Pointwise

- Each link is standalone instance.
- Input for Model: Feature Vector.
- Output for Model: Predicted Label.
- Loss Function: Classification of each link independently.

Pairwise

- Considers pairs of links.
- Input for Model: Pair of feature vectors.
- Output for Model: Relative preference.
- Loss Function: Discrepancy between model and GT.

Listwise

- Considers whole list of links.
- Input for Model: List of feature vectors.
- Output for Model: List of labels or permutation.
- Loss Function: Directly measure final position/rank of links.