Exercise 68 - Kinetic/Thermodynamic Products

Question

This is an example of a Diels-Alder reaction, one we will look at in glorious detail in Chem 2600. Note how the product distribution changes over time.

i) Given that this reaction consists of a single elementary process, sketch the reaction profile diagram for the formation of both products

ii) Identify the kinetic and thermodynamic product.

iii) Change the reaction arrow to something more appropriate.

iv) What is the stereochemical relationship of the two products?

