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Objectives {.unnumbered}

By the end of this lab, you will:

- 1. Load and analyze the Lightcast dataset in Spark DataFrame.
- 2. Create five easy and three medium-complexity visualizations using Plotly.
- 3. Explore salary distributions, employment trends, and job postings.
- 4. Analyze skills in relation to NAICS/SOC/ONET codes and salaries.
- 5. Customize colors, fonts, and styles in all visualizations (default themes result in a 2.5-point deduction).
- 6. Follow best practices for reporting on data communication.

Step 1: Load the Dataset {.unnumbered}

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In [7]: import pandas as pd
        import plotly.express as px
        import plotly.io as pio
        # Set Plotly renderer for Google Colab
        pio.renderers.default = "colab"
        from pyspark.sql import SparkSession
        from pyspark.sql.functions import col, count, expr, percentile_approx
        # Initialize Spark Session
        spark = SparkSession.builder.appName("LightcastData").getOrCreate()
        df = spark.read.option("header", "true").option("inferSchema", "true").option("multiLine", "true").option("escape")
        # Show Schema and Sample Data
        df.printSchema()
        df.show(5)
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Salary Distribution by Employment Type

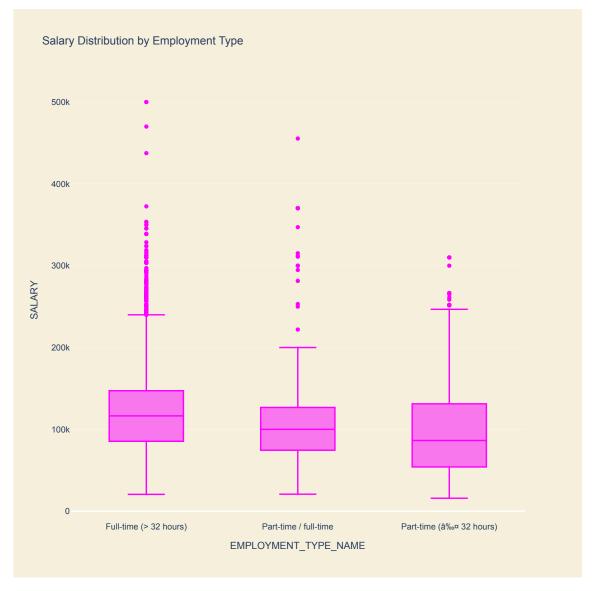
- · Identify salary trends across different employment types.
- · Filter the dataset
 - Remove records where salary is missing or zero.
- Aggregate Data
 - Group by **employment type** and compute salary distribution.
- · Visualize results
 - Create a box plot where:

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• X-axis = EMPLOYMENT_TYPE_NAME
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- Y-axis = SALARY_FROM
- Customize colors, fonts, and styles to avoid a 2.5-point deduction.
- Explanation: Write two sentences about what the graph reveals.

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In [8]: from pyspark.sql import SparkSession
         from pyspark.sql.functions import col
         # Initialize Spark Session
         spark = SparkSession.builder.appName("LightcastData").getOrCreate()
         # Load Data
         df = spark.read.option("header", "true") \
             .option("inferSchema", "true") \
.option("multiLine", "true") \
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             .csv("lightcast_job_postings.csv")
         # Check unique values
         employment_types = df.select("EMPLOYMENT_TYPE_NAME").distinct().dropna()
         employment_types.show(20, truncate=False)
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In [9]: # Select needed columns and convert to Pandas
         pdf = df.select("EMPLOYMENT_TYPE_NAME", "SALARY").toPandas()
         # box plot
         fig = px.box(pdf,
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                       y="SALARY",
                       title="Salary Distribution by Employment Type",
                       color_discrete_sequence=["Magenta"],
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                       height=800)
         # Customizing
         fig.update_layout(
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         fig.show()
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Interpretation

The box plot shows that full-time jobs (over 32 hours) offer the highest median salary, around

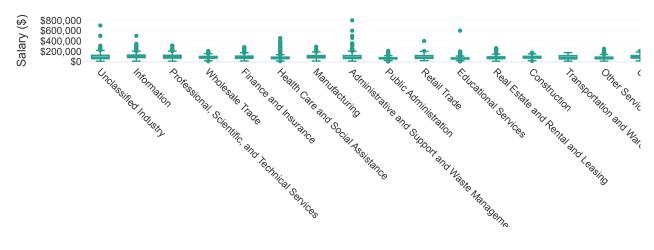
116.5k, and also have a widers a lary range with many high — paying outliers. Jobsthat are both part — time and full — time come next with a median of about 100k, while part-time roles (under 32 hours) have the lowest median salary, around \$86.4k. Overall, full-time positions not only pay more on average, but also show more variation in salary compared to other job types.

