

The thesis focuses on the use of Gröbner bases in cryptography and especially on applications in cryptanalysis of block ciphers. Some elementary concepts from the theory of Gröbner bases are introduced together with Buchberger's algorithm, a method for constructing such bases. The principle of solving of polynomial systems using suitable Gröbner bases is explained. This is followed by presentation of modern algorithms that improve the Buchberger's algorithm. In the last part of the thesis present results achieved by Gröbner bases are summarised and the notion of algebraic cryptanalysis is introduced. In algebraic cryptanalysis we transform breaking of given cryptosystem into a problem of solving polynomial equations over some finite field. Examples of polynomial descriptions of block ciphers are provided together with some experimental results on arising polynomial systems.