Solution to Intersect

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- Standardized sets:
  - use the minimum number of intervals; and
  - list the intervals in increasing order.

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  For 50% of input, $|a|, |b| \leqslant 10000$.

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