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Conventional photogrammetry includes the compilation of *topographic maps* and surveys, complete with contour lines, based on measurements and information obtained from aerial and space photographs with optical analog instruments and/or analytic instruments/computations. Similar topographic principles of precision measurement are applied in *close-range* photogrammetry, to map (measure) objects that are difficult to study in other ways, such as the shape of an astronomic radio reflector subject to environmental deformations, for synoptically recording measurable deformations in engineering models, for the medical study (in situ) of live specimens, etc.

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Geographic information systems are the computer hardware/software used to input, store/retrieve, manipulate/analyze, display, and plot/print spatially referenced digital data (e.g. digitized maps, remote sensor, tabular data, etc.). Thus a GIS is comprised of three essential subcomponents: computer hardware, computer software, and various types of digital data.

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