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Let A be a finite alphabet, A^* the free monoid over A. To every language $L \subset A^*$, one can associate in a canonical way a subshift $S_L \subset A^{\mathbb{Z}}$. For instance the subshifts associated to rational languages are the so-called "sofic" subshifts. More generally if $L = X^*$ where X is a prefix code, then S_L is called a "coded" subshift. In this paper we present essential properties of sofic and coded subshifts. A special emphasis is put on the use of the syntactic properties of languages to deduce "ergodic" properties of the associated subshifts.

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