Salary Distribution by Industry

- Compare salary variations across industries.
- Filter the dataset
 - Keep records where salary is greater than zero.
- Aggregate Data
 - Group by **NAICS industry codes**.
- Visualize results
 - Create a box plot where:
 - X-axis = NAICS2_NAME
 - Y-axis = SALARY_FROM
 - Customize colors, fonts, and styles.
- Explanation: Write two sentences about what the graph reveals.

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In [10]: # Step 1: Filter and convert to Pandas
         filtered_df = df.filter((df.SALARY_FROM > 0) & df.NAICS2_NAME.isNotNull())
         salary_industry_df = filtered_df.select("NAICS2_NAME", "SALARY_FROM").toPandas()
         # Step 2: Create box plot
         import plotly.express as px
         fig = px.box(
             salary_industry_df,
             x="NAICS2_NAME",
             y="SALARY_FROM",
             title="Salary Distribution by Industry",
             color_discrete_sequence=["#2a9d8f"],
             template="plotly_white"
         # Step 3: Layout styling
         fig.update_layout(
             title_font=dict(size=22, family="Arial", color="#222"),
             font=dict(family="Arial", size=14, color="#333"),
             xaxis_title="Industry"
             yaxis_title="Salary ($)",
             yaxis_tickprefix="$",
             yaxis_tickformat=",",
             xaxis_tickangle=45,
             margin=dict(t=60, l=60, r=40, b=100),
             plot_bgcolor="#ffffff"
             paper_bgcolor="#ffffff"
         fig.show()
```

Salary Distribution by Industry



Iinterpretation

The box plot shows that industries like Administrative, Manufacturing, and Information tend to offer higher salary ranges and include more high-paying outliers, suggesting there's good potential for top-tier salaries in these fields. On the other hand, industries like Arts, Entertainment, and Accommodation usually have lower and more tightly packed salaries, meaning the pay is generally more limited and consistent in those sectors.

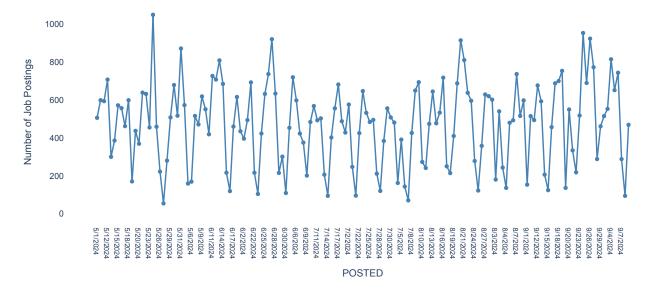
Job Posting Trends Over Time

· Analyze how job postings fluctuate over time.

- Aggregate Data
 - Count job postings per posted date (POSTED).
- Visualize results
 - Create a line chart where:
 - X-axis = POSTED
 - Y-axis = Number of Job Postings
 - Apply custom colors and font styles.
- Explanation: Write two sentences about what the graph reveals.

