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We consider the bilinear Fourier multiplier operator on  $\mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2$  whose symbol is the characteristic function of the paraboloid  $P = \{(\xi, \eta) \in \mathbb{R}^2 \times \mathbb{R}^2 : \xi_2 > \xi_1^2 + \eta_1^2 + \eta_2^2\}$ . We use a Kakeya type counterexample to show that such a bilinear operator is unbounded from  $L^p(\mathbb{R}^2) \times L^q(\mathbb{R}^2)$  to  $L^r(\mathbb{R}^2)$  outside the local  $L^2$  case, i.e. the case when one of p, q, or r' = r/(r-1) is less than 2. (Received August 6, 2007)