Sentence types

Coordination Each clause has equal weight.

- conjunctions and, or, for, but, yet, so
- conjunctive adverbs however, nevertheless, moreover, consequently, etc.

I like the outside of the Stata Center, but I do not care for the inside.

I like the outside of the Stata Center; however, I do not care for the inside.

Subordination One clause has more weight than the other.

- subordinate adverbs although, even though
despite the fact that, despite in spite of the fact that, in spite of since, because, because of while, whereas

emphasis in independent clause

Although I do not care for the inside of the building, I like the outside very much.

tends to be used with clauses of equal weight:
The outside of the building is interesting, whereas the interior is not.
“Some very large buildings have little cultural significance, whereas a small house like the Schroeder house is one of the best-known buildings of the twentieth century.”

emphasis in independent clause

Although I lik the outside of the Stata Center, I do not care for the inside.

While/whereas tends to be used with clauses of equal weight:

Combine: Which two would you coordinate? Which would you subordinate?

1. Digital design media serve as a bridge between the physical and virtual worlds.
   Digital design media create a link between what can be conceived and what can be built.

2. Light-emitting diodes are priced very high.
   They continue to lead the market in sales.

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3. European designers have traditionally appreciated the importance of grand public places. American designers have paid little attention to this notion.

4. Tensile structures have many advantages over traditional structures. Tensile structures are still not generally appreciated.
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