```
In [12]: # Group by POSTED date and count number of job postings
         df_posting_trend = df.groupBy("POSTED").count().orderBy("POSTED")
         # Convert to Pandas for plotting
         pdf_posting_trend = df_posting_trend.toPandas()
         # Create a line chart
         import plotly.express as px
         fig = px.line(pdf_posting_trend,
                       x="POSTED",
                       y="count",
                       title="Job Posting Trends Over Time",
                       markers=True,
                       color_discrete_sequence=["steelblue"],
                       width=1000,
                       height=500)
         # Customization
         fig.update_layout(
             font_family="Arial",
             title_font_size=16,
             plot_bgcolor="white"
             paper_bgcolor="white",
         fig.update_xaxes(
             tickformat="%b %d", # e.g., May 05
             tickfont=dict(size=10),
             showgrid=False
         fig.update_yaxes(
             title_text="Number of Job Postings",
             showgrid=True
         fig.show()
```

Job Posting Trends Over Time



Interpretation

The line chart shows that job postings go up and down quite a bit day to day, which suggests that hiring activity can be pretty unpredictable. There's a clear spike in late August to mid-September, likely because companies are hiring after the summer slowdown. Even with all the ups and downs, there doesn't seem to be a consistent long-term trend — things stay fairly balanced over time.

Top 10 Job Titles by Count

- Identify the most frequently posted job titles.
- Aggregate Data
 - Count the occurrences of each job title (TITLE_NAME).
 - Select the top 10 most frequent titles.
- Visualize results
 - Create a bar chart where:
 - o X-axis = TITLE_NAME
 - ∘ **Y-axis** = Job Count
 - Apply custom colors and font styles.
- Explanation: Write two sentences about what the graph reveals.

```
In [13]: # Group by TITLE_NAME, count, and get top 10
df_titles = df.groupBy("TITLE_NAME").count().orderBy("count", ascending=False).limit(10)
# Convert to Pandas
pdf_titles = df_titles.toPandas()
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In [14]: import plotly.express as px

fig = px.bar(
    pdf_titles,
    x="TITLE_NAME",
    y="count",
    title="Top 10 Job Titles by Count",
    color_discrete_sequence=["#8B4513"], # Hex for "dark brown"
    width=900,
    height=500
)
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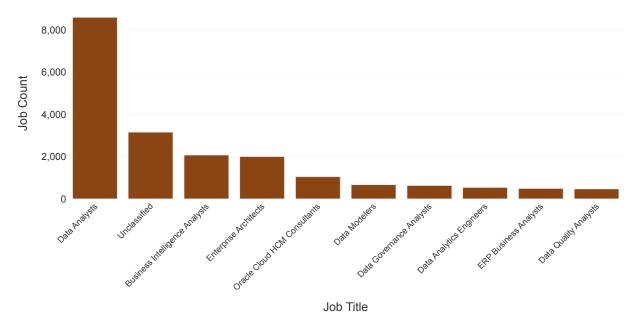
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title_font=dict(size=22, family="Arial", color="#222"),
    font=dict(family="Arial", size=14, color="#333"),
    xaxis_title="Job Title",
    yaxis_title="Job Count",
    plot_bgcolor="#ffffff",
    paper_bgcolor="#ffffff",
    margin=dict(t=60, l=60, r=40, b=100)
)

fig.update_xaxes(
    tickangle=-45,
    tickfont=dict(size=12)
)

fig.update_yaxes(
    tickformat=",",
    gridcolor="#eeeeeee"
)

fig.show()
```

Top 10 Job Titles by Count



Interpretation

The job title "Data Analysis" stands out as the most posted role by far, way ahead of the others. Titles like Business Intelligence
Analyst and Enterprise Architect also appear frequently, showing that tech and data roles are in high demand. After the top few titles,
the number of postings drops off quickly, which means employers are mainly focused on hiring for a small set of key positions.

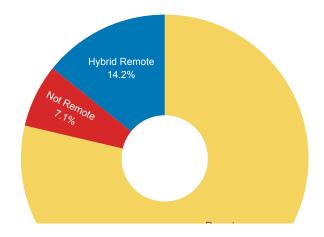
Remote vs On-Site Job Postings

- Compare the proportion of remote and on-site job postings.
- Aggregate Data
 - Count job postings by remote type (REMOTE_TYPE_NAME).
- Visualize results
 - Create a pie chart where:
 - Labels = REMOTE_TYPE_NAME
 - values = Job Count
 - Apply custom colors and font styles.
- **Explanation:** Write two sentences about what the graph reveals.

In [15]: from pyspark.sql.functions import col

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In [16]: import plotly.express as px
          fig = px.pie(
              pdf_remote_filtered,
              names="REMOTE_TYPE_NAME",
              values="count",
              title="Remote vs On-Site Job Postings",
             color_discrete_sequence=["#f4d35e", "#0077b6", "#d62828"]
              hole=0.3 # makes it a donut chart — optional but stylish
          # Custom styling
          fig.update_traces(
              textinfo='percent+label',
              textfont_size=14
          fig.update_layout(
              title_font=dict(size=22, family="Arial", color="#222"),
font=dict(family="Arial", size=14, color="#333"),
              plot_bgcolor="#ffffff",
              paper_bgcolor="#ffffff",
              margin=dict(t=60, l=60, r=40, b=60)
          fig.show()
```

