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I will discuss the problem of determining the minimal energy shape of a liquid droplet resting on a rough solid surface. The shape of a liquid drop on a solid is strongly affected by the micro-structure of the surface on which it rests, where the surface inhomogeneity arises through varying chemical composition and surface roughness. I will explain a macroscopic regularity theory for the free boundary which allows to study homogenization, and more delicate properties like the size of the boundary layer induced by the surface roughness.

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