On the number of provable formulas

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This work is a first step in the study of combinatorics of proof nets: proof nets are pure geometrical objects issued from the study of linear logic, they are intended to capture the non-bureaucratic aspects of proofs in sequent calculus; in fact, they can be obtained from proof structures (pure combinatorial nets of rules (or links)) by adding a constraint known as "correctness criterion" (usually cited in the Danos-Regnier form). We try to establish the exact ratio between proof structures and proof nets, unfortunately we can obtain only an upper-bound and a lower-bound.