Remote vs On-Site Job Postings



INterpretation

Most of the job postings are for remote positions, which shows that working from home has become the new normal for many companies. There are still some hybrid and fully on-site jobs out there, but they make up a much smaller part of the market compared to remote roles.

Skill Demand Analysis by Industry (Stacked Bar Chart)

- Identify which skills are most in demand in various industries.
- Aggregate Data
 - Extract **skills** from job postings.
 - Count occurrences of skills grouped by NAICS industry codes.
- Visualize results
 - Create a stacked bar chart where:

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 X-axis = Industry Y-axis = Skill Count Color = Skill
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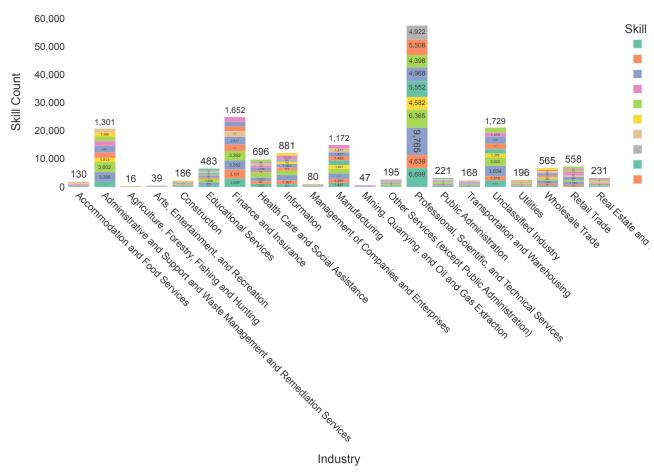
- Apply custom colors and font styles.
- Explanation: Write two sentences about what the graph reveals.

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In [17]: from pyspark.sql.functions import explode, split, trim
          # Splitting the SKILLS_NAME column into an array of skills
         df_split = df.withColumn("Skill", explode(split("SKILLS_NAME", ",")))
          # Cleaning whitespace from skill names
         df_split = df_split.withColumn("Skill", trim(df_split["Skill"]))
         # Filtering nulls if needed
         df_split = df_split.filter(df_split["Skill"].isNotNull())
In [18]: # Register the cleaned & exploded DataFrame as a new SQL view
         df_split.createOrReplaceTempView("job_data")
         # Updated Spark SQL query
         query = """
         WITH SkillCounts AS (
             SELECT
                 NAICS_2022_2_NAME AS Industry,
                  Skill,
                  COUNT(*) AS Skill_Count
             FROM job_data
             WHERE Skill IS NOT NULL AND NAICS_2022_2_NAME IS NOT NULL
             GROUP BY Industry, Skill
         RankedSkills AS (
                  ROW_NUMBER() OVER (PARTITION BY Industry ORDER BY Skill_Count DESC) AS rank
             FROM SkillCounts
         SELECT * FROM RankedSkills WHERE rank <= 10
          # Execute and store results
         df_top_skills = spark.sql(query)
In [19]: pdf_top_skills = df_top_skills.toPandas()
In [20]: import plotly.express as px
          fig = px.bar(
             pdf_top_skills,
             x="Industry",
             y="Skill_Count",
             color="Skill",
             title="Top 10 In-Demand Skills by Industry",
             text_auto=True,
             barmode='stack'
             color_discrete_sequence=px.colors.qualitative.Set2, # brighter categorical palette
             width=1200,
             height=700
          fig.update_layout(
             title_font=dict(size=22, family="Arial", color="#222"),
font=dict(family="Arial", size=14, color="#333"),
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xaxis_title="Industry",
  yaxis_title="Skill Count",
  plot_bgcolor="#ffffff",
  paper_bgcolor="#ffffff",
  margin=dict(t=60, l=60, r=40, b=120),
  xaxis_tickangle=45
)

