## How about 2DES?

$$2DES_{k1,k2}(m) = E_{k2}(E_{k1}(m))$$

## Meet-in-the-middle attack - known-plaintext attack

- I. Brute force  $E_{k1}(m)$  and save results in a table called TE (2<sup>56</sup> entries)
- 2. Brute force  $D_{k2}(c)$  and save results in a table called TD (2<sup>56</sup> entries)
- 3. Match the two tables together to get the key candidates
- → The more plaintext you know, the lesser key candidates
- → Effective key-length (entropy) is **57 bits**
- This attacks applies to every encryption algorithm used as such

## 3DES (Triple DES)

$$3DES_{k1,k2,k3}(m) = E_{k3}(D_{k2}(E_{k1}(m)))$$

- → Effective key length (entropy): 112 bits
- ✓ Very popular, used in PGP, TLS (SSL) ...
- But terribly slow