```
82  private boolean validate(Node pred, Node curr) {
83    Node node = head;
84    while (node.key <= pred.key) {
85      if (node == pred)
86        return pred.next == curr;
87      node = node.next;
88    }
89    return false;
90  }
```

FIGURE 9.14 The OptimisticList: Validation checks that pred points to curr and is reachable from head.