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String stability plays an important role in modeling self-driving automobile systems and automated smart traffic flow systems. This plays an important role specially in designing Adaptive Cruise Control (ACC) systems and Cooperative Adaptive Cruise Control (CACC) systems. In this work we present a few variants of string stability conditions and we analyze these variants. We provide characterizations for certain types of string stability. We analyze theoretical significance of these stability notions together with numerical validations. (Received September 25, 2018)