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There are continuous families of representations of the braid group coming from the universal R-matrix of $U_q(sl_2)$ acting on invariant subspaces of tensor products of weight spaces. These representations break down as you approach certain roots of unity because the formula for the R-matrix has poles. We analyze the projective limit and see that these families limit to representations coming from evaluation of the Burau representation. This allows us to construct normalized limits of values of colored Jones polynomials of links converging to values of the Alexander polynomial.

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