n = 4$ ,  $q = 5$ ,  $m = 3$ ,  $r = 9$ ,  $V = \{w_1, w_2, w_3\}$ , with  $w_1 = 21111, w_2 = 32111, w_3 = 33111$ . We obtain the matrix  $M$  associated to the  $n$ -ary code  $V$ ,

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 4 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 5 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 6 & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 7 & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 8 & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 \end{array} \end{pmatrix}$$

and the corresponded *BCK*-algebra,  $(X, *, \theta)$ , where

$X = \{a_0 = \theta, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7, a_8\}$ ,

with the following multiplication table

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$a_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_2$	$a_2$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_3$	$a_3$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_4$	$a_4$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_5$	$a_5$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_6$	$a_6$	$\mathbf{a}_2$	$\mathbf{a}_1$	$\mathbf{a}_1$	$\mathbf{a}_1$	$\mathbf{a}_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_7$	$a_7$	$\mathbf{a}_3$	$\mathbf{a}_2$	$\mathbf{a}_2$	$\mathbf{a}_1$	$\mathbf{a}_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_8$	$a_8$	$\mathbf{a}_3$	$\mathbf{a}_3$	$\mathbf{a}_1$	$\mathbf{a}_1$	$\mathbf{a}_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$

If we consider  $A = \{1, 2, 3, 4, 5\}$ . The map  $f : A \rightarrow X$ ,  $f(1) = a_1, f(2) = a_2, f(3) = a_3, f(a_4) = 4, f(a_5) = 5$ , gives us the following block code  $V_X = \{00000, 10000, 11000, 11100, 11110, \mathbf{21111}, \mathbf{32211}, \mathbf{33111}\}$ , which contains  $V$  as a subset.

**Example 3.3.** We consider  $A_4 = \{0, 1, 2, 3\}$ ,  $n = 4$ ,  $q = 5$ ,  $m = 5$ ,  $r = 11$ ,  $V = \{w_1, w_2, w_3, w_4, w_5\}$ , with  $w_1 = 11111, w_2 = 21111, w_3 = 31111, w_4 = 32111, w_5 = 33111$ . We obtain the matrix  $M$  associated to the  $n$ -ary code  $V$ ,

$$M = \begin{pmatrix} \begin{array}{c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c|c} 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 2 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 3 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 4 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 5 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 6 & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 7 & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 8 & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 9 & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{2} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 & 0 \\ \hline 10 & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{3} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & \mathbf{1} & 1 & 1 & 1 & 1 & 0 & 0 \end{array} \end{pmatrix}$$

and the corresponded *BCK*-algebra,  $(X, *, \theta)$ , where

$X = \{a_0 = \theta, a_1, a_2, a_3, a_4, a_5, a_6, a_7, a_8, a_9, a_{10}\}$ ,

with the following multiplication table

*	$\theta$	$a_1$	$a_2$	$a_3$	$a_4$	$a_5$	$a_6$	$a_7$	$a_8$	$a_9$	$a_{10}$
$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_2$	$a_2$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_3$	$a_3$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_4$	$a_4$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_5$	$a_5$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_6$	$a_6$	<b>a</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>1</sub>	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_7$	$a_7$	<b>a</b> <sub>2</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>1</sub>	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_8$	$a_8$	<b>a</b> <sub>3</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>1</sub>	$a_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_9$	$a_9$	<b>a</b> <sub>3</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>2</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>1</sub>	$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$	$\theta$
$a_{10}$	$a_{10}$	<b>a</b> <sub>3</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>3</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>1</sub>	<b>a</b> <sub>1</sub>	$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$a_1$	$\theta$

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**Conclusions.** In this paper, we proved that to each  $n$ -ary block code  $V$  we can associate a  $BCK$ -algebra  $X$  such that the  $n$ -ary block-code generated by  $X, V_X$ , contains the code  $V$  as a subset. This algebra is unique up to an isomorphism and  $X$  is not commutative, not implicative and not positive implicative  $BCK$ -algebra.

As a further research will be very interesting to study properties of the above constructed codes and how these codes in connections with their associated  $BCK$ -algebras.

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