fig.update_yaxes(tickformat=",")
fig.show()
```

Top 10 In-Demand Skills by Industry



Interpretation

Skills like "Management" and "Leadership" are in high demand across almost every industry, showing how important they are no matter the field. The Professional, Scientific, and Technical Services sector stands out with a wide range of skill needs, especially for things like Data Analysis, Agile Methodology, and Communication. More strategic skills like "Business Requirements", "Project Management", and "Planning" are mostly found in Unclassified and Professional industries, where coordination and planning are key. While industries like Retail Trade and Real Estate have fewer overall postings, they still consistently ask for customer service and problem-solving skills.

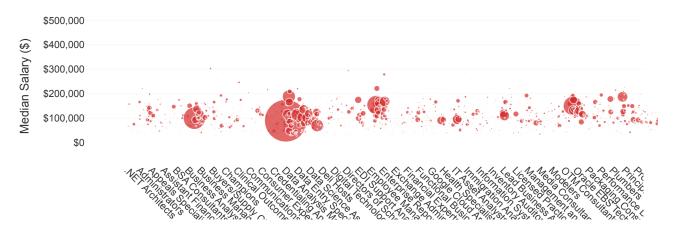
Salary Analysis by ONET Occupation Type (Bubble Chart)

- Analyze how salaries differ across ONET occupation types.
- Aggregate Data
 - Compute median salary for each occupation in the ONET taxonomy.
- Visualize results
 - Create a bubble chart where:
 - X-axis = ONET_NAME
 - ∘ **Y-axis** = Median Salary

- Size = Number of job postings
- Apply custom colors and font styles.
- Explanation: Write two sentences about what the graph reveals.

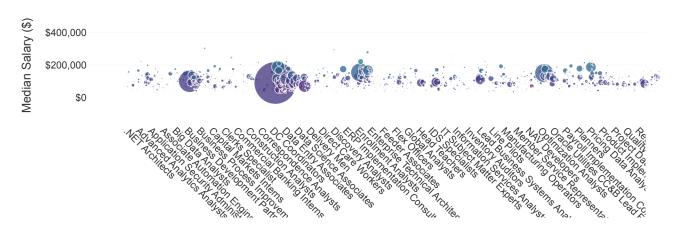
```
In [21]: df.createOrReplaceTempView("job_data")
In [22]: query_salary = """
         WITH SalaryStats AS (
             SELECT
                 TITLE_NAME,
                  percentile_approx(SALARY, 0.5) AS Median_Salary,
                  COUNT(*) AS Job_Count
             FROM job_data
             WHERE SALARY IS NOT NULL AND TITLE_NAME IS NOT NULL
             GROUP BY TITLE_NAME
         SELECT * FROM SalaryStats
         df_salary_stats = spark.sql(query_salary)
In [23]: pdf_salary_stats = df_salary_stats.toPandas()
In [24]: import plotly.express as px
         fig = px.scatter(
             pdf_salary_stats,
             x="TITLE_NAME",
                                       # X-axis: Job Title
                                  # Y-axis: Median Salary
# Bubble size = Number of postings
             y="Median_Salary",
             size="Job_Count",
             color_discrete_sequence=["#d62828"], # Bold red
             title="Median Salary by Occupation Title",
             labels={
                  "TITLE_NAME": "Occupation Title"
                  "Median_Salary": "Median Salary ($)",
                 "Job_Count": "Number of Job Postings"
             },
             size_max=60 # Controls the max bubble size
         fig.update_layout(
             title_font=dict(size=22, family="Arial", color="#222"),
             font=dict(family="Arial", size=14, color="#333"),
             xaxis_title="Occupation Title",
yaxis_title="Median Salary ($)",
             xaxis_tickangle=45,
             plot_bgcolor="#ffffff"
             paper_bgcolor="#ffffff",
             margin=dict(t=60, l=60, r=40, b=120)
         fig.update_yaxes(
             tickformat="$,.0f",
                                     # e.g. $50,000
             gridcolor="#eeeeee"
         fig.update_traces(marker=dict(opacity=0.7, line=dict(width=1, color='white')))
         fig.show()
```

Median Salary by Occupation Title



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In [25]: import plotly.express as px
         fig = px.scatter(
             pdf_salary_stats,
             x="TITLE_NAME",
                                            # X-axis: Job Title
             y="Median_Salary",
                                            # Y-axis: Median Salary
             size="Job_Count",
                                           # Bubble size = Number of postings
                                            # Bubble color = Median Salary value
             color="Median_Salary",
             color_continuous_scale="Viridis", # Gradient: light to dark (low to high salary)
             title="Median Salary by Occupation Title",
             labels={
                  "TITLE_NAME": "Occupation Title",
                  "Median_Salary": "Median Salary ($)",
                  "Job_Count": "Number of Job Postings"
             size_max=60
         # Layout styling
         fig.update_layout(
             title_font=dict(size=22, family="Arial", color="#222"),
             font=dict(family="Arial", size=14, color="#333"),
xaxis_title="Occupation Title",
             yaxis_title="Median Salary ($)",
             xaxis_tickangle=45,
             plot_bgcolor="#ffffff"
             paper_bgcolor="#ffffff",
             margin=dict(t=60, l=60, r=40, b=120),
             coloraxis_colorbar=dict(
                 title="Median Salary",
                 tickprefix="$",
                 ticks="outside"
         # Y-axis formatting and bubble borders
         fig.update_yaxes(
             tickformat="$,.0f",
             gridcolor="#eeeeee"
         fig.update_traces(marker=dict(opacity=0.75, line=dict(width=1, color='white')))
         fig.show()
```

Median Salary by Occupation Title



INterpretation

The chart shows that median salaries vary a lot between job titles, with some roles paying over

200,000.Biggerbubbles—like for Business Intelligence Analysts—meanthose jobs are inhighdem and because they have more postings. Most job titles fall around 100,000, which seems to be the typical salary in this dataset. High-paying roles are mostly in analytics, architecture, and management, showing that these areas offer some of the best career opportunities in tech and business.

Career Pathway Trends (Sankey Diagram)

- Visualize job transitions between different occupation levels.
- Aggregate Data
 - Identify career transitions between SOC job classifications.
- Visualize results
 - Create a Sankey diagram where:
 - **Source** = SOC_2021_2_NAME
 - Target = S0C_2021_3_NAME
 - Value = Number of transitions
 - Apply custom colors and font styles.
- Explanation: Write two sentences about what the graph reveals.

```
# Create mapping to integer index
          label_to_index = {label: idx for idx, label in enumerate(all_labels)}
          # Map source and target to indices
          pdf_transitions['source_id'] = pdf_transitions['source'].map(label_to_index)
          pdf_transitions['target_id'] = pdf_transitions['target'].map(label_to_index)
In [29]: import plotly.graph_objects as go
          fig = go.Figure(data=[go.Sankey(
              node=dict(
                   pad=15,
                   thickness=20,
                   line=dict(color="black", width=0.5),
                   label=all_labels,
                   color="#ffb3b3" # Softer red-pink for node fill
              link=dict(
                   source=pdf_transitions['source_id'],
                   target=pdf_transitions['target_id'],
                   value=pdf_transitions['value'],
                   color="rgba(214, 39, 40, 0.5)" # Semi-transparent red
          )])
          fig.update_layout(
              title_text="Career Pathway Trends (SOC Code Transitions)",
              title_font=dict(size=22, family="Arial", color="#222"),
              font=dict(family="Arial", size=13, color="#333"),
paper_bgcolor="#ffffff", # Clean white background
margin=dict(t=60, l=60, r=40, b=60)
          fig.show()
```

Career Pathway Trends (SOC Code Transitions)

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Computer and Mathematical Occupations
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Interpretation: Career Pathway Trends (SOC Code Transitions)

The diagram shows that many people are moving from Computer and Mathematical jobs into Mathematical Science roles, which means there's a lot of movement between these two closely related fields. This suggests that the skills in these areas often overlap, making it easier for professionals to switch or grow their careers within the tech and math space. The thick red band highlights how strong that connection is — it's one of the most common transitions in the data. Employers and educators can use this insight to create training programs that help tech workers transition into roles in mathematical